

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*To listen gladly to holy reading.*  
*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



**COVID-19 EASING OF RESTRICTIONS:**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE:**

**One person per 4sqm approx. 200 people.**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Contact Paula for:  
Parish bookings  
on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays)  
or 0423 078 282

Online Booking:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>

**PARISH:**

**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

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**MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses**

Contact Father David for:

Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays	7:00am
Daily	7:00am

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Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

**BAPTISMS  
RECONCILIATION  
FOR THE SICK  
MARRIAGES  
FUNERALS**

**Father Bernard: 0416 032 497**

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

11 & 12 July 2020

**Entrance Antiphon**

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:10-11  
*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 64:10-14 R Lk8:8

The seed that falls on good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23  
*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the  
children of God.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
All who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 13:1-23  
*A sower went out to sow.*

**Communion Antiphon**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

**Gospel reading for this Week**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**  
**Matthew 13:1-9**

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



The Gospel of the Lord.

The Jerusalem Bible translation of Scripture is used in the Australian Lectionary for Mass, Vols I, II and III (London: Collins Liturgical, 1981).  
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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
 Matthew 11:25-30

The connection between the sower in the parable and Jesus, who is spreading the seeds of God's word through his preaching, may be evident.

But can you imagine yourself as the sower, the one who continues to take the good seeds of God's word and sow them in the world today?

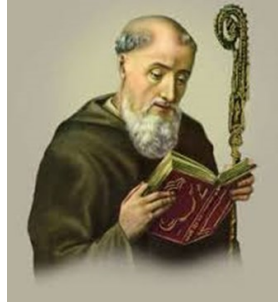
It is the disciples' task to scatter the seeds in the same fashion as the sower in the parable, with lavish abandon, scattering the seeds far and wide so the word of God can take root in the most unlikely places.

Remember that before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commissioned the disciples to spread the Good News of God to the ends of the earth. This is our mission as well.

The most powerful way of spreading the word of God is through the witness of our own lives, in which case we become the word of God.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Benedict, Abbot

Feastday: July 11  
Birth: 480 Norcia Italy  
Death: 543  
Patron of students and Europe

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica.

Benedict gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village. When God called him beyond this quiet life to an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco. Although becoming a hermit was not his purpose in leaving, there he lived as a hermit under the direction of another hermit, Romanus.

After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted -- then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The story goes, the monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup - it shattered.

So Benedict was on his own again -- but not for long. The next set of followers were more sincere and he set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve.

He left these monasteries abruptly when the envious attacks of another hermit made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

But it was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

After almost 1,500 years of monastic tradition his direction seems obvious to us. However, Benedict was an innovator. No one had ever set up communities like his before or directed them with a rule. What is part of history to us now was a bold, risky step into the future.

Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict -- still directing religious life after 15 centuries.

Benedict did not want to lose the power of voice to reach up to God simply because others had use it to sink down to the gutter. He reminded us "Let us consider our place in sight of God and of his angels. Let us rise in chanting that our hearts and voices harmonize." There was always a voice reading aloud in his communities at meals, to receive guests, to educate novices. Hearing words one time was not enough -- "We wish this Rule to be read frequently to the community."

Benedict instructed his followers to practice sacred reading -- the study of the very Scriptures they would be praying in the Work of God. Four to six hours were set aside each day for this sacred reading. If monks had free time it "should be used by the brothers to practice psalms." Lessons from Scripture were to be spoken from memory not read from a book. On Benedict's list of "Instruments of Good Works" is "to enjoy holy readings."

## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

*Chapter 7 (continued)*

We are, indeed, forbidden to do our own will by Scripture, which saith to us: *Turn away from thine own will.* Moreover, we ask God in prayer that his will be done in us.

And rightly are we taught not to do our own will, since we dread that sentence of Scripture: *There are ways which men seem right, but the ends thereof lead to the depths of hell;* and since we fear also what is said of the careless: *They are corrupt and have become abominable in their pleasures.* And in regard to the desires of the flesh, let us believe that God is always present to us, since the prophet says to the Lord: *All my desire is before thee.*

## FEAST OF ST BENEDICT JULY 11TH 2020

### PRAYER

*Dear Saint Benedict,*

*I thank God for showering you with His grace to love Him above all else and to establish a monastic rule that has helped so many of His children live full and holy lives.*

*Through the cross of Jesus Christ,*

*I ask you to please intercede that God might protect me,  
my loved ones, my home, property, possessions,  
and workplace today and always by your holy blessing,  
that we may never be separated from Jesus, Mary,  
and the company of all the blessed.*

*Through your intercession may we be delivered from temptation,  
spiritual oppression, physical ills, and disease.*

*Protect us from drug and alcohol abuse, impurity and immorality,  
objectionable companions, and negative attitudes.*

*In Jesus' Name.*

**AMEN**

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR July 2020

### OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**AMEN**



## NEW ADDITIONAL PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 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

**EASING OF RESTRICTIONS: 4SQM rules apply (fits approximately 200 people in our church)**

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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## In Our Parish

**We remember in our prayers** - all our dearly beloved who have died, especially the late Biagina Rubino.

**We welcome into God's family** - to all who were recently baptised.

**We pray for the sick of our Parish, our country and throughout the world.**

## PARISH FUNDS

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations! We are overwhelmed with your generosity!

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected. Also especially with the Fete being cancelled this year has set us back quite a bit.

For those wanting to make payments online directly to our bank account here are the details **ONLINE ONLY**:

BSB: **062 784**  
Acct: **1446 8001**  
Name: **Catholic Parish of Arcadia**  
Bank: **Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Catholic Development Fund**

If you cannot transfer online please contact the office and we will provide you with deposit slip.

Another option is to pay by **credit card** just contact the parish office on 9653 2312 or email [arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com)

## Catholic Church's National Appeal for SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to:

[bit.ly/seasundayaustralia](http://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)

For further information, please call:

Ros Rajasingam on 0481 910 245 or visit the website:

[www.aos-australia.org](http://www.aos-australia.org)

## UNI STUDENTS

Free to Parish Uni Student:

One Tektronix CRO/ Oscilloscope Analogue 60MHz.  
2 Channel.

Please contact Tom on: 0419 802 936

## FUNDRAISING

Do you have any ideas for fundraising? Please contact the office on 9653 2312. We would love to hear your ideas!

*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.*

## CATECHIST NEWS

Scripture (SRE) classes resume next term! Please continue to keep our Catechists and the students that they teach, in your prayers at this time and during the holiday season.

Free training is being provided by the CCD online to all Catechists. **The CCD will be hosting online training for Safeguarding Children via Zoom during the school holidays Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12pm.** Please register one week prior to the date on 8379 1643 or [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au)

We are looking for relief catechists to fill in. Please watch this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/IONdRTBJwxo>

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

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.

## CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting will resume every Friday night after 7pm Mass, as well as Wednesday mornings after 9.30am Mass. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403116987.

## EASING OF RESTRICTIONS—COVID 19

There is now a 4sqm rule per person. Bookings is still essential or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.

We ask that everyone attending the Parish throughout the week and weekend please adhere to social distancing guidelines and sanitize your hands at the door.

Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.

If you are not well or experiencing flu-like symptoms, please stay home until you get better!

## PLANTS FOR SALE



Judy Horton has some **donated** plants for sale:

200mm Gardenias and Murrayas: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10  
Advanced Banksias: \$10 each

**All proceeds will go to our parish.**  
Please call Judy on 0419 604 701



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo  
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods  
7 July 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Evangelist Matthew describes a simple, but powerful encounter between Jesus, little children, their parents and carers, and Jesus' disciples ([Matthew 19:13-14](#)). Matthew tells us that the children were being brought to Jesus so that he might lay hands on them and pray. It is a beautiful, intimate and pure moment of communion. In that moment of encounter with Jesus the wellbeing of the children is paramount. With Jesus, the children are happy, healthy, and holy. They are safe. Meanwhile, the disciples and those who brought the children to Jesus are caught up in an altercation. It seems that their daily schedule had not provided space for this meeting. Maybe the structure of the timetable did not allow for spontaneous moments or the needs of others. Whatever the case, Jesus intervenes saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them". This is clearly a God moment, and the disciples cannot quite see it.

In the Gospel according to Mark, the Evangelist reports the episode of the blind man of Jericho named Bartimæus ([Mark 10:46-52](#)). Sitting by the side of the road, this person was both blind and a beggar. He is alone and looking for compassion. At one level, he desires human companionship, because on his own he is vulnerable and isolated. At the same time, this person desires healing and he asks for mercy. It is tempting to think that the healing he desires is outward looking, that is, his eyesight. However, his vulnerability is also inward looking. Bartimæus shouts out to Jesus because he seeks inner healing and spiritual well-being. In sum, this vulnerable person realises that Jesus will understand him and suffer with him, which is the deepest sign of compassion and mercy. In that moment when Jesus calls Bartimæus, they become one. In that moment, we have a glimpse of Jesus suffering on the cross for the salvation of all.

These two passages from the New Testament are a powerful reminder of how the business of discipleship can sometimes distract us from the true purpose of following Jesus. The busyness of activism can reduce the Christian life to a series of meetings, debates, and endless conversations about strategy and process. The mindfulness of belonging to Jesus, of being present in and through him, and of being sent on mission to proclaim Christ to the world, primarily by a life of witness to the Good News, can often be missing.

As the community of the Church of Broken Bay, we can never risk being so caught up in this kind of bureaucracy. The two examples from the Scriptures above are powerful reminders of how Jesus cares for children and vulnerable people. The safety and well-being of all people in the community of the Church and beyond is part of who we are as disciples of Jesus. Likewise, the conviction that all people in the community must be respected and cared for will inform and direct what we do as we live out our Christian vocation.

Beginning with my own ministry as your bishop, I hope that the determination to live the Gospel is something that each of us will commit to. In this way, we will be faithful to Christ who respected, protected, and cared for the children, the vulnerable, and indeed all people.

Peace be with you,

+Anthony

Office Hours:	Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm	Website:	<a href="http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia">www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia</a>
Parish Office:	9653 2312	Facebook:	stbenedictsarcadia
Parish Priest:	Fr. Bernard McGrath OSB	Address:	Cnr Fagans & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159
After hours:	0416 032 497	Monastery:	9653 1159
Email:	<a href="mailto:arcadia.parish@bigpond.com">arcadia.parish@bigpond.com</a>	Good Samaritan Sisters:	9653 1231

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters  
please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.



## National Men's Gathering 2020

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering will be held online this year and is a wonderful opportunity to connect Catholic men, encouraging and inspiring them with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission.

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

## Position Vacant - Facilities & WHS Officer, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of **Facilities & WHS Officer**. This is a full time, one year fixed term role based at Pennant Hills.

The Facilities & WHS Officer provides facilities management and expertise in maintaining Diocesan assets as well as assisting with the coordination and management of Chancery and Parish WHS responsibilities.

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

**COVID-19 RELIEF: CAMPION COLLEGE MORE THAN TRIPLES SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2021 STUDENTS**  
*Catholic Tertiary College Offers \$5000 Scholarships for Early Enrolments*

Campion College, Australia's first tertiary liberal arts college, has more than tripled the amount of money awarded to all new students who enrol early to study in 2021.

In view of the financial hardship and uncertainty facing many Australians due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sydney-based college has decided to increase its Early Enrolment Scholarship from \$1500 to \$5000 per student.

Those wishing to be eligible for the Early Enrolment Scholarship must be Australian residents planning to commence in 2021 as full-time students and accept their letter of offer by **Thursday 15 October 2020**. Year 12 students applying for an Early Offer will also be eligible to receive the scholarship.

"There isn't a single person in the country who hasn't been touched in some way by this virus or the lockdown," Campion president Dr Paul Morrissey said.

"Many have lost jobs, livelihoods and loved ones. We feel it's important to acknowledge this and to help new students undertake Campion's high-ranking degree, particularly those who might not otherwise have had the chance."

The latest national Student Experience Survey showed Campion achieved a 96.3 per cent overall student satisfaction rate – topping not only the highest university score of 93 per cent but punching well above the 78 per cent national average.

"I strongly encourage anyone with a love of learning, including those who haven't yet settled on a career path, to consider enrolling at Campion for 2021, especially in view of this fantastic scholarship offer, thanks to our very generous sponsors," Dr Morrissey said.

Campion offers a three-year Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts and a one-year Diploma of Liberal Arts.

The scholarship can be deposited directly into the student's bank account, or used to reduce tuition or accommodation fees. The latter option would be particularly useful for interstate students as it effectively reduces on-campus accommodation costs by 50 per cent.

Learn more about the Early Enrolment Scholarship: <https://www.campion.edu.au/scholarships/early-enrolment/>

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