

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

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



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

Church Attendance:
One person per 4sqm,
maximum 100 people.

Masks are mandatory

Please use QRCODE provided or write your name and phone number when you enter Church after sanitizing and wearing a mask. Contact Paula on 0423 078 282.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

16 & 17 January 2021

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

Communion Antiphon

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

PARISH MASSES

Weekend Mass:

Saturday	7:00pm
Sunday	9:00am
Sunday	10:30am
Sunday Latin	4.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession
First Friday of the month 6.30pm Adoration

MONASTERY CHAPEL Mass

Sundays	7:00am
Daily	7:00am

Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Bernard: 0416 032 497

Gospel reading for this Week**John 1:35-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**John 1:35-42**

When John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the "Lamb of God," he recognized not only the role of Jesus in salvation; he inferred the relationship of the Son to the Father. As he had come from the Father, Jesus gave himself back to the Father. His self-giving began with his Incarnation, became explicit in his baptism, continued through his ministry, and culminated on the cross. He gave himself because he loved the Father and loved all God's creatures. The Baptist's declaration ("The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world") revealed both the character and the mission of Jesus. Through his love, he accepted the role of the Suffering Servant. He gave himself to his Father for our sake in spite of suffering and death.

Why is self-giving so unusual?

Have you ever been impressed by others who give their time and talent to others?

Have they ever asked you to join them? What happened? Did their invitation change you?

A simple invitation can be life-changing. Come and see . . . That invitation can come in different ways, from a letter or a look to a simple act of unselfish love. Come and see . . . When we invite others to faith, we ask them to encounter the One after whom we pattern our lives. Come and see . . . the Lord. He will show us the loving way to live and he will give us a new identity as a Christian. He will show us the way to the Father. Come and see . . .

Personal reflection:

How have you influenced others to become Christ-like?

Have you extended them acts of love?

Have you ever asked them to join you at Church?

Try to help someone this week and invite him or her closer to the Lord.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Roster is now available in the sacristy.

23/1/21 to 24/1/21 – 3 rd Sunday Ord. Time Year B		
	7.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.
Acolyte	Need help	Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Mary Cascun	Judy Horton
Reader2	Mary Camilleri	Kath Moran
Prayers	Margaret Bensley	Teresa Gambino
TV		
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Karen & Keith
		Helen Facione

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY FATHER ALBERIC

A very happy birthday to our dear Father Alberic!

His birthday was celebrated on Wednesday morning with the Christ Catholic Group (CCC) at our Parish.

Father Alberic, we would like to wish you many more years of blessings and good health! Thank you for everything you do for us. We really appreciate you!



FRESH FLOWERS

Thank you for the volunteers bringing in the fresh flowers for our altar. If anyone can bring **fresh** flowers from their garden for the Church altar it would be greatly appreciated. Vases are available in the kitchen.

Please remember there are no flowers on the altar during Lent until Easter Day. However, small plants or simple bunches made up of leaves and branches are permissible during Lent. God bless you!



CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every Friday night after 7pm Mass, and Wednesday mornings after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CATECHIST NEWS

Happy New Year to all! Although schools have not yet returned, in preparation for the new teaching year, **free training** has been organised by the Diocese for all **Catechists** or those interested in becoming a Catechist. These training sessions will be available as online Zoom sessions, therefore it is important to register to attend.

Safeguarding Children training will be held on Wednesday 20th January or Thursday 28th January from 10am - 12pm. **Ministry Induction training** will be held over several weeks starting on Monday 8th February, as a morning course 10am -12pm OR and afternoon course 1pm -3pm. Please contact me for further information.

If you feel called to join this exciting ministry, please contact me.

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

PARISH SWEETS STALL

Since the Christmas stall was so successful, Lila Bacha has decided to do a sweets, cakes and biscuits stall every month, 50% of all sales will be donated to the parish. Any donations of money or items for sale will be 100% to the parish.



First stall date: Weekend of the **5th to the 7th February 2021** (after Mass on Friday 7pm, Saturday 7pm, Sunday 7am Chapel, 9am and 10.30am, and 4.30pm Latin Mass.)

Please feel free to bring items for sale to help the parish.

For any queries or donations please call Lila Bacha on 96521113 or 0418360024.

A THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

As you will remember, COVID restrictions made it difficult for your Conference members to pack the usual Christmas hampers in 2020. Instead, we used your financial donations to purchase gift vouchers that could be redeemed for groceries and for clothing and gave these vouchers to our clients, with a Christmas card. We had just over \$1000 in donations left over and we have passed this money on to be used by needy Vinnies clients in the wider Sydney area.

Interestingly, our clients were most delighted with the gift vouchers for clothing. Many of you will understand how good buying some new clothes can make you feel!

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Anthony, Abbott,
c. 251–356
Feast Day: January 17



Patron Saint of butchers, skin diseases, gravediggers, and swine

St. Anthony had money and property as a young man. But upon hearing at Mass the words of Christ to the rich young man to "...go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven", St. Anthony decided to seek not silver or bronze, but pure gold. He sold his goods, he removed himself from all temptation except those intrinsic to human nature, he battled the devil, he fasted, he prayed, and he even actively sought martyrdom. He became famous for being holy. Saint Anthony preceded St. Benedict by two hundred years. He offers us an example of being a monk outside of a community of monks in a monastery. He sought Christ alone in every sense. Alone in the desert, without family, community, or money. Alone to the world, he clinged to the only person who truly mattered—God himself. Saint Anthony's path of holiness is both radical and refined. It is for few people to walk. But he was the first to walk it so well. He shows us that being alone, stripped of all worldly concerns, is a sort of rehearsal for death, where we will meet God alone, every last thread tying us to the world having been cut.

St. Anthony, we ask your intercession to help us cling to God alone. Help us to strip ourselves of those needs and concerns which stuff our lives from morning to night. Help us not to be distracted from the one thing, the only thing, the last thing, God Himself. AMEN.

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021

HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our
brothers and sisters of other religions,
praying for one another, open to all.

AMEN



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Please use QR CODE or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.
Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of 4sqms and sanitize your hands at the door.
Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY.
IF YOU ARE NOT WELL OR EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS,
PLEASE STAY HOME, ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Office Hours: Mondays 10.30am to 2.30pm

Fridays 10am to 3pm

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
Safeguarding Children matters**

Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

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