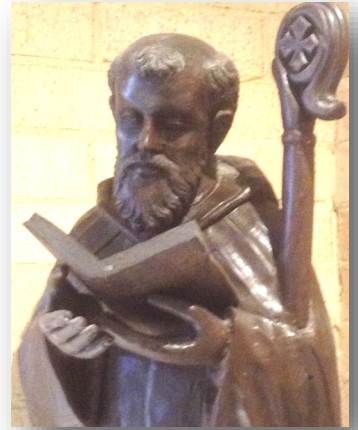


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To deny oneself, in order to follow Christ.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



All public Masses and gatherings have
been suspended until further notice

Weekend Mass

Weekday Mass

Special Masses at the Parish

Monthly Mass

Children's Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Liturgy of the Word

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

Reconciliation 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 Year A

4 & 5 April 2020

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 R.v.2
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

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 26:14 –27:66

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel every day:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6.00pm	Evening prayer
8.00pm	Night prayer

ALL are welcome to observe these times privately.

LENTEN REFLECTION

These days of social isolation have certainly put us on notice about the importance of Parish. In the past we may have taken for granted the chance to gather as the priestly people of God each week to give praise to God and ask God's help in our lives. For many of us "going to Church" has been our only time for being religious each week. Our own prayers have taken second place to the cleric leading us at Sunday Mass. Maybe the current drought of Mass is a good wake-up call for us to restore the most important resource of our own daily prayer!

"Where two or three gather in my name, there I am in their midst", is the promise of Christ to us. Yet do we let this promise inform our understanding of our family? We may be alert to this promise when we go to Church, but can it also inform us of the sacredness of our family, particularly our gathering for meals? In these days when we cannot gather in the church, we can still be Church for one another. As we restore this awareness of our faith to our attention, we can be laying the basis for a great development: to move us from a clerical centred community to one built on the foundation of the living faith of each of us. For it is on the foundations of that gift of our faith which each of us brings to Sunday Mass that we join with the presiding cleric to be the priestly people of God.

So in these days of social isolation let us take the opportunity to gather in prayer with our family at particular times during the day. For some this may be praying the Lord's Prayer together, naming the special needs of our family that day and the needs of all around us; we could pray the Rosary together; we could read a passage from Scripture to let God shine light upon our life. Over Holy Week the parish will be providing short prayer services for each day to focus our prayer for that day. These are intended to help you pray as a family.

Whatever way we do it let us strengthen each other by taking time each day to be the Body of Christ.

David Orr osb

(See guided prayers at home on next page)

ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

This includes

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PASSION OF THE LORD

EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

See suggestions on next page for family celebrations.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL
Freedom from Addiction**

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers - all our dearly beloved who have died.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish - Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford and her grandma June Payne, Freya Sunderland, & Sarah Gatt.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

FAMILY EASTER IDEAS!

- ◆ View Mass online

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/places/mass-on-demand>

- ◆ Hold a liturgy at home - Liturgy Brisbane has guided prayers for each day of Holy Week

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/learn/liturgical-documents/holy-week-at-home/>

- ◆ Resources for children - Diocese of Broken Bay has "Connected in Christ" fun sheets

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19/prayer-resources>

- ◆ The Kid's Bulletin

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

- ◆ Holy Week at Home - prepared by the Catholic Schools Office

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19/prayer-resources/resource-articles/holy-week>

Available - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

MEETINGS

All meetings including Parish Council and Finance Committee meetings are suspended until further notice.

CATECHIST NEWS

Wishing all a very happy and holy Easter! Although it will be very different to other years, it is a time as Bishop Anthony says to "be careful, be kind and be creative", especially as we find ways of remembering God's love for us, and celebrating Easter as a family!

All training, scheduled to be held during the school holidays, has been postponed until further notice.

Let us all keep our parish and community in our prayers this Easter.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Coordinator

FETE CANCELLED

The Raffle will still be drawn on Sunday 3rd May and winners contacted.

<i>1st prize</i>	<i>One week in 3 bedroom apartment opposite beach at Hawkes Nest</i>
<i>2nd prize</i>	<i>Calf from Monastery herd</i>
<i>3rd prize</i>	<i>Bike</i>
<i>4th prize</i>	<i>PlayStation 4</i>

For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project compassion boxes are available for you to take home. Here is the weekly story highlighting the positive impact our community is making:

Domenic, 47, is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope who runs safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.

"In our families we learn to recognise the dignity of all."

Pope Francis

PRAISE

fest

Unfortunately Catholic Youth Broken Bay PRAISEFEST has been cancelled. May we continue to pray for healing of all those who are affected by this illness as well as others and for the healthcare workers who are treating them at this time.

Remember to be kind to one another and spread joy when you can at a socially acceptable distance!

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards:

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & Improvement.

Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe

Key Elements of Standard 9:

- * Regularly reviews and improves practices
- * Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- * Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help. These people in our Parish can help:

Fr Bernard 0416 032 497 Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882
Or contact the **Office for Safeguarding on 8379 1605**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For further information please contact:

Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Parish. The celebration intended for July has now been postponed until further notice.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

We would like to invite youth from years 6 and above (or aged 12-17 years) to join us for our Youth Group sessions held monthly on Fridays 5-7.30pm during the school term.

Please note due to the coronavirus situation, our Youth Group will be suspended until further notice,

For more information please contact
Nerida on: 0425 834 017.

PLAYGROUP

CANCELLED until further notice

Children all ages up to 5 years.
Every Monday during school term from 10am to 12pm at the Parish. Craft, stories, games, picnics and occasional fun outings.
Enquires phone Lisa 0405 305 393

Gospel reading for Next Week Easter Sunday - Year A

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters
please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**