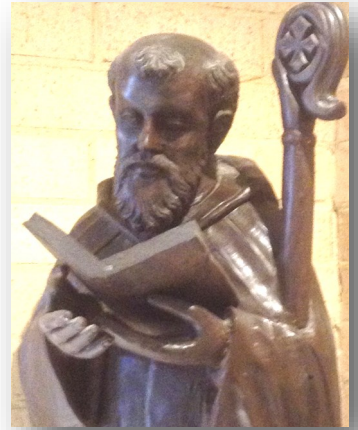


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*Let us run in the way of God's commandments,
our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love.*

Rule of St Benedict, Prologue



3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

15 & 16 December 2018

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm

**Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading

**A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Philippians 4:4-7**
The Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**
Alleluia!

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 3:10-18**
What, then, must we do?

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.

Introduction

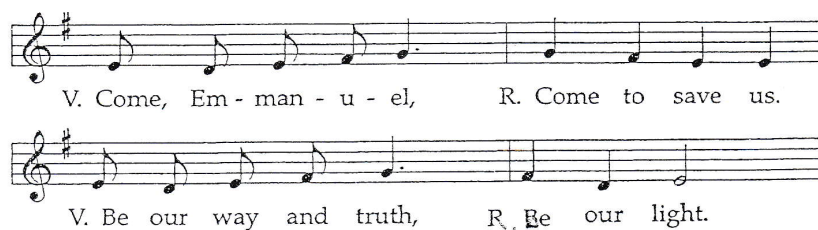
Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. As we continue this Advent Season, we ask you to bless this Advent wreath. We honour and remember your first coming at Bethlehem, You are coming, now, among us in grace. We recall your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that they may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as universal king for ever and ever.

All Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(The first, second and third (rose - joy) candle, *The Shepherd's Candle*, are now lit by the Acolyte. We recall that shepherds were the first to hear the news of the birth of the Messiah.)

Reader Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You know your flock and call each by name.

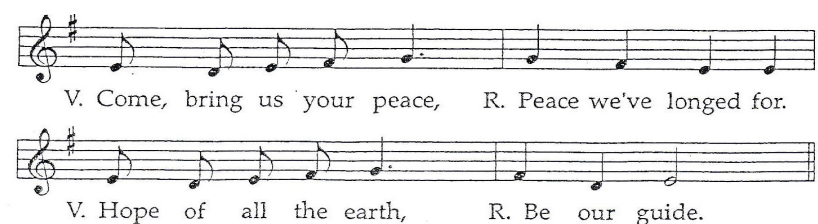


V. Come, Em - man - u - el, R. Come to save us.

V. Be our way and truth, R, Be our light.

Composed by Father Stephen List,
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Reader Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out and look for the lost sheep and lay down your life for them.



V. Come, bring us your peace, R. Peace we've longed for.

V. Hope of all the earth, R. Be our guide.

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In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Peter Canavan and Sr Monica Sparks. 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 Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Freya Sunderland & Guy Guiana.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This is the last weekend for the donation of goods that will be made up into Christmas hampers. The hampers will be delivered early in the week beginning **17 December**. We thank you for all that you have given us thus far.

Financial donations to the Appeal can be made right up until Christmas. More information will be available then on the total amount collected.

Conference members wish you many Christmas blessings.

Spirit of Christmas Dinner

Date Tuesday, 25 December
Time: 6- 9 pm

We have hosted a Christmas Dinner in our parish for the past 9 years. This is a special time to come and celebrate Christmas together.

Everyone is welcome - in particular those who may not have family or friends to celebrate Christmas with.

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735 or 9653 2312
e.arcadia.parity@bigpond.com.

RSVP Thursday, 20 December

If you would like to be involved with the Christmas Liturgies, please write your name on the **DRAFT CHRISTMAS ROSTER** outside the sacristy.

THIS SUNDAY the **PIETY STALL** will be open and selling cards and gifts for Christmas.

Could **PRAYER GROUP** leaders please advise the office whether you will be continuing your groups over the Christmas and New Year period.

Please complete a **CENSUS FORM** if you have not already done so and tick if you would like to be included in our **FETE MAILING LIST**. Tickets will be mailed in the new year.

ALPHA - 2019 - Come and See!

Would you be interested in joining us for a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Alpha is a ten week programme that looks at different aspects of faith such as Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die?

Times and dates for 2019 to be confirmed.
Contact Sandra 0410 587 735 or 9653 2312

CATECHIST NEWS: Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas filled with God's blessings and love.

God bless,
Miriam Brown
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator 9652 0558

Parish Fete - Sunday, 10 March 2019

Keep this date in your diary!

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 96533473 or the parish office.

PARISH LOG BOOK: We will soon start compiling our annual record of life in the parish for the year. Could all the different groups in the parish please provide a short article for inclusion? Could individual parishioners consider contributing an article as well, especially about an event you have attended over the year and would like to comment on, or maybe a funny story or poem!

Please leave items in the parish office or email to arcadia.parity@bigpond.com.

Christmas Mass Times
Tuesday, 25 December

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 7pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monastery Chapel 7am

Parish Church 9am

PLEASE NOTE: the Parish Meeting room is out of bounds until further notice

Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

During this Advent Season let us be reminded
that Jesus sees children as recipients and
models, and even the measure of the Kingdom.

(Gundry-Volf & Kelly)

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au
ph. 8379 1605

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 22 to 23 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Mary Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R2	Margaret Bensley	Kath Moran
P	Mary Cascun	Bernadette Watt
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Liliana Nati
EM	Pip Gibian	Margaret Florian
EM		Marisa Quattrocchi
EM		Robin Barbara
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Karen De Souza
CT		Lorraine & Peter G
WEL		Kath & Grace

PLAYGROUP Mondays during school term(s)

Last playgroup for the year **Monday, 17 December**.
Please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 if you would
like to join us. 10am-12noon

Gospel reading for Next Week 4th Sunday in Advent Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 1:39-44

**Why should it happen that I am honoured with a
visit from the mother of my Lord?**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Our beloved Sister Monica passed over to
God on 11 December in her 85th year and in
the 66th year of Religious Life.

May she delight in seeing Our Lord face to
face and hear His loving words, 'Well done,
good and faithful friend'.

Funeral of Peter Canavan

Monday, 17 December at 11am
in the Monastery Chapel

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.