

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

put one's hope in God

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



The Epiphany of the Lord

5 & 6 January 2019

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

**A reading from the letter
of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**
*The revelation means that pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 2:1-12**
We have come from the East to worship the king.

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

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.

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

Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, 6 January

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

It is the day we commemorate the visit of the Magi to Jesus.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

John H Hopkins 1820-1891

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain.
Following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.**

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worshipping God on high.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume.
Breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying.
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him rise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings, "Hallelujah!"
"Hallelujah!" earth replies.

We welcome **GREGORIANA ARCADIA** this Sunday at the 9am Mass.

Gregoriana Arcadia would like to welcome new members. There is no need to have any previous experience with Gregorian or any knowledge of Latin at all.

Choir practice is held on the second Saturday afternoon of each month from 2-4pm, ending with afternoon tea together.

If you are interested in joining Gregoriana Arcadia, please leave your name and contact details with Sandra, the parish secretary on 9653 2312.

A special welcome to Samantha Christine,
daughter of Sam and Eulemee,
who will be baptised
during 9am Mass this Sunday



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 ~ Samantha Christine Dominello who will be baptised this Sunday.
We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Freya Sunderland & Guy Guiana.

FOR PARENTS whose child received the Sacrament of Confirmation in August 2018 please note the **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** will resume in March with an Information evening for parents followed by sessions on Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Monday, 4 March 2019** at 7pm.

Information sessions 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.

RECONCILIATION

Session 1	11 March
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.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Session 1	20 May
Session 2	27 May
Session 3	3 June

Presentation at **9am Mass** on **Sunday, 16 June**
Session 4 **17 June**

First Eucharist will take place during the **9am Mass** on **Sunday, 23 June**, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

For any questions about the sacramental programme please contact the office on 9653 2312.

NOTE: A notice will be placed in the bulletin mid year confirming date(s) and enrolment information for our **next** sacramental programme which will commence with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray for all children and their families as they continue their journey.

Parish Fete ~ Sunday, 10 March 2019

This is the only fundraiser we do for our parish, please help us make next year's fete a success.

- ◆ We need somebody, or a small group, to coordinate the major raffle. This isn't a massive job especially if a group of friends or a family are working together.
- ◆ If anybody is able to donate a prize for the major raffle - that would be awesome.
- ◆ We need donations for the Chocolate Wheel, things you yourself would like to win!

The Fete is a great family day in our parish calendar, please support your parish.

If you are able to help in any way please contact Theresa Neely 9653 3473 or the parish office 9543 2312.

Plenary Council Welcome Postcards

Plenary Council postcards have been placed on pews in the Church.

The reverse side of the postcard invites people to share their experiences of faith and Church toward the Plenary Council. This is a way of inviting responses from people who may be less engaged with the Church or faith but who can nevertheless enrich the Church throughout their varied perspectives. These cards can then be forwarded to the Plenary Council, PO Box 747, North Sydney 2059 or the Office for Evangelisation at PO Box 340, Pennant Hills 1715.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: If you are interested in running a listening and dialogue session within the Parish please contact Zdenka Marinov on 0417 385 218.

PARISH LOG BOOK: If you still would like to include an article or story please leave your item in the parish office or email to arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com **this week.**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world. Pope Francis' Prayer Intention January 2019

PLEASE NOTE: the Parish Meeting room is out of bounds until further notice. Do not enter.

Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

During this Christmas Season let us be reminded that we become the face of Christ as we discern the face of Christ in the children we encounter.

(CESA)

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
ph. 8379 1605

Gospel reading for Next Week The Baptism of the Lord Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 12 & 13 January 2019

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vacarella	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Cascun	Teresa Gambino
R2	Mary Camilleri	Gebran Azzi
P	Margaret Bensley	Margaret Florian
AS		
EM	Lorna Boniel	Liliana Nati
EM	Paul Camilleri	Catherine Colman
EM		Nigel Morgan
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Noelle Takchi
M		Takchi family
M		
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Mary Abood
CT		Bernadette & Lorraine
WEL		Grace & Margaret Mc

PLAYGROUP Mondays during school term(s)

Playgroup resumes on **Monday, 4 February.**

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

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Tuesday, 5 March 2019

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

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm
Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883
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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.