

# 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 300 people.**

**Masks are encouraged to be worn**

**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.**



## The EPIPHANY of the LORD Year B

2nd & 3rd January 2021

### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*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

*Matthew 2:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

### Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## 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****Matthew 2:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah  
 you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
 for out of you will come a leader  
 who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION****Matthew 2:1-12**

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the pagan nations. And it points to Israel's place as the source of God's revelation. The Magi came to seek the newly born King, the one who would be a light to the nations. Their encounter foreshadowed the evangelization success Christianity would have among pagan people who hungered for God's truth. Their encounter also acknowledged Israel as God's chosen people. They would be the source of God's blessing, a living fountain of God's revelation for all people. In the feast of the Epiphany, we rejoice in the worship of the first seekers. And we are reminded to honor God's people who gave us the great gift of Jesus, our Lord.

*When have you searched for the Lord? When has that search encountered road blocks or deception or wrong turns? How has God kept you on track?*

As we look back on the story of the Epiphany, let us remember who called, guided, and revealed himself to the Magi: God. The story was God-driven from the first verse. Let us not forget God himself calls us from the surface experience of daily living to seek something higher, something better. He is the one who turns us from those who expect experience into those who receive grace, pure gift, at every turn. In God, we find someone to give our hearts, our minds, and our lives to. We find the goal of our quest.

*How has God called you this week? How has God graced you this week? How can you pass your call and your grace along to others?*

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9/1/21 to 10/1/21 – Baptism of the Lord Year B

	Sat 7.00 pm	Sun 9.00 am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Rearder 1	Maria Gambino	Kath Moran
Rearder 2	Margaret Bensley	Lorraine Dailey
Prayers Faithful		Peter Goodwin
TV		
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Helen Facione
Music		Karen DeSouza
Counting		

## ROSTERS

The Roster is now available in the sacristy. Please pick up your copy.

We are in urgent need of **Saturday night Acolytes** please. If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte please contact Father Bernard.

## BENEDICTINE NUNS JAMBEROO ONLINE RETREATS

The Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo are beginning to offer online retreats. Our upcoming retreat is titled:

### *Leading Strings of Love*

Retreat starts on 3 Jan 2021 and goes for 40 days

Register for the above retreat if you would like to gently give yourself to being exposed to ever deepening depths of relationship with the person of Christ.

The Benedictine Promises will be your leading strings of love during the retreat.

For more information and other retreats, go to the following link on our website:

[www.jamberooabbey.org.au](http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au) - click on **Retreats**

## 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

All Scripture (SRE) classes are now finished. Wishing all our Catechists and families a very happy new year and a safe and restful holiday season.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator



## SUMMER NIGHTS 2021 (YOUTH)

The Summer Schools of Evangelisation that have been running around Australia for over 30 years have responded to the challenge of COVID, and are combining to run a program for young people at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville in January 2021.

There are two options (the retreat is run twice during the week):

**Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 January** (3pm to 9pm) &

**Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 January** (3pm to 9pm)

COVID-safe dinner is provided each day.

For age 16-35 year olds.

The retreat will feature excellent quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass, adoration and reconciliation are available each day.

It will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat centre. A stage will be brought in to hold all the sessions. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community.

For more information and to Register: [www.summerschool.org.au](http://www.summerschool.org.au).

## THANKS

A great word of thanks to Lyla Basha, her family and the many supporters in the parish as they were able to raise \$1,070.00 to help in the running of the parish in these difficult times. It is greatly appreciated.

God bless you!

## 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

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

*St. Basil: 329–379*

*St. Gregory: c. 329–390*

*Feast Day: January 2*

*Patron Saints of Russia, monks, hospital administrators, and poets*



S. BASILIUS MAGNUS  
S. GREGORIUS NAZIANZENSIS

Saints Basil and Gregory greatest contributions were as theologians who defined, fundamentally and decisively, what the word Trinity actually means; how Jesus is both fully God and fully man; and how the Holy Spirit is related to God the Father. Such definitions and distinctions may seem technical, abstract, or remote. But it is always the most obvious things—the most necessary things—that are the most difficult to explain. Why do things fall down instead of up? Why does the sun rise in the east instead of the west? Why are there seven days in a week and twelve months in a year?

To today's saints we owe the decisive words that the Holy Spirit "proceeds" from the Father and the Son. These words fall simply and familiarly from our lips. But the word "proceeds" was the fruit of intense thought and prayer. The Father generated the Son, but the Holy Spirit "proceeds" from them both. Interesting. Dozens of millions of Catholics says reflexively every Sunday that the second person of the Trinity is "consubstantial" with the Father. Not equal in origin. Not equal in role. But "consubstantial," or equal in nature.

Thank you Saints Basil and Gregory! Thank you great Bishops and Doctors of the early Church! Thank you for pulling aside the veil of mystery for a peek into the Godhead. Without the teachings of the 4th century on the Trinity and Christ, there would be no Christmas trees. Think about that. Why celebrate the Christ child if He were not God? But He is God. So carols are composed, mangers are displayed, lights are hung, and gifts are exchanged. Culture happens, culture flourishes, when theology makes sense. Thank you Saints Basil and Gregory for...everything!

*O noble Bishops and Doctors Basil and Gregory, we ask for your continued intercession to enlighten our minds to the truths of our faith, to remove the dark shadows that cause confusion, and to assist us in recognizing that good theology understands God as He understands Himself. When you gave us good teaching you gave us God. We seek nothing more. AMEN.*

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**Please contact parish office if you would like us to add to the below to pray for someone**

**Call 9653 2312 or email: [arcadia.parish@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.parish@bigpond.com)**

### 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 ENCOURAGED.  
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**

**Parish Office: 9653 2312**

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

**Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**

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