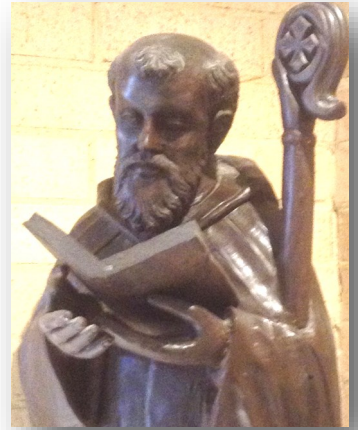


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Prefer nothing whatever to Christ*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 72*



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th and 6th May 2018

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of  
the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out  
upon the gentiles also.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the  
nations his saving power.

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 4:7-10  
*God is love.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

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.*

### 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.

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal this Weekend



We thank you for your support.

Your donations are supporting five charities that benefit the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. This appeal has focused on the CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care program, but your donations also support the following charities:

- ◇ Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- ◇ St Lucy's School
- ◇ St Edmund's College and
- ◇ Ephpheta Centre

## This is the Day

Traditional

This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made, that the  
Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and  
be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has  
made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.

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## ALPHA



Introductory talk  
this Sunday

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.**

We need help with meals: If you  
are able to provide a meal or food  
and drinks could you please  
complete the meal roster?

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## Galston 500—Galston Valley Railway—27 May

Fundraising event to raise  
money for research towards  
multiple sclerosis.

Galston Valley Railway is asking  
for **Musicians, Artists, Stall  
Holders and Entertainers** who  
may come on this day and help  
provide entertainment.

www.galston500.com  
Contact Allie 0402 474 636  
e. info@galston500.com

## A New Commandment

Traditional

A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are My disciples,  
If you have love one for another.  
By this shall all know that you are My disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

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## SING A NEW SONG

Dan Schutte

RefRAIN

Sing a new song un-to the Lord; let your song be sung from  
moun-tains high. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, sing-ing

Verses

al - le - lu - ia. 1. Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy!  
2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep;  
3. Glad my soul for I have seen

1. O come be-fore the Lord. And play for God on  
2. your Sav-ior now has come. † He has turned your  
3. the glo-ry of the Lord. The trum-pet sounds; the

to RefRAIN

1. glad tam-bou-rines, and let your trum-pet sound.  
2. sor-row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav-ior lives.

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**WALKING THE WAY** - The Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay is offering a Parent Retreat for parents, grandparents and carers of students living in the Broken Bay diocese.

**18 May 6.30-8.30pm** and **19 May 9am-4pm** Venue Canisius Spirituality Centre, 102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble  
Cost \$30 Bookings 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.

## World Communication Day - Sunday 6 May

### A message from Bishop Peter A Comensoli

In his annual Message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis says, that communication is part of God's plan for us - an essential way to experience fellowship.

But, in this age of fast and furious media it can be difficult to know who and what we can trust. News, Social Media, Movies, Videos, Celebrities, Art, Music and more fill our lives with conflicting stories and realities.

Carefully discerning authentic communications, and being authentic communicators ourselves can be a minefield we need to negotiate carefully ... and slowly.

It can be all too easy to place the responsibility for 'good' news solely on journalists and media organisations, when in fact we too share in the ownership of information by how we receive and share it.

As Pope Francis says in his Message, we need to be 'people who are not greedy but ready to listen, people who make the effort to engage in sincere dialogue so that the truth can emerge; people who are attracted by goodness and take responsibility for how they use language.'

And at all times, we need to be the voice of Christ. In the words of St Francis of Assisi:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.*

Pope Francis's World Communications Day Message  
<http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-01/pope-world-communications-day-message-2018-truth-journalism-fake.html>

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** The programme will resume on the following Mondays at 4.15pm

**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 **THIS WEEKEND**.

Forms will need to be returned to the parish by **Sunday, 27 May**.

**PLEASE NOTE** the **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** will be held on **Tuesday, 12 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**.

### **ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - SUNDAY 12 MAY**

The World Apostolate of Fatima Aust. Inc. Sydney Archdiocese Committee invite you to attend this May celebration. 11.30am commencement with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart. Principal Celebrant Fr Peter Joseph. Mass at 12noon. Enquiries Rosetta 0403 578 994 Rosa 9984 8988

### **MEDITATION AND RENEWAL DAY AT ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY - SUNDAY, 20 MAY**

10am for 10.30am start; Presentations, Introduction to Meditation, and Mass. BYO lunch.

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### **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

◇ **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 **THIS WEEKEND**

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

## The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

## Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults is a practical living out of the baptismal vocation of every member of the Church to ensure the safety and well being of those whom the Lord sets before us as those to whom the 'Kingdom of God' belongs (Mt 19:14)

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### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 12 & 13 May 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Miriam Brown	Bernadette Watt
R2	Mary Cascun	Virginia Tanna
P	Teresa Gambino	Kath Moran
AS		
EM	Angela Scotti	Jim Shipley
EM	Pip Gibian	Marisa Quattrocchi
EM		Margaret Florian
EM		Liliana Nati
M		Mark Quirk
M		Keith & Liz
M		Nigel & Karen
CL1		Gebran Azzi
CL2		Lyla Abood
MT		Karen DeSouza
CT		Lorraine & Bernadette
WEL		Grace & Jessie

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

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All children and their carers welcome!

## Gospel reading for Next Week

The Ascension of the Lord

Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
16:15-20

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

### The Gospel of the Lord

Next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting  
Tuesday, 5 June

### TRADITIONAL OWNERS

St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia, acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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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.