

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

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Contact Father David for:

Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays	7:00am
Daily	7:00am

Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Father Bernard: 0416 032 497

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18 & 19 July 2020

Entrance Antiphon

*See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13. 16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-16. R v.5
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27
*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could
never be put into words.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 13:24-30
Let them grow together until the harvest.

Communion Antiphon

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.*

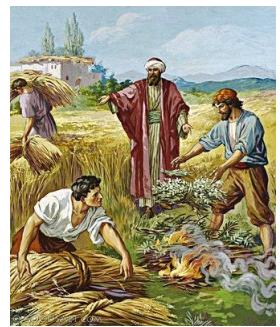
Gospel reading for this Week
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

The Gospel of the Lord.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
 Matthew 13:24-30

The Church is comprised of many different kinds of people, but all are on the way to holiness. Another way to say this is that the Church is a gathering of sinners who are caught up in the salvation of Jesus because of the cross and who, together, are helping one another become holy; therefore, we acknowledge the existence of sin in our world and in ourselves for we are all in the process of journeying toward perfection. It is a process of becoming in which good and evil exist simultaneously within each of us.

The option of choosing good or evil always exists because God created humans and angels as creatures with intellects and free will; sometimes our choices, however, do not lead to perfection. In light of the revelation of God's Word, we call this sin.

Sin does exist, and for us to deny that is to be less than truthful. In our relationship with Jesus, the Word made flesh, we come to recognize this reality in our own lives.

When a believer is able to recognize sin in her or his life, she or he then has the option of making a choice to conduct her or his life more consistently with the message of Jesus—to love God and one another more fully.

Salvation is an active process that we can choose to participate in each day. Conversion can happen at any stage in the life of a human being; therefore, we need to be patient, like our heavenly Father is patient, as God's plan of salvation unfolds in each of our lives.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Mary Magdalene

Feastday: July 22

Patron of contemplative life, converts, glove makers, hairdressers, penitent sinners, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumeries, pharmacists, sexual temptation, tanners, women.

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 7 (continued)

We must be on our guard, then, against evil desires, for death lies close by the gate of delight; whence Scripture gives this command: *Go not after thy lusts*. So if *the eyes of the Lord behold the good and the evil*, and the lord is ever *looking down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there be one soul that reflects and seeks God*; and if our deeds are daily, day and night, reported to the Lord by the angels assigned to us: then, brethren, must we constantly beware, as the prophet says in the psalm, lest God some day behold us falling into evil ways and turned unprofitable, and spare us for this present time, because he is merciful and awaits our amendment, but should say to us in the future: *These things didst thou do, and I was silent*.

FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE JULY 20TH 2020

PRAYER

*Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who by conversion
became the beloved of Jesus,
thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.
You, who already possess eternal happiness
in His glorious presence,
please intercede for me, so that some day
I may share in the same everlasting joy.*

AMEN

Saint Mary Magdalene was one of the few who remained with Christ during His agony on the Cross. She visited His tomb with two other women and found it empty. It was to her that our Lord first appeared after His Resurrection. He asked her to announce His Resurrection to the Apostles.

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

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

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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

GCEA COMMITTEE MEETING

We thank God for your continued active partnership in seeing the gospel go forth in our local community. We'd love your attendance and participation at our next Committee meeting. The details for the meeting are as follows:

What: GCEA Committee Meeting - Term 3
When: Monday 27th July, 7.30pm
Where: Galston Uniting Church - 11 School Rd, Galston

Roger Hokin
Youth and Young Adults Minister
Dural District Anglican Churches
GCEA Secretary
roger@duralanglican.org.au
0413 067 770

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE

Catholic Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation Weekend. We are open for a face to face marriage preparation weekend August 1-2 at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills. Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and married life. Spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

Further information and registration:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

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 this week! We are looking forward to being back in class with the children. Please keep all our Catechists and the children that they teach in your prayers.

We are always looking for reserve Catechists, especially in this current situation. If you have Wednesdays free, love to be with children and are interested in becoming a Catechist, please talk to either Fr Bernard or myself. Training is free!

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

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

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!

MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE

Have you heard of the Memory Innovations Centre?

Programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain.

Cooking, exercise, dance, art and mind exercise programs available.

Visit us for a free trial session in Waitara or join our online programs – open to all in the Diocese!

Call Jessica on (02) 9481 2659 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/mic



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
14 July 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week I reflected upon how Jesus is the foundation of our mission as a community of the Church, especially in his respect, protection, and care for the children, the vulnerable, and indeed all people. These are a description of our “core values”: respect, care, and protection of others. They are always Christ-centred and people oriented.

As a community of the faithful, an essential element of our vocation requires that we are to be vigilant in living these values. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, we are blessed to have a dedicated team whose mission is to assist us via ongoing formation and education regarding the safety of our children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

For my part, as your bishop, I meet regularly with the Director of the Office for Safeguarding. Together we discuss how as individuals and as a community we will ensure that our standards meet best practice procedures, which are correct and most effective. The work of our Safeguarding team allows me to have oversight of child related activities in our parishes, schools and works of mercy; screening and training procedures; visiting clergy audits; and Redress compliance.

I am grateful for this work as it allows full transparency and accountability and it is supported by external processes in collaboration with the Office of the Children’s Guardian. It is helpful to recognise this good work while at the same time recognising the need not to become complacent.

Within the Diocese, there is one Office for Safeguarding because we are one community of the Church. The Office includes three different teams for Chancery, Catholic Schools Office, and CatholicCare, which are under the direction of the Diocesan Director. Our Diocesan [website](#) has a dedicated page for the Safeguarding Office’s work and activities. On that page, you will find links to training and education, policies, resources and research.

Our Gospel values drive all this good work. It is important for me to ensure that our community of the Church is vigilant and that we have robust external processes to assist us in our mission to proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all.

Blessings on your week,

+Anthony



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

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>

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Facebook: [stbenedict sarcadia](https://www.facebook.com/stbenedict sarcadia)
Address: Cnr Fagans & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159
Monastery: 9653 1159
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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

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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