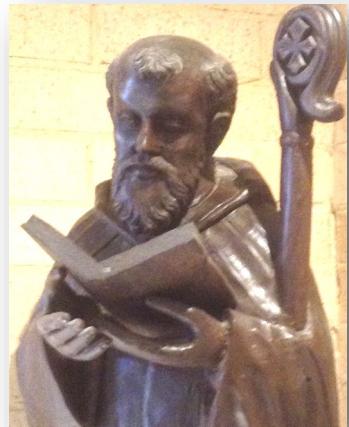


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Bring forth truth from the heart and from the mouth.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



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
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Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday of the month	7:00pm
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Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month	9:00am
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday	7:00pm
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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.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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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.

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm

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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.