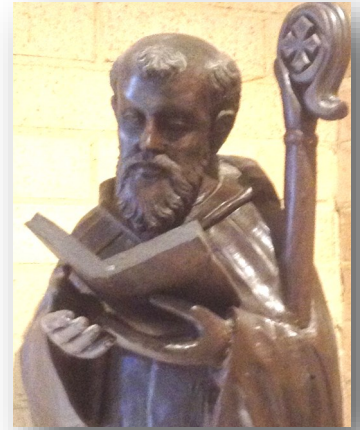


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



Look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49

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.

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

24th and 25th March 2018

Gospel of the Procession

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 11:1-10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.**

**Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47

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

Easter Mass Times

Mass of the Lord's Supper	Holy Thursday, 7.30pm
Stations of the Cross	Good Friday, 10.30am
Passion of the Lord	Good Friday, 3pm
Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday, 7.30pm
Easter Sunday	Monastery, 7am Parish, 9am

WELCOME to all young people who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday:

Clayton	Eva	Jala	Aurelia
Blake	Ruby	Ben	Faith
Annalise	Lily	Conor	Isabella
Trey	Sophie	Sydney	Ethan
Allegra	Zac	Jerome	John Paul
Scarlett	Lara	Xanthia	Theodore
Harry	Luke	Chevy	Brooke
Anton			

May the Holy Spirit bless you always

ALPHA



We are introducing Alpha into our parish, starting with morning tea after mass on **Sunday, 6 May.**

To be followed by regular Monday nights from 6.30–8.30pm:

- 7, 14, 21 and 28 May
- 4, 11, 18 and 25 June
- 2 July.

Please come and join us for dinner, a talk and group discussion!

Each talk looks at a different aspect of faith such as,

- Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die?
- How can I have Faith? Why and how do I pray?
- Why and how do I read the Bible?

Come and see!

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Catechist News: Easter is fast approaching! We will be holding our Combined Easter Assemblies after Easter. Middle Dural on Wednesday, 4 April; Arcadia, Galston and Glenorie on Wednesday, 11 April and Hillside on Friday, 13 April.

Please keep the children we teach and our parish Catechists in your prayers at this time. Wishing you all a very blessed and peaceful Easter!

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

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 Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Sr Monica & Howard Batchelor.

FETE: Please provide **contact details** of all individuals or businesses who have made donations.

A **Certificate of Appreciation** will be issued in gratitude for their support.

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please see

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The programme will resume in May for preparation before First Eucharist:

Session 1	7 May	Session 2	14 May
Session 3	21 May	Session 4	28 May

First Eucharist will take place during the 9am mass on **Sunday, 3 June**, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Information regarding the next sacramental programme will be available mid May.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE—Discovering your Sacred Voice. This one day workshop offers a deep exploration into prayer through music discovering sacred languages in song.

Date: Thursday, 5 April and Saturday 7 April

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Cost: \$30 morning tea provided, BYO lunch.

E. mtsbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Venue: 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

247 St Andrews road, Varroville p.8795 3400

Living in the light of the resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taize April 6 6pm to April 8 1.30pm

Cost \$250.

Out of darkness, colour breaks April 7: 10.30am—4.30pm

Cost \$30

Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus: Time to reflect with two 'insignificant disciples' as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord.

Presenter Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

April 13: 6pm to April 15: 1.30pm

Cost: \$250

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN:

Date: 6 April 6pm to 8 April 3pm

Venue: Little Sisters of the Poor, Randwick

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood.

The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

Keynote opening address with Bishop Randazzo.

Info & Registration www.vocationcentre.org.au

THE FATHER FACTOR: Addressing the important role of fathers in society, providing practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering.

Date: Tuesday, 8 May

Time: 7.30pm- 9.30pm

Venue: The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

RSVP: faith.formation@dbb.org.au

Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May

NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

“Forming Missionary Disciples”: Organised by Catholic Ministries Network NSW, the day will include networking with ministry leaders, ministers and volunteers around NSW.

Keynote: Fr Paul Roberts, Director of Institute for Mission and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Parramatta, “Renewing our Baptismal Call and Enabling our Gifts in Parish and School Life”.

Date: Tuesday, 1 May 9.30am-4.30pm

Venue: Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe

Cost: \$65

To register visit trybooking.com/twad

Enquiries: tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

at St Agatha's Catholic Church

20 Boundary Road, Pennant Hills

Sunday, 8 April 2018 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

Australia's biggest minority group is the elderly. Discrimination against the elderly is known as ageism. We must protect the rights of the older person. More information can be found on <http://elderabusehelpline.com.au>.

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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 31 March & 1 April

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PLAYGROUP Each Monday 10am to 12noon
Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All carers and children welcome!

Gospel reading for Next Week

Easter Sunday

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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.

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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.