

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

20 & 21 JANUARY 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FOLLOW JESUS PRAYER

Lord, give me the strength to follow You. I admit it's easier to do my own thing than to follow You. Yet, I'm continually tempted to follow my way instead of Yours. Guide me to look to You and trust that Your way is always better than mine. Following You takes great sacrifice; help me to remember that it's always worth it.

Heavenly Father, living life to follow You means being selfless. Help me to remember the things of this world are temporary; there is a lasting reward in heaven. You desire good things for Your children – may I always remember Your heart for me when the world seems to fight for my attention. Guide me to give my all to the calling You've placed on my life, no matter the cost.

Lord, You know firsthand how harsh this world can be. You sympathize with the challenges of following You – let me always remember You understand. I'm grateful You chose me and called me not to be of this world. May I always lean on this promise when I feel burdened by the weight of this world. Amen.

Source: klove.com



Follow Me

Mark 1: 14-20

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)

Saturdays 10:00am to 11:00am
Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

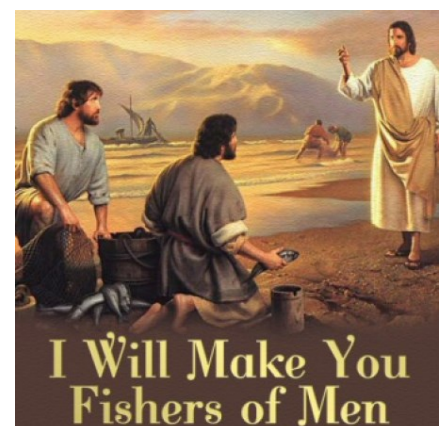
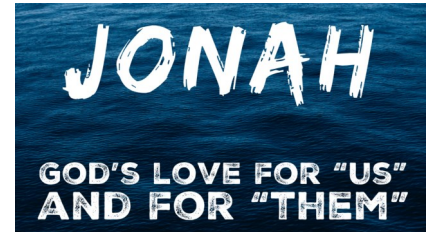
After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, January 21
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

He called them. (Mark 1:20)

What did Jesus actually say to James and John when he “called them” (Mark 1:20)? Did he just approach them, as he did with Simon and Andrew, and say, “Come after me” (1:17)? Or was there a longer, more involved conversation? Whatever happened, we know that this encounter had a powerful effect on these two fishermen. They “left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (1:20).

How did Jesus call you? It doesn't matter whether it happened at a specific point in time or over many years. What matters is that like these first disciples, Jesus called you, and you chose to follow him.

The first call we hear is Jesus calling us to himself. He is the One who shows us the way to the Father and who fills our hearts with his love, mercy, and grace. As it did for these disciples, our relationship with our Lord becomes the foundation for our life and for everything else we do.

Jesus also calls us to mission. Whether we are called to marriage and family, to the priesthood, or to the religious or single life, we are all given a mission, a specific way he wants us to serve him. He may even call us to be missionaries like the first disciples.

But we can also receive multiple callings in our lives, and our calling can change or expand over time. Maybe in one season of life, we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family. In another, God might be asking us to spend more time meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, perhaps by teaching the faith or caring for the poor.

Spend some time at Mass today thanking Jesus for the ways he has called you. It's not always easy to say yes—we know that following Jesus will inevitably involve hardships as well as joys. But there's no greater honor or privilege we could ever hope to have!

“Jesus, I am forever grateful that you have called me to follow you.”

Source: Word Among Us India

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers for the repose of Maria La Spina.
Maria's **6th Anniversary** of her death occurred
on Thursday 18th January 2024



MARIA LA SPINA



*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon her,
May she Rest in Peace.
Amen*

***Our prayers and thoughts are with
Marisa, Rosanna, Rita and families.***

POPE'S INTENTION JANUARY 2024



For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

CATECHIST NEWS

Our first Catechist meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th February at 10am. Teacher's Manuals and student workbooks will be handed out at this meeting. I encourage all to attend, thanks.

SRE starting dates –

Arcadia, Galston and Glenorie:
Wednesday 14th February

Hillside:
Friday 16 February
Middle Dural – yet to be confirmed

If you are free on Wednesday or Friday mornings during school terms and love being with children, why not consider joining this worthwhile ministry. Training, support and books are provided.

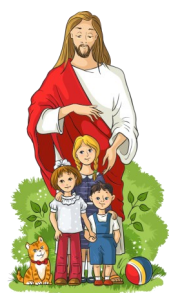
Catechist Vacancies – Catechist for Middle Dural Public School on Wednesdays 9 – 9:40am

If you are interested please contact myself or Paula at the parish office or any of our priests.

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator




Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

27/1/2024 TO 28/1/2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Parish Roster

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader1	Mary C	Ann L	Lorna B
Reader2	Margaret B	Peter G	Michael E
Prayers	Miriam B	Kath M	Volunteer
TV		Trey O'Connor	Xavier F
Music		Melanie H	Melanie H
Music		Keith W	Adam F
Music		Nigel M	
Music		Teresa G	
Morning Tea		Sophie/Andrea	
 FLOWERS	Gabrielle W		

Thank You!

*Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it!
If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St Benedict's Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Fr Shansana 0437 884 233 - Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882 - Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:
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