

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Let everyone that comes be received as Christ*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 53*



## Second Sunday of Lent

16 & 17 March 2019

### First Reading

**A reading from the book  
of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

### Second Reading

**A reading from the letter  
of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours  
into copies of his glorious body.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke 9:28-36**

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed,  
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

### 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
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#### Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month	9:00am
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#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday	7:00pm
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**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

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



## Parish Fete - Thank you!

A huge thank to you everyone who was involved in this year's fete, it was a wonderful day and as one parishioner shared with me, 'it showed what we are really about - community, belonging and passion for our parish'.

This is very much a team effort but special thanks should go to the Sakkal Family, the Camilleri Family and the Kazzi Family for all your hard work before, during and after the event.

Thank you to all the stall holders - it was a long, hot day and to the counters up in the office for the very professional way they dealt with all the money.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, cakes, scones and plants, we couldn't do it without you.

And thank you to everyone who came and spent money and helped create such a great atmosphere. With everyone's help we raised around \$33,000 - an amazing effort!!

Theresa Neely

## Lent

Copies of the **2019 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis** have been placed at both entrances to the Church together with a **letter from the Very Rev Dr David Ranson** regarding **Lenten Penance** and copies of the booklet **Discerning the Way of Jesus: Lectio Divina, Praying the Scriptures in Lent.**

Please take home a **Project Compassion box** and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Give Lent 100%**". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

### **Parish Lenten Groups** Wednesdays during Lent

**1pm** Parish Centre  
Contact - Miriam 9652 0558

**7.30pm** 726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house)  
Contact - Margaret 9653 3377

**The Light is On** During Lent our Church will also take part in **The Light is On**, an initiative where churches throughout the Diocese will be open on the following Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm - **22, 29 March and 5, 12 April.**

In our Parish this coincides with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm and the first Friday of the month Mass.

**Lenten Spirituality Morning** - for Catechists and Friends **Friday, 29 March** 9.30am to 12.30pm Peter Canisius House, 102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble

**Reconciliation** will be available on **Friday, 12 April.**

### **Chrism Mass** Tuesday, 16 April

at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Please let Fr Bernard know if you are able to attend Mass and receive the Oils on behalf of the parish.

**NSW ELECTION** A guide to the upcoming election has been provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Copies are available at both entrances to the Church.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/nsw->

## 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, Freya Sunderland & Carol Aviani.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** Information sessions on Reconciliation will be held at 4.15pm in the Parish on the following Mondays.

Information sessions are to be attended by each child and at least one parent.

Session 2 18 March

Session 3 25 March

Presentation at 9am Mass on Sunday, 31 March

Session 4 1 April

Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, 6 April at 3pm.

**ALPHA - 2019**



**Mondays** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm commencing Monday, 6 May (9 weeks)

If people are interested but cannot attend Monday nights we may also hold sessions on **Wednesdays** at 1-2pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Please come and join us for dinner, a talk on aspects of Christian faith such as **Who is Jesus?** followed by a small group discussion.

Please take a card found at both entrances to the Church and invite family and friends.

If you would like to find out more about Alpha Sandra is available after the 9am Mass each Sunday or call 0410 587 735 e.arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

The Catholic Schools Guide 2019 is available at the front entrance to the Church. Upcoming Open Days include:  
**Marian Catholic College** p.9654 6700  
 Enrolling now for Year 7, 2020.  
 Applications close 3 May 2019.  
**Tangara** ~ 20 March~ 10am–12.30pm p.9680 4844  
**Redfield College** ~ 20 March ~ 9am to 2.30pm p.9651 4066

Faith leads a believer to see in the other a brother or sister to be supported and loved. Through faith in God, who has created the universe, creatures and all human beings (equal on account of his mercy), believers are called to express this human fraternity by safeguarding creation and the entire universe and supporting all persons, especially the poorest and those most in need.

His Holiness Pope Francis and The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, A document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, 4 February 2019 - <https://w2.vatican.va>

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HEBREW?**

**Dates** Wednesdays during Lent  
 20, 27 March and 3, 10, 17 April  
**Time** 7.30pm  
**Presenter** Fr Bernard McGrath  
**RSVP** 9653 2312 or e.arcadiaparish@bigpond.com

**PRAISEFEST:** Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to our first PRAISEFEST of the year and celebrate together our World Youth Day Panama Reunion! The night includes our festival with food and activities, leading into a night of vibrant praise and honest worship, and inspirational relevant Word, and time for reflection and intimacy with Jesus.

**Date** Friday, 29 March  
**Time** 6-9pm  
**Venue** The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara RSVP youth@bbcatholic.org.au

**CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!** Singers and Musicians from across the Diocese are warmly invited to lead the congregation in prayerful song at **Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Cathedral**, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara for the following diocesan events:

**Chrim Mass** 16 April (Tuesday)  
 Rehearsal on the day in the Cathedral from 6pm for 7.30pm Mass start (Supper provided).

RSVP (to ensure we have enough seats and music/hymn books) cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au on the subject line type "CHOIR RSVP".

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
 NSW ELECTION STATEMENT**

[www.vinnies.org.au/NSW2019ElectionStatement](http://www.vinnies.org.au/NSW2019ElectionStatement).

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION  
 AND RENEWAL DAY** - Sunday, 19 May

**Venue** St Benedict's Monastery  
**Time** 10am for registration and welcome.  
 Concludes 3pm

Enquiries to Ann Bergman : [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com)  
 or Ann Lomas : [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) p. 9653 2637

**MEETINGS** this week

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Monday	4.15pm	Sacramental Program
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Wednesday	1pm	Lenten group
Wednesday	7.30pm	Lenten group at Benigna's
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

## Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

A culture of Safeguarding values  
servant leadership

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4:10

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au  
ph. 8379 1605

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 23 & 24 March

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Margaret Bensley	Melanie Hume
R2	Miriam Brown	Karen DeSouza
P	Mary Cascun	Judy Horton
AS		
EM	Angela Scotti	Sophie Rebula
EM	Mary Camilleri	Trish Shipley
EM		Pam Galbraith
EM		Lorraine Dailey
M		Mark Quirk
M		Nigel & Marisa
M		Keith, Liz & Theresa N
CL1		Peter Goodwin
CL2		Teresa Gambino
MT		Teresa Gambino
CT		Lorraine & Margaret
WEL		Kath & Jessie

### **PLAYGROUP** Mondays during school term(s)

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

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

## Gospel reading for Next Week Third Sunday of Lent Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

### Unless you repent you will all perish as they did

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, ‘Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.’

He told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, “Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?” “Sir,” the man replied “leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”’

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.

St Patrick’s Feast Day 17 March

St Joseph’s Feast Day 19 March

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday, 2 April 2019

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm  
Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883  
Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com  
Website: www.arcadia.dbb.org.au

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