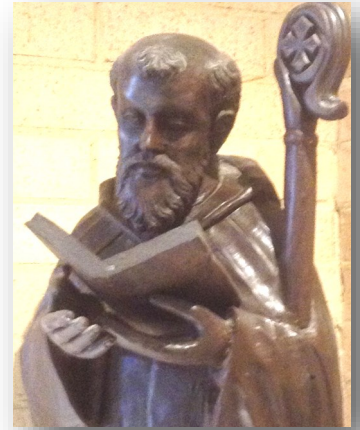


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Devote yourself often to prayer.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church	7:00pm
Sunday at Monastery Chapel	7:00am
Sunday at Parish Church	9:00am

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

Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday 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.

The Holy Family

30th and 31st December 2017

First Reading

A reading from the book of
Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his way.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 2:22-40

*The child grew to maturity,
and he was filled with wisdom.*

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, 31 December 2017

Liturgy of the Hours

Seven times a day I will praise you
Psalm 119:164

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, commemorating the life of Jesus, the Virgin Mary and St Joseph as a family.

“Let us not lose confidence in the family! It is beautiful when we can always open our hearts to one another, and hide nothing. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness. To all of you, dear families, I entrust this most important mission - the domestic pilgrimage of daily family life - which the world and the Church need, now more than ever.”

Pope Francis

Feast of the Holy Family, December 2015

Mary, the Mother of God

Feast Day 1 January 2018

On this feast day we celebrate Mary's motherhood of Jesus.

The Council of Ephesus in AD 431 affirmed that Mary is *Theotokos* - the “bearer of God” - because her son, Jesus, is both God and man: one divine person with two natures, human and divine.

Holy Mother of God pray for us

Mass Times for New Year's Day

Monastery	7am
Parish	7pm

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 La Spina, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi & Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister).

The **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** will resume in February with an Information evening for parents followed by information sessions on Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Monday, 19 February 2018** at 7.30pm.

Dates for information sessions are as follows.

RECONCILIATION

Session 1 26 February
Session 2 5 March
Session 3 12 March
Session 4 19 March

Reconciliation will take place on **Saturday, 24 March** at 2pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Session 1 7 May
Session 2 14 May
Session 3 21 May
Session 4 28 May

First Eucharist will take place during the 9am mass on **Sunday, 3 June**, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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

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

The **PARISH LOG BOOK** will be available next weekend for collection.

If you would like to provide an article please email the office by next Friday, 5 January.

Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

ALPHA

We are planning to introduce Alpha into our parish mid 2018.

Alpha is a series of sessions that explore the Christian faith. Topics include:

Who is Jesus?
Why did Jesus die?
Why and how do I pray?
Why and how do I read the Bible?

Sessions include a meal, a talk and a small group discussion in a friendly and informal environment.

If you would like more information about ALPHA please talk to Father Bernard or contact Sandra on 9653 2312.

MEETINGS 1–5 January

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

The **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP** will resume meetings on **Tuesday, 6 February** at 7.30pm.

PLAYGROUP will resume on **Monday, 5 February** from 10am to 12noon.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention



Gospel reading for Next Week

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

YEAR B

Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful

New Year from St Benedict's



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 6-7 January 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Jim Shipley
R1	Jim O'Connor	Karen De Souza
R2	Virginia Tanna	Bernadette Watt
P	Mary Cascun	Margaret Florian
AS		Gebzan Azzi
EM	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
EM	Margaret Bensley	Trish Shipley
EM		Pam Galbraith
EM		Kath Moran
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Lyla Abood
CT		Peter & Bernadette
WEL		Grace & Margaret M

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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