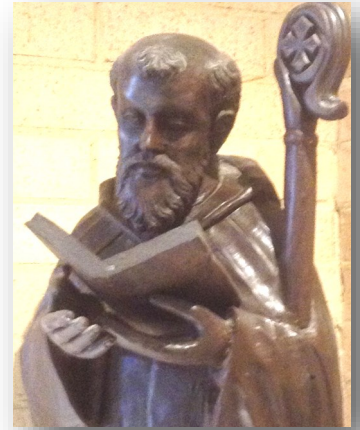


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Put nothing before the love of Christ*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th and 29th April 2018

### First Reading

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31**

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul  
and spoke to him on his journey.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32**

**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

### Second Reading

**A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24**

*His commandments are these: that we believe  
and that we love one another.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John 15:1-8**

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

### 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

#### Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday 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

“Rejoice and be glad” (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.

Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, paragraph 1

## Charitable Works

Fund

Appeal 5 & 6 May



When you provide to the CWF your donations support your family and neighbours in the Diocese.

Your donations to the CWF provide support to five charities including Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and Ephpheta Centre that support the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

We say thank you.

## ALPHA



starting with an introductory talk after morning tea on Sunday, 6 May.

Come and see!

Followed by Monday nights from 6.30 - 8.30pm for dinner, a talk and group discussion

**7, 14, 21 and 28 May**  
**4, 11, 18 and 25 June, 2 July.**

If you would like to attend please complete the ATTENDANCE SHEET at the front of the church.

If you are unable to attend, could you please consider providing a meal? We would be very grateful for your support. A MEAL ROSTER for this purpose has been placed next to the attendance sheet.

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**ANTI-SLAVERY PETITION:** Most people think human trafficking is a thing of the past or something that happens in other countries and not in our developed societies. Yet modern day slavery exists and it exists in many forms - preying on our most vulnerable. Pope Francis describes it as a “crime against humanity”. 8 February has been named the feast day of St Bakhita in order to highlight this issue. The Anti-Slavery Taskforce commissioned in 2017 by Sydney Archbishop, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher, is hoping to gather 10,000 signatures so that the government is obliged to address this issue of modern day slavery.

We encourage you to sign the PETITION form placed at the front of the Church THIS WEEKEND. It will be returned to the Hon. Paul Green MLC, NSW Parliament House, Sydney by Tuesday, 1 May.

Please pray that the government will take action on this issue.

## Arcadia Markets

Arcadia Public School

140 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

9am to 3pm

Saturday, 5 May

## ECOLOGICAL DISCUSSION AT FRENCHES FOREST PARISH

How can we grow an ecological spirituality- in our homes, parish, community? How can we help our children grow in the love of God in the world? Join the discussions as we learn, share and act upon *Laudato Si'*. **Date 7 May** at Terry Hills; **15 May** at Forestville; **23 May** at Davidson; 7-9pm  
RSVP annelanyon@gmail.com

**WALKING THE WAY PARENT RETREAT** An initiative of the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay. The program includes storytelling, guided meditation, prayerful reflection, liturgy and a beautiful lunch. Geared towards women, but men most welcome. **Date 18-19 May**. Where Canisius Centre, 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble. RSVP sallyanne.butel@dbb.catholic.edu.au

## 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), Howard Batchelor & Sr Monica.

◇ **DRAFT ROSTER** The draft roster is available and can be viewed outside the sacristy. Please check your name and make any necessary changes.

◇ **PARISH CENSUS FORMS** Over the next few weeks, new **PARISH CENSUS FORMS** will be made available during Mass. Please take a moment to update your details. Please also complete the form if you are new to the parish.

Extra copies will be kept at the back of the Church.

Copies of the **PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE** for parishioners are available at both entrances to the Church.

◇ **DIOCESAN COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE** The **2018 DIOCESAN COUNT** will take place over the following four weekends

5 & 6 May                      12 & 13 May  
19 & 20 May                    26 & 27 May

The count consists of a simple headcount of all people attending Sunday masses (beginning with the Vigil).

Please let Fr Bernard know if you can assist with counting.

◇ **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** If you volunteer in a child-related ministry in this parish you **must have** a current **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**. Please ensure that the Office of the Children's Guardian AND the parish office have your **up to date contact details**.

You can update your details with the Office of the Children's Guardian by following the 'update my details' link in the 'I'm an applicant' panel on the right hand side of the website.

When it is time to renew your **WWC NUMBER** the Office of the Children's Guardian will contact you **three months** before its expiry. You must therefore ensure that the Office of the Children's Guardian has your up to date contact details. The **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** lasts for **five years** so that renewals begin from March 2018 for those who first applied in 2013.

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

◇ **COLLECTIONS AT MASS** A reminder that the **FIRST COLLECTION** supports parish clergy. The **SECOND COLLECTION** provides for the maintenance and growth of our parish such as the payment of insurance, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses.

We are grateful for your continued support.

**CATECHIST NEWS** Welcome back to all our students! Schools return and SRE lessons resume this week.

Our next Catechist meeting will also be this week, **Wednesday 2 May at 12:30pm**. All are welcome!

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

## OUTBACK OUTREACH

The **ARCADIA VINNIES CONFERENCE** are planning an outreach to an Aboriginal community in country NSW and need your help! We are requesting that you hang on to any clothing and bedding which you might want to donate to a clothing bin, and we will take it to a needy community. We will shortly advise where you can bring any donations. This will be similar to the Brewarrina Project of recent years. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** The programme will resume in May for preparation before

### FIRST EUCHARIST:

Session 1    7 May        Session 2    14 May  
Session 3    21 May      Session 4    28 May

First Eucharist will take place during the 9am mass on **Sunday, 3 June**, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** The Enrolment Form for the **NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** will be available from the weekend of **5 and 6 May**. Forms will need to be returned to the parish by **Sunday, 27 May**.

The **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** will be held on **Monday, 11 June at 7.30pm**, followed by weekly sessions on Mondays at 4.15pm

Session 1 **18 June**    Session 2 **25 June**  
Session 3 **2 July**     Session 4 **30 July**

**CONFIRMATION** will take place at **3pm on Saturday, 4 August**.

Next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting  
**Tuesday, 1 May**

### **MEETINGS** this week

Monday    2.30pm    Italian Rosary  
Tuesday    7.30pm    Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
Wednesday 10.45am    Christ Catholic Community  
Friday      7.30pm    Christ Catholic Community

## **MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE** **"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD" (JAMES 2:17)**

May 5 10am - 4.30pm      Cost \$30

Presenter Deacon Peter Presdee

## **ST TERESA OF AVILA SPEAKS TO US TODAY** May 18-20

Presenter Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD    Cost \$250 p. 8795 3400  
www.carmelites.com.au

## Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

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### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 5 & 6 May 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Paul ElChaar
R1	Mary Camilleri	Children's Mass
R2	Teresa Gambino	
P	Mary Cascun	
AS		
EM	Pip Gibian	Liliana Nati
EM	Paul Camilleri	Pam Galbraith
EM		Trish Shipley
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi family
M		
CL1		
CL2		
MT		Catechists
CT		Lyla & Peter
WEL		Grace & Margaret Mc

### **PLAYGROUP** resumes Monday 7 May

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All children and their carers welcome!

## Gospel reading for Next Week

6th Sunday of Easter

Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
15:9-17

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you  
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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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.