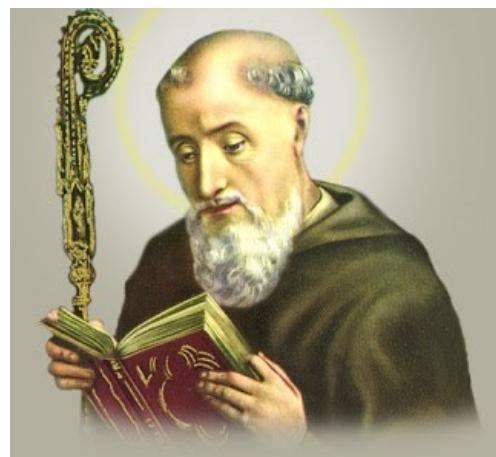


St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

*To console the sorrowing.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



All public Masses and gatherings have
been suspended until further notice

Weekend Mass

Weekday Mass

Special Masses at the Parish

Monthly Mass

Children's Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Liturgy of the Word

Baptisms are celebrated at 11.00am on
the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

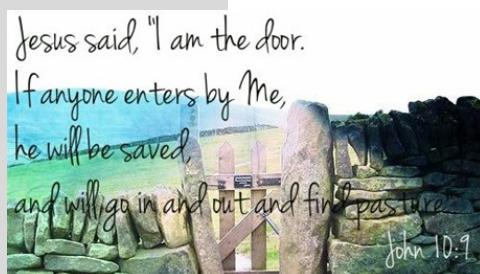
Please see Father Bernard.

Reconciliation 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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

2 & 3 May 2020

First Reading

A reading from the
Acts of the Apostles
2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:1-6 R v.1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of
St Peter 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the
shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 10:1-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with him:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful.

But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5).

And we, together with Peter,

"cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us"

(cf 1Pet 5:7).

Amen



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards:

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & Improvement.

Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe

Key Elements of Standard 9:

- ◆ Regularly reviews and improves practices
- ◆ Analyses concerns and Complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- ◆ Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help. These people in our Parish can help:

Fr Bernard 0416 032 497 & Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882

Or contact the **Office for Safeguarding on 8379 1605**

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, our country and throughout the world.

PARISH FUNDS

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected. Planned Giving, Donations and Electronic Transfers can keep us going during this difficult time. If you are in a position to do so, please consider maintaining your Planned Giving donations:

Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

BSB: **062 784**

Acct: **1446 8001**

Name: **Catholic Parish of Arcadia**

Another option is to pay by credit card just contact the parish office on 9653 2312.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Thank you for your continued support. The Charitable Works Fund is a 100% tax deductible appeal that supports five charities which make a difference to the lives of children and families in our Diocese.

Donations can be made online:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf>

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

CATECHIST NEWS

We welcome all students back to Term 2 whether learning from home or in the school classroom! As mentioned last week, the Department of Education has approved the continuation of SRE (Scripture) classes during the COVID-19 period via a Learning from Home model. Our Diocesan CCD team have been working hard to adapt lessons into PowerPoint format so that they can be delivered online. Below is the link which is available for students and families to easily access these lessons at home.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/ccd/curriculum/learning-from-home-sre-lessons>

While Catechists cannot be involved in the lesson delivery at this time, we will continue praying for all our children and their families, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in the students' lives.

Let us all keep our parish and community in our prayers at this time.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

FETE RAFFLE

LAST CALL FOR RAFFLE TICKETS. PLEASE BRING IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS BY THIS SUNDAY MORNING 3RD OF MAY. DROP THEM OFF TO THE MONASTERY.

The Raffle will still be drawn on **Sunday 3rd May** and winners will be contacted.

For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222.

SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH KATIE *Fertility Awareness Education*

Would you like to understand your fertility, or know how to manage your family naturally? Do you have fertility issues or know someone who does? Come along to find out how to effectively address these in a healthy and restorative way.

This event is particularly suitable to engaged couples, married couples, single women and all who would like to know about natural fertility.

Presented by Fertilitycare practitioner Katie Fullilove.

This session will be offered online as follows:

Date: Saturday, 2 May 2020

Time: 10:30am – 11:30am

For enquiries and to receive the Zoom link to join the meeting, please contact: katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1631

Gospel reading for next Week
Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

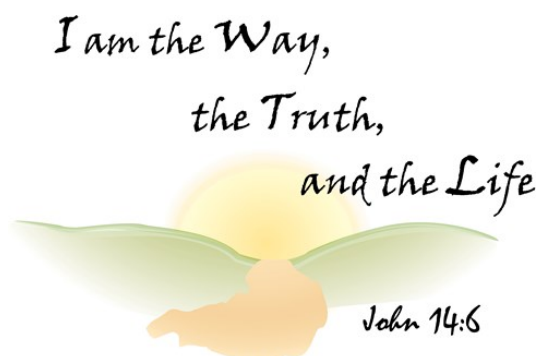
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel reading for this Week
Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

Are thieves and brigands;

But the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

He will go freely in and out

And be sure of finding pasture.

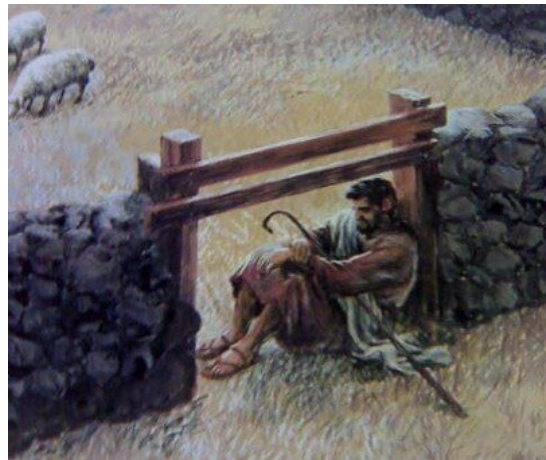
The thief comes

Only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

So that they may have life

And have it to the full.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Parish Office:	9653 2312	Office Hours:	Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm
Parish Priest:	Fr. Bernard McGrath osb	Monastery:	9653 1159
After hours:	0416 032 497	Email:	arcadia.parish@bigpond.com
Good Samaritan Sisters:	9653 1231	Website:	www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia
Facebook:	stbenedictsarcadia		

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



A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Monday 27 April 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It was my privilege to greet you all through my online video message at Easter. At the time, I spoke about how we do not ignore the sufferings and burdens of others and that we accompany them with love, hope and joy. I mentioned that we are the twenty first century disciples of Jesus and that we share the Easter joy with everyone that we meet.

In times where we are required to protect our loved ones and our communities by staying home, we are challenged as to how we might share the Easter joy.

I would like you to reflect on your Parish communities and our Diocesan Charity, The Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Giving is an act of joy – sharing what we have with our Parish community and people in our Diocese is one way to ensure that the love of Jesus Christ is available to us all. For many in our hospitals, particularly with the restriction on hospital visitors, this can be a time of anxiety and loneliness. While our CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are not able to sit at the bedsides as they would normally do, they are on the phone to patients, praying with them and providing the support of our faith. Our health care workers in the hospitals are also calling our Pastoral Care Practitioners, as they are on the front line dealing with the consequences of the pandemic on a daily basis. We are grateful that this service, funded by your donations, is available to patients and hospital staff in our community providing this much needed connection and support.

Your donations to our Charitable Works Fund provide financial assistance to five charities in our Diocese. Information can be found here <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Your Easter Gift to the people in the Diocese of Broken Bay can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/cwf or by contacting your local Parish.

I am deeply grateful for your support and generosity and pray that God may bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Mandozza

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WELCOME TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus knows each of us personally and calls us each by name. We are invited into relationship with him to know and follow him. When we know him, we recognise his voice and are able to respond to his call. To truly know Christ is to choose to follow him and his ways; he leads us to the Father and we are assured "to have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).



GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:3-4

"The sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out...he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice"

Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

REFLECTION:

"It is not by domination that one can approach the sheep to have a relationship with them, but rather by the attitude of one who gives his life for them. His words are an invitation to change mentality, the way of thinking, and way of relating."

<https://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/lectio-divina-john-101-10>



PRAYER:

Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. Amen



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Hear God Speaking to You – Fr Killian J. Healy:

<https://catholicexchange.com/hear-god-speaking-to-you>

The Good Shepherd – Loyola Press:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/jesus-and-the-new-testament/who-do-you-say-that-i-am-names-for-jesus/the-good-shepherd/>

SONG:

In the Silence – Sarah Kroger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F2VxxP1JR8>

THIS WEEK:

Each day spend 10-20 minutes with Scripture. Allow time to listen to what the Lord is speaking to you. Journal what you hear.

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Hosanna – Mladifest Medugorje Choir & Orchestra:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUxZpLm5Sa0>

Good Shepherd Learning Activity – Catholic Icing:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/good-shepherd-learning-activity-and/>



<http://www.supercoloring.com/pages/jesus-is-the-good-shepherd>

MORE RESOURCES AT: bbcatholic.org.au/connected



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