

# St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

*To fulfil God's commandments daily in one's deeds.  
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**

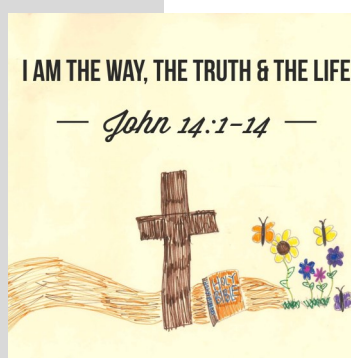
**Baptisms** are celebrated at 11.00am on  
the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.  
Please see Father Bernard.

**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.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

9 & 10 May 2020

### **First Reading**

A reading from the  
Acts of the Apostles  
6:1-7

*They elected seven men filled with  
the Spirit and wisdom.*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 32:1-19 R v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of  
St Peter 2:4-9

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
No one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

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

**Gospel reading for this 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?

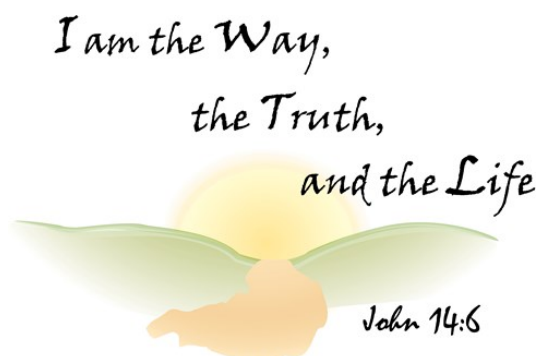
‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father living in me, who is doing this work.

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 next Week  
Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John 14:15-21**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you forever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him:  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
You will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
And I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



<b>Parish Office:</b>	<b>9653 2312</b>	<b>Office Hours:</b>	<b>Mondays &amp; Fridays 10.30am to 3pm</b>
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<b>Good Samaritan Sisters:</b>	<b>9653 1231</b>	<b>Website:</b>	<b>www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia</b>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<b>stbenedictsarcadia</b>		

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

**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*



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

On Mother's Day, let us pray for all our mothers. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!

Amen

**A prayer for Mother's Day**

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.

**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.

**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.

**For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.

**For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

*by Claire Schoepp*



**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2020**

**For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church. **AMEN**



**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

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few weeks. We really appreciate it.

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

We are encouraged to see the community support in the uptake of donations to the online donations. We have received over \$10,000 shared across 16 Parishes with **Arcadia**, Frenchs Forest, Kuring-Gai and Pennant Hills amongst the 5 Parishes with the **highest number of online donors** as at Thursday 30 April. Congratulations to all on your promotions! We will continue to provide reports to Parishes detailing donations received (both online and transferred from the Parish) around the 10th of each month.

Donations can be made online:

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

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

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

## FETE RAFFLE DRAWN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:

**First Prize John Volpato**  
**Second Prize Sylvia Donaghue**  
**Third Prize Joe Gatt**  
**Fourth Prize Robin Barbara**

For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222.

## CATECHIST NEWS

SRE (Scripture) classes continue to be available online as approved by the Department of Education. 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 continue 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

## 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.

For enquiries and to receive the Zoom link to join the meeting, please contact:

[katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au) or 8379 1631

Dear GCEA Committee,

We're meeting this Monday night on Zoom for our termly Committee meeting. We'd love it if you could be a part of it, so that we can update you with the latest on how COVID-19 has affected SRE at Galston, and our plans for this term. Here are the details for Monday night's meeting:

What: GCEA Committee Meeting

When: Monday 11th May, 7.30pm

Where: On Zoom - click the following link to join the meeting - [GCEA Committee Meeting](#)

We look forward to seeing you online next week.

Warm regards in Christ,  
Roger Hokin  
Youth and Young Adults Minister  
Dural District Anglican Churches  
GCEA Secretary  
[roger@duralanglican.org.au](mailto:roger@duralanglican.org.au)  
0413 067 770



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo  
*Bishop of Broken Bay*

### Message for BBNeighbourhoods 5 May 2020

My dear people, my particular prayer intention this week is for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, because in our community of the Church, this week is dedicated to the discernment of vocations. I invite you to join me in prayer for this intention because we have a need for generous people to serve the community of the Church.

The Church needs more priests and consecrated women and men if its ministry is to have the fullness that its apostolate to the world demands. As well as prayer, the Church needs action. We need to encourage all baptised people to discover their personal vocation in life. Most people will find their vocation in the world as laity. However, many will consider the Church's need for priests to shepherd the flock of Christ, and for consecrated women and men to give witness to Kingdom values by a life of service to others. Living out our Christian vocation each day demands that we commit ourselves to becoming holy.

As each man and woman, boy and girl responds to their vocation in life, they take up the special role:

1. of preaching the Word of God to the world,
2. of the enrichment of the Christian family and
3. ultimately of the building up of the Kingdom of God.

This week, I would like to invite you to listen to what God is asking you to do with your life. I encourage you to step up and to meet the challenge of living your faith! To that end, I offer you some guidance from the Sacred Scripture. I hope that you might find inspiration and direction as you say "yes" to God in your life and in the Church.

In the greeting from the letter to the Galatians, Paul boldly attributes his *vocation* unconditionally to the will of God: *Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead* (Galatians 1:1). There are many examples in Sacred Scripture of people who, like Paul, have received a personal call from God. This call always has a similar pattern.

- God's call is always personal, made to men or women in a given place and time.
- While the call is to an individual, it is always in response to the needs of the People of God (e.g. Moses [Ex 3:7-12](#)).
- In this regard, God forever looks to the community, calling people to leadership and service within it.
- The reaction is not always placid; in fact, the initial response is one of shock to the one who is called (e.g. [Jeremiah 1:4-6](#)).

More often than not the one called will not reject the proposal, but will question, how can this come about? (e.g. Mary in Lk 1:34).

- After grappling with God's call for some time, the individual often discovers his or her life is changed.
- The initial shock shakes the entire foundation of life to the point where the response is one of freedom (e.g. Paul Acts 9:1-20), and the one called is prepared to leave behind family, friends, in sum, the familiar life (e.g. Abraham Gen 12:1-4).
- God's call is charged with a task.
- The person is called to do something, to lead, to guide, to teach, to go on a mission (e.g. Isaiah 6:6-9).
- But, they are never sent alone. God promises to be with them (e.g. David 1Sam 16:13).
- God pledges fidelity, and the one called is often surprised that with God, all things are possible. With these words of encouragement, I hope that the Holy Spirit will animate everyone throughout our diocese to live the Christian faith joyfully.

If God is calling you to be a priest, a deacon, or a consecrated woman or man, then know that you are not alone. Don't be afraid because when God asks us to do something, the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts necessary to do it.

Please visit our vocations team [www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/vocations](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/vocations)

Every blessing in the Lord,

+ Anthony



## WELCOME TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In times of trouble and doubt Jesus calls us to trust in him and surrender to him all our concerns and anxieties. He continually invites us to follow him and shows us the path to a joyful life, as he is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Should we wish to follow and accept his invitation Jesus promises to take care of us and prepares a place for each of us, with the Father.



### GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14: 1, 6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me...I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

Read the full text at

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

### REFLECTION:

"[Jesus] knows their hearts, and so he speaks heart to heart."

<https://fatherhanly.com/journey-with-father/5th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/>



### PRAYER:

Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life, and You call us to follow you, so that we may have life and have it to the full. Thank you for the gift of your mother, Mary, who gives us a pure example of trust in the Father and illustrates to us the self-sacrificial love of a mother for all her children. May we look to her as an example of true surrender and love. Amen



### RESOURCES TO CELEBRATE WOMEN THIS MOTHER'S DAY:

The Feminine Genius – This Catholic Life Podcast:  
<https://www.thiscatholiclife.com.au/e/the-feminine-genius-s2ep38-1584339787/>

Amazing Mothers who are also Catholic Saints – Catholic Talk Show Podcast  
<https://catholictalkshow.com/6-amazing-mothers-who-are-also-catholic-saints/>



### SAINT:

13 May - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: celebrates the apparitions of Our Lady to three Portuguese children in 1917 where Mary revealed three secrets and asked the children to tell everyone to pray the Rosary every day for world peace. Mary also asked the children to add another prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary, now known as the Fatima Prayer.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-05-13>

### THIS WEEK:

Mary is celebrated during the month of May and traditionally the Rosary is prayed during this time. Join with your family this week to pray the Rosary for an end to the pandemic.

<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

### SONG:

In Christ Alone – Virtual Choir:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RY4CW5pte98>

### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets – Catholic Icing:  
<https://www.catholicicing.com/spiritual-bouquets-for-mothers-day/>

The Rosary – Catholic Central:

<https://www.catholiccentral.com/catholic-central-episodes/rosary>



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<https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1108785/i-am/downloadable/>

MORE RESOURCES AT:  
[bbcatholic.org.au/connected](http://bbcatholic.org.au/connected)



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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St. Dominic Savio

*Author and Publisher - Catholic Online — catholic.org/saints*

Feast day: May 6

Patron: of choirboys, the falsely accused, and juvenile delinquents

Birth: April 2, 1842

Death: March 9, 1857

Beatified: March 5, 1950 by Pope Pius XII

Canonized: June 12, 1954 by Pope Pius XII

Dominic Savio was born on April 2, 1842 in the village of Riva in northern Italy. His father was a blacksmith and his mother a seamstress. He had nine brothers and sisters. His family was poor but hardworking. They were devout and pious Catholics.

When he was just two years old, Dominic's family returned to their native village of Castlenuovo d'Asti, (Today, Castlenuovo Don Bosco) near the birthplace of John Bosco. Bosco would himself later be canonized as a Saint by the Church and became a major influence on the life of Dominic.

As a small child, Dominic loved the Lord and His Church. He was very devout in practicing his Catholic faith. For example, he said grace before every meal and refused to eat with those who did not. He was always quick to encourage others to pray.

Dominic attended Church regularly with his mother and was often seen kneeling before the Tabernacle in prayer. He even prayed outside the Church building. It did not matter to Dominic if the ground was covered with mud or snow, he knelt and prayed anyway.

Dominic was quickly recognized as an exceptional student who studied hard and performed well in school. He became an altar server. He also attended daily Mass and went to confession regularly. He asked to receive his first communion at the age of seven. This was not the practice in the Church of Italy at the time. Normally, children received their first holy communion at the age of twelve. Dominic's priest was so impressed with his intelligence concerning the faith, his love for the Lord and his piety that he made an exception. Dominic said that the day of his First Communion was the happiest day of his life.

***Dear Lord,***

***Help us to be like Saint Dominic, to love our Lord and His Church and practice our faith in everything we do. Amen.***