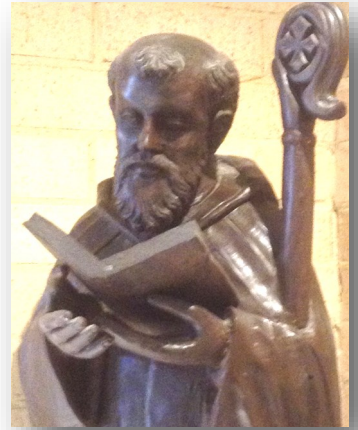


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

desire eternal life with all spiritual longing
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



1st Sunday of Advent Year C

1 & 2 December 2018

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**
*When Christ comes may he
strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**
Alleluia!

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**
Your redemption is near at hand.

Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am
Sunday Latin Mass at Church 4.30pm

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

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.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. As we begin this Advent Season, we ask you to bless this Advent wreath. We honour and remember your first coming at Bethlehem, You are coming, now, among us in grace. We recall your final coming in glory.

Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that they may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as universal king for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Priest: May this sprinkling with waters of Baptism remind us of our first sharing in the life of grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming now and always.

All: Amen

(The first purple candle, 'The Prophet's Candle', is now lit by the Acolyte. We recall the Old Testament prophecies of the birth of the messiah)

Reader: Lord Jesus, light of the world, sign of salvation, come that we may have life in its fullness.



V. Come, Em - man - u - el, R. Come to save us.



V. Be our way and truth, R. Be our light.

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Reader: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins



V. Come, bring us your peace, R. Peace we've longed for.



V. Hope of all the earth, R. Be our guide.

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For our Christmas Appeal, we are asking for goods what we can make up into Christmas Hampers and/or for financial donations to the Society.

Food items can be left in the boxes at the doors of the church and financial donations placed in the envelopes provided. Christmas Hampers will be packed and distributed early in the week beginning 17 December.

We hope that you will support us as you have done, most generously, in previous years.

Spirit of Christmas Dinner - can you help?

Date: Tuesday, 25 December

Time: 6- 9 pm

We have hosted a Christmas Dinner in our parish for the past 9 years. This is a special time to come and celebrate Christmas together.

Everyone is welcome - in particular those who may not have family or friends to celebrate Christmas with.

Could you let us know if you are interested in coming to this dinner or are able to help, in particular with food, gifts or entertainment? There will be a **meeting** after Mass on **Sunday, 9 December** for those interested in getting involved.

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735
e.arcadia.parish@bigpond.com.

Parish Fete - Sunday, 10 March 2019

Keep this date in your diary!

This is the only fundraiser we do for our parish, please help us make next year's fete a success.

- ◆ We need somebody, or a small group, to coordinate the major raffle. This isn't a massive job especially if a group of friends or a family are working together.
- ◆ If anybody is able to donate a prize for the major raffle - that would be awesome.
- ◆ We need donations for the Chocolate Wheel, things you yourself would like to win!

The Fete is a great family day in our parish calendar, please support your parish.

If you are able to help in any way please contact Theresa Neely 96533473 or the parish office 9543 2312.

CATECHIST NEWS: Welcome to all families attending our December Children's Mass! We would like to particularly recognise our students in Year 6 as they complete Primary School and move on to High School. May God bless them in the years ahead!

This weekend we also recognise Marinka Marinov for 5 years of service as a Catechist. Thanks and congratulations to Marinka!

Dates for Combined Assemblies continue this week at Galston on Wednesday 5th December and Hillside on Friday 7th December.

Delel Touma has offered to host our Annual Catechist Christmas which will be held this Friday 7th December, starting at 7pm. All past and present Catechists are invited. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

We have a few Catechists who are unable to continue teaching, so if you are available to be a Catechist or a helper next year, please let Fr Bernard or myself know. If you are not able to help yourself, please pray for Catechists to come forward.

God bless, Miriam Brown 9652 0558,
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

PEWS IN THE CHURCH SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

We need your help!

If you are available on Saturday, 15 December, we will need your help to install the pews in the Church.

From 9am onwards.

Contact Guido Scotti 0418 219 827

PLENARY COUNCIL: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING A LISTENING AND DIALOGUE SESSION WITHIN THE PARISH please contact the parish office on 9653 2312. Listening and Dialogue encounter leaflets are located at both entrances to the church for your information.

If you would like to be involved with the Christmas Liturgies, please write your name on the **DRAFT CHRISTMAS ROSTER** outside the sacristy.

MEETINGS this week 3 to 7 December

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

Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

Each of us can make a difference. Each of us can help to protect one another. We are called to Step Up and to Speak Out for the protection of all.

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
ph. 8379 1605

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 8 to 9 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul ElChaar
R1	Margaret Bensley	Melanie Hume
R2	Mary Camilleri	Karen DeSouza
P	Mary Cascun	Margaret McKinley
AS		
EM	Emelie DeLeon	Marisa Quattrocchi
EM	Lorna Boniel	Robin Barbara
EM		Nigel Morgan
EM		Bernadette Watt
M		Mark Quirk
M		Keith & Liz Wallace
M		Theresa N & Marisa
CL1		Peter Goodwin
CL2		Rosie Sakkal
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Bernadette & Margaret
WEL		Jessie & Marg Mc

PLAYGROUP Mondays during school term(s)

10 December Craft Activities at Bunnings

Please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 if you would like to join us. 10am-12noon

Gospel reading for Next Week Second Sunday in Advent Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Our congratulations and warmest wishes to Zdenka Marinov and Anthony Sarkis who were married last weekend. Zdenka is a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.