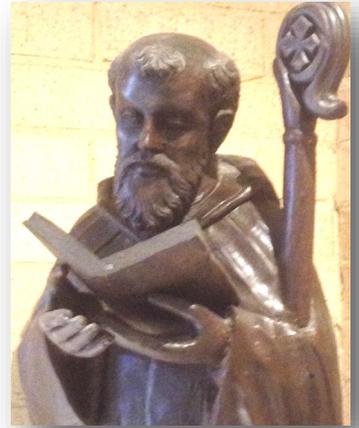


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Bring forth truth from the heart and from the mouth.*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## The Epiphany of the Lord

6th and 7th January 2018

### First Reading

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6**  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13.**  
**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Second Reading

**A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**  
*The revelation means that pagans now share the  
same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**We have seen his star in the East;**  
**and have come to adore the Lord.**  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 2:1-12**  
*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm  
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am

### Weekday Mass

Daily at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Wednesday at Parish Church 9:30am

### Special Masses at the Parish

#### Monthly Mass

1st Friday of the month 7:00pm

#### Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm

#### Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month 9:00am

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm

**Liturgy of the Word** invites all children to attend during 9:00am Mass.

**Baptisms** are celebrated at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please see Father Bernard.

**Reconciliation** is on every Friday evening at the Parish Church from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and available by appointment.

For the sick who require a priest, please call Father Bernard.

**Marriages** by appointment, please see Father Bernard.

**Funerals** to be arranged through Father Bernard.

Liturgy of the Hours

*Seven times a day I will praise you*  
Psalm 119:164

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel at the following times:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6pm	Evening prayer
8pm	Night prayer

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

John H Hopkins 1820-1891

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we travel afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain.  
Following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to the perfect Light.**

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold we bring to crown him again;  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
Worshipping God on high.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume.  
Breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying.  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him rise,  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Heav'n sings, "Hallelujah!"  
"Hallelujah!" earth replies.

Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, 7 January 2018

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

It is the day we commemorate the visit of the Magi to Jesus.

***Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Saviour is this day made manifest to the world.***

Antiphon, Evening Prayer, Liturgy of the Hours

*The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.528

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome into God's family ~ all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria La Spina, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi & Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister).

# O HOLY NIGHT

Traditional

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angels voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming.  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming.  
Here come the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger.  
In all our trials born to be our Friend.

He knows our need, to our weakness is no  
stranger.

Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
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Truly He taught us to love one another.  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our  
brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we.  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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The first **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** for the year will take place on **6 February** at 7.30pm.

If you have any suggestions or comments please place them in the **SUGGESTION BOX** located at the front of the church.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the new office hours are: **Thursday and Friday 10am to 2pm.**

## **LENT - *The Light is On***

Lent this year begins on 14 February, and is the season of the Church's year where we look to renew our relationship with God.

To help us do this, during Lent our Church will take part in ***The Light is On***, an initiative where churches throughout the Diocese will be open on the following Friday evenings,

**16 and 23 February**

**2, 9, 16 and 23 March from 7 to 8pm.**

In our Parish this will coincide with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to drop in and visit for some quiet time, prayer, and a space to take time out to reflect on faith and life.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will also be offered for the hour. Take time to experience God's light and peace in your life this coming Lent.

The light is on for you!

## **MEETINGS 8 - 12 January**

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

Our **PARISH FETE** will be held on  
**11 March 2018.**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Liturgy of the Hours)

The **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** will resume in February with an Information evening for parents followed by information sessions on Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday, 19 February 2018 at 7.30pm.

For any questions please contact the office on 9653 2312.

## Gospel reading for Next Week

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time      YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:35-42

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

### The Gospel of the Lord

#### TRADITIONAL OWNERS

St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia, acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 13 & 14 January 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Jim O'Connor	Kath Moran
R2	Margaret Bensley	Margaret Florian
P	Teresa Gambino	Nigel Morgan
AS		
EM	Angela Scotti	Bernadette Watt
EM	Pip Gibian	Pam Galbraith
EM		Jessie Guiana
EM		Trish Shipley
M		Melanie Hume
M		Keith and Liz
M		Sr Monica
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Sophie Rebula
CT		Lorraine & Margaret
WEL		Jessie & Kath

**PLAYGROUP** will resume on Monday, 5 February from 10am to 12noon.

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety comments please write them in the OH&S book in the sacristy or phone Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.