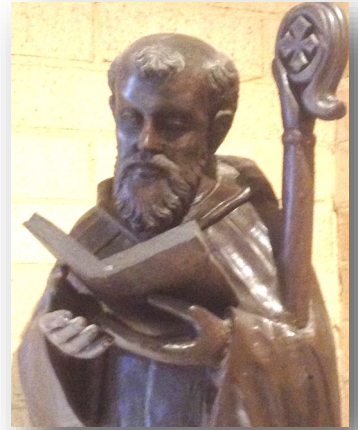


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Love your enemies

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 and 19 August 2018

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs 9:1-6
Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20
Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 6:51-58
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

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

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

A special welcome this Sunday to Leonardo, son of Caroline and Andre, and brother of Olivia who will be baptised during 9am Mass.

May the Holy Spirit bless you always



The next **ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FETE** will be on

Sunday, 10 March 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay are holding Listening and Dialogue sessions so that all can contribute towards the Plenary Council 2020.

Keep up to date at
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

PUBLIC LECTURE BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ANGAELOS OF LONDON (COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH) - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECUMENISM: PRESENT AND FUTURE

Archbishop Angaelos is the President for the Orthodox Churches, Churches Together England, and works extensively for Religious freedom and Ecumenism. He is also a Member of the Coptic Delegation to the World Council of Churches. Hosted by the National Council of Churches in Australia and The New South Wales Ecumenical Council.

Date Wednesday 22 August 2018

Time 5pm to 7pm

Venue NCCA & NSWEC Rooms, Level 7, 379 Kent Street, Sydney

register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/413042>

Lectio Divina

read meditate pray contemplate

Is anyone interested in meeting on a regular basis to pray through Scripture?

Proposed times and days:
 every second and fourth Thursday and Friday
 from 9.30am to 10am.

Start date to be confirmed.

Sandra m. 0410 587 735
 e. arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

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 Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister) & Sr Monica.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: Training will be available for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist following 9am Mass on Sunday, 26 August.

FATIMA COMMITTEE MEETING: All Committee members are asked to attend the next Fatima Committee meeting on Monday, 27 August at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Visitors are welcome.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE KIT LAUNCHED BY THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY: The Catholic Life & Faith Formation team has developed a Resource Kit, *A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence*, which provides clear information around the Church's teaching on the dignity and value of the human person, and practical steps of response to domestic violence for everyone in the community. The Kit is available in hardcopy and online at www.bbcatholic.org.au. A hard copy is also available at the front entrance to the Church.

Is your **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** due for renewal? If you volunteer in a child-related ministry in this parish you must have a current **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**. The definition of working with children is that direct contact by a worker with a child or children is taken to be a usual part of and more than incidental to the worker's work.

Volunteers in the following parish ministries require **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:**

Senior altar servers
Children's mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Catechists; and
The Sacramental programme.

Please ensure that the Office of the Children's Guardian AND the parish office have your up to date contact details. Your **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** must also be verified by the parish office. For this purpose, the parish office requires your full name, date of birth and **WORKING WITH CHILDREN** number.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SUPPLIED the parish office with their **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** number: we are updating our parish records which may mean printing new verification reports. As a result, you may receive an email stating that you are cleared to work at St Benedict's. You do not need to respond to this.

The Safeguarding office of the Diocese is preparing a toolkit for parishes with regard to **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**. Once this is available - in about late October - further details and information on requirements will be provided as relevant to our parish ministries. For any questions please see Father Bernard.

Office of the Children's Guardian p. 9286 7219
www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

CATECHIST NEWS Continuing with information from Alison Newell from CCD

'Murray Norman, spokesperson for the Inter Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools says "The overwhelming majority of parents want the choice of faith-based values to be taught to children, which is exactly what SRE does." Indeed, 71% of parents in NSW public primary schools are currently opting in to SRE for their children and it enjoys the overwhelming support of parents, principals and school communities. Norman says the Survey (of Values, Education and Faith in Australia) outcomes "endorse the importance of spirituality and programs like SRE within education."

Would you like to be involved in a ministry that reaches out to our local schools to help teach these Christian values? If so, please contact Fr Bernard or myself.

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

PUTTING RUNGS ON THE LADDER This annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Sydney and Parramatta Diocese, looks at celebrating our social justice work and reflecting on the 2017-18 Social Justice statement "Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy."

Date Wednesday 22 August 2018
Time 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Venue Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills
Enquiries Cristina Gomez 8379 1628
faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE RETREATS
BENEDICT'S TOOLS FOR PEACE 8 September

TEN PLACES have been reserved for St Benedict's parishioners: if you would like to join us or find out more about this retreat day please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 by Friday, 31 August. 10am-3pm Gold coin donation; morning tea provided, bring your own lunch.

MEETINGS this week

Sunday	10am	Eucharistic Minister training
Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Tuesday	7.30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

The **ROSTER** is available and can be collected from the sacristy.

OPEN DAY - Sunday, 9 September 2018

St Aloysius' College

Junior School (Yrs 3 to 6) 9.30am -12pm 29 Burton St, Milsons Point
Senior School (Yrs 7 to 12) 10.30am -1pm, 47 Upper Pitt Street, Milsons Point.

For further information contact the Registrar : ph. 9936 5535

Office of Safeguarding– Broken Bay

“A child-focused complaints process is an important strategy for helping children and others in institutions to make complaints.”
(Final Report 2017, Royal Commission)

This means

- ◊The process is not slow in addressing the concern/complaint
- ◊Children know who to speak to if they have a concern/ complaint
- ◊Children are listened to, they are believed, they are supported and
- ◊Children feel comfortable and empowered by the complaints process

For more information contact the Office of Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 25 & 26 August

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Jim Shipley
R1	Miriam Brown	Margaret Florian
R2	Margaret Bensley	Judy Horton
P	Mary Camilleri	Peter Bellew
AS		
EM	Paul Camilleri	Kath Moran
EM	Angela Scotti	Liliana Nati
EM		Pam Galbraith
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Mark Quirk
M		Marisa Quattrocchi
M		Karen & Helen F
CL1		Gebzan Azzi
CL2		Lyla Abood
MT		Mary Abood
CT		Bernadette & Lorraine
WEL		Jessie & Margaret Mc

PLAYGROUP Mondays during school term(s)

Monday, 27 August LIVVI'S PLACE, KELLYVILLE

Monday, 3 September BAKING AND BOATS: Come along for a morning of baking cookies and making boats!

RSVP by Thursday, 30 August. Gold coin donation.

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

Gospel reading for Next Week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, ‘Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?’

‘It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, ‘This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.’ After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

Next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting
7.30pm Tuesday, 4 September

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

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm
Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883
Email: arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com
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.