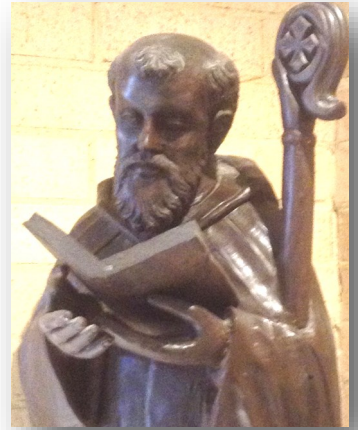


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



In these days of Lent the brethren should lead lives of great purity.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49

First Sunday of Lent

17th and 18th February 2018

First Reading

A reading from the book of
Genesis 9:8-15

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you ...
the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of
St Peter 3:18-22

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism
which saves you now.*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to **Mark 1:12-15**

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

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

Song of the Lord's Command

David Haas

Do you know what I have done for you, you who
call me your teach - er and your Lord?
If I have washed your feet, so you must
do as I have done for you.

Go, and live in my love.

You will live in my love if you keep my commands.

Go, and love as I have shown you.

Love one another as I have loved you.

You did not choose me, I chose you;

I chose you to go forth and bear fruit that will endure.

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Parish Lenten Groups will commence on 21 and 22 February respectively at the following times:

Wednesdays during lent

1pm	Parish Meeting Room Contact Miriam 9652 0558
7.30pm	726A Old Northern Road, Dural Contact Margaret 9653 3377

Thursdays during lent

3pm	Rowland Village Contact Joe 0478 803 341
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Copies of the Lenten booklet *Lifted Up* are available at the front of the Church for your personal use.

Copies of the following are also available at the front of the Church:

- ◇ 2018 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis
- ◇ Lenten message from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and
- ◇ Letter regarding Lenten penance by Bishop Peter.

The Light is On: The Church will be open on Fridays during Lent from 7-8pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered.

Stational Mass

All parishioners are invited to gather and pray as one body on this graced journey to Easter. Please join us at one or all of the following Masses celebrated at 7.30pm by Bishop Peter:

20 February	St Patrick's, Gosford
27 February	Mary Immaculate Church, Manly
6 March	St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills
13 March	Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance
22 March	St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge

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, especially Sienna.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Sr Monica and Hannah (Leonie Miller's great granddaughter).

St Benedict's Parish Fete 11 March 2018

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND.

PLEASE TAKE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Are you fit young(ish) healthy and strong(ish)? Can you spare an hour or so on **Saturday 10 March** about **2pm** to assist setting up the marquees and stalls and/or at the end of the fete to dismantle and clear up? WE NEED YOU!

Please contact me to pledge your support 0416 081 882 or email lorraine.dailey@aarminique.com.au

We need someone to run the plant stall.

Donations requested for:

- ◇ The Chocolate Wheel
- ◇ Craft stall items, Cakes, fancy goods, flowers and plants

DRAFT ROSTER: The draft roster is available and can be viewed outside the sacristy. Please check your name and make any necessary changes THIS WEEKEND.

EASTER ROSTER: The draft roster is available outside the sacristy. Please complete if you are able to assist with the Easter liturgy.

EASTER MUSIC: Music practice for Easter will take place on **Sunday, 18 March** after mass.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please see Father Bernard if you are interested in assisting as an Eucharistic minister. Training will be available in this ministry after Easter.

FATHER BERNARD ON LEAVE: Father Bernard will be away from 1 February to 21 February.

Volunteer Stall Holders

Main Raffle	Jim Shipley	9885 7039
	Margaret Florian	9653 3377
	Peter Goodwin	9652 2952
Stall (on the day)	Theresa Neely	9653 3473
	Joe West	9653 2521
		0478 803 341
Chocolate Wheel	David Camilleri	0407 466 244
Greengrocery	Kazzi Family	Daniel 0418 295 597
Cake Stall	Bernadette Watt	9653 2616
Flower Stall	Jessie Guina	9651 1136
	Peter Goodwin	9652 2952
Devonshire Tea	Rosie Sakkal	9652 0121
Barbeque Stall	Sally Sakkal & Family	9653 2627
Fancy Goods/ craft	Helen Facione	9653 1203
Kids Activities	Andrew Sakkal	0419 333 134
Gelato	Sylvia	0434 001 572
Treasure Hunt	Jo & girls	
Plants		
General Assistance	Eamon	0404 173 757
	Julianne	0415 448 797
Advertising	Paula El Char	
	Kath	

- ◇ **Catholic Schools Guide 2018** available at the front of the Church
- ◇ **Marian Catholic College**
Open Evening Tuesday, 6 March 4pm or 6pm
Applications for Year 7, 2019 close on Friday, 4 May 2018
Ph. 9654 6700
- ◇ **Oakhill College**
Open Day, Sunday, 11 March 11am-3pm
www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au

Come Holy Spirit of this Great South Land

Inspire our entire faith community,

As we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy

in the lives and communities of the People of God. (Year of Youth prayer 2018)

CATECHIST NEWS: Welcome back to all classes! It is great to be back in the classrooms!

A Catechist (Scripture teacher) is still wanted on Wednesdays for Arcadia (11:30am-12:10pm) for a Year 3&4 class of approximately 7 students. If you are able to help in any way - full time, part time or reserve, please talk to Fr Bernard or myself.

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

Gospel reading for Next Week

2nd Sunday of Lent

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME : The Parent Information Evening will be held this coming Monday, 19 February at 7.30pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION boxes available at the front of the Church.

Stand in solidarity with young people and communities living in poverty by giving during Lent to create real change.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 24th & 25th February

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul El Char
R1	Miriam Brown	Virginia Tanna
R2	Margaret Bensley	Peter Bellew
P	Jim O'Connor	Karen DeSouza
AS		
EM		Lorraine Dailey
EM	Mary Camilleri	Margaret Florian
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Bernadette Watt
EM		Pam Galbraith
M		Mark Quirk
M		Helen
M		Theresa N & Nigel
CL1		Peter Goodwin
CL2		Teresa Gambino
MT		Karen DeSouza
CT		Lyla & Peter
WEL		Teresa & Margaret Mc

PLAYGROUP

Each Monday during school terms 10am to 12noon

Parish Office: 9653 2312
Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb
After hours: 0416 032 497
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231
Facebook: stbenedict sarcadia

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm
Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883
Email: arcadia.parity@bigpond.com
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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.