

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



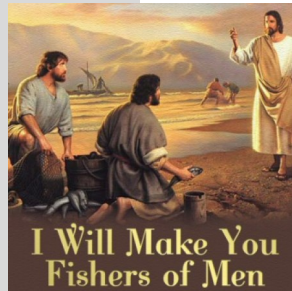
To desire eternal life with all spiritual longing.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

Church Attendance:
One person per 4sqm,
maximum 100 people.

Masks are mandatory

**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.**



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

23 & 24 January 2021

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.

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Repent, and believe the Good News.

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Gospel reading for this Week**Mark 1:14-20**

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.'

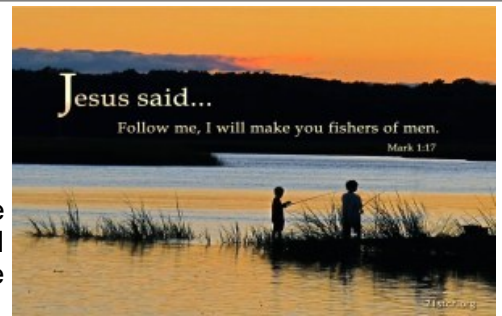
As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

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.

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION****Mark 1:14-20**

How many times have commitments you made changed your daily routine? What commitments have changed your life?

"I promise . . ." Those words lie at the base of our moral character. Not only do they require that our deeds match our words. They demand that we change to match our words. The vows of marriage mean abandoning the single life. A job change or school choice means old friends and habits are lost. Even a brief moment that shows moral strength can resonate throughout our lives. Consider how many lives have been changed because of a simple moral lapse in a fleeting moment.

In truth, we have all made false promises and wrong moral choices. Faced with these facts, can we change for the better? In Mark's gospel, Jesus proclaimed a renewal of moral character based upon a simple invitation: "Follow me."

"Follow me." The invitation Jesus gave his early followers is the same he makes to us now. He invites us to change and believe. We need to realize he not only give us the challenge, he gives us the means to abandon our former life of sin and to trust in God. He gifts us with the Spirit. So, the call of Jesus is not only a direction; it is a helping hand. Human frailty may trip us from time to time, but the Lord will not disappoint. When we follow the Lord, he leads us and sustains us.

Try to look at your life this past week through God's eyes.

Write down your spiritual successes and failures.

How has God helped you with your successes?

How have you disappointed God with your failures?

Pray God renews your commitment to his Son this coming week.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Roster is now available in the sacristy.

30/1/21 to 31/1/21 – 4th Sunday Ord. Time Year B		
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Mary Gambino	Peter Goodwin
Reader2	Margaret Bensley	Gebran Azzi
Prayers		Lorraine Dailey
TV		
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Theresa Neely



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS 9.30AM Tuesday January 26th

Make the most of the Australia Day holiday on Tuesday. It is the last public holiday now until Easter, two months away!

Australia's national day evokes a variety of responses and emotions – patriotism and national pride, of course, but also debate about the appropriateness of holding it on January 26, disappointment that summer holidays are coming to an end, and the anticipation of a new academic year.

This is why it is important to attend Mass to celebrate our national day and pray for our country. So we can praise and be thankful of God's blessing on our land and people. The need for reconciliation for past and present injustices and divisions, and on seeking God's continued guidance for the future our beautiful country Australia.

FRESH FLOWERS

Thank you for the volunteers bringing in the fresh flowers for our altar. If anyone can bring **fresh** flowers from their garden for the Church altar it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember there are no flowers on the altar during Lent until Easter Day. However, small plants or simple bunches made up of leaves and branches are permissible during Lent. God bless you!



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

As schools return this week and in preparation for the return to SRE (Scripture) lessons, training is available for all Catechists - **Safeguarding Children training** this Thursday 28th January from 10am -12pm via Zoom. **Ministry Induction training** will be held over several weeks starting on Monday 8th February, as a morning course 10am -12pm OR and afternoon course 1pm -3pm. Please contact me for further information.

SRE (Scripture) lesson starting dates to be advised.

If you love working with children and would like to share your faith with others, please consider joining this ministry. Free training and teaching manuals are provided, all you need is faith! Remember God does not call the able, he makes able the called. If you feel that you are called, talk to me or Fr Bernard.

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

PARISH SWEETS STALL

Since the Christmas stall was so successful, Lila Bacha has decided to do a sweets, cakes and biscuits stall every month, 50% of all sales will be donated to the parish. Any donations of money or items for sale will be 100% to the parish.



First stall date: Weekend of the **5th to the 7th February 2021** (after Mass on Friday 7pm, Saturday 7pm, Sunday 7am Chapel, 9am and 10.30am, and 4.30pm Latin Mass.)

Please feel free to bring items for sale to help the parish.

For any queries or donations please call Lila Bacha on 96521113 or 0418360024.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church.

Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit www.aidtochurch.org

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

Saint Paula

c. 347-404

Feast Day: January 26

Patron Saint of widows



Born in Rome of a noble family on May 5, 347. Paula married Toxotius, and the couple had five children - Toxotius, Blesilla, Paulina, Eustochium, and Rufina. They were regarded as an ideal married couple, and on her husband's death in 379, she renounced the world, lived in the greatest austerity, and devoted herself to helping the poor.

She met St. Jerome in 382 through St. Epiphanius and Paulinus of Antioch and was closely associated with Jerome in his work while he was in Rome. The death of her daughter Blesilla in 384 left her heartbroken, and in 385 she left Rome with Eustochium, traveled to the Holy Land with Jerome, and a year later settled in Bethlehem under his spiritual direction. She and Eustochium built a hospice, a monastery, and a convent, which Paula governed. She became Jerome's closest confidante and assistant, taking care of him and helping him in his biblical work, build numerous churches, which were to cause her financial difficulties in her old age, and died at Bethlehem on January 26.

Dear Lord, help us to be like Saint Paula, to always think of others before ourselves and to help the poor and all those in need. AMEN.

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021

HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

AMEN



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 MANDATORY.
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

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Arcadia 2159**

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

Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

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