

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*To fulfil God's commandments daily in one's deeds.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



COVID 19 STAGE 1 RE-OPENING:

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

ONLY 10 people maximum allowed.

Contact Paula for:

Parish bookings on 0423 078 282

PARISH CHURCH- Weekend Mass

Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 11:00am
Sunday Latin 4.30pm

PARISH CHURCH - Weekday Mass

Mondays to Fridays 9:00am

PRIVATE PRAYER by appointment

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Contact Father David for:

Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

ADORATION -

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm to 7:30pm

Baptisms to be arranged through Father Bernard.

Reconciliation to be arranged through Father Bernard.

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.

Contact Father Bernard: 0416 032 497

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

16 & 17 May 2020

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
8:5-8 14-17

*They laid hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-20 R v.1
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of
St Peter 3:15-18
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was
raised to life.*

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 14:15-21

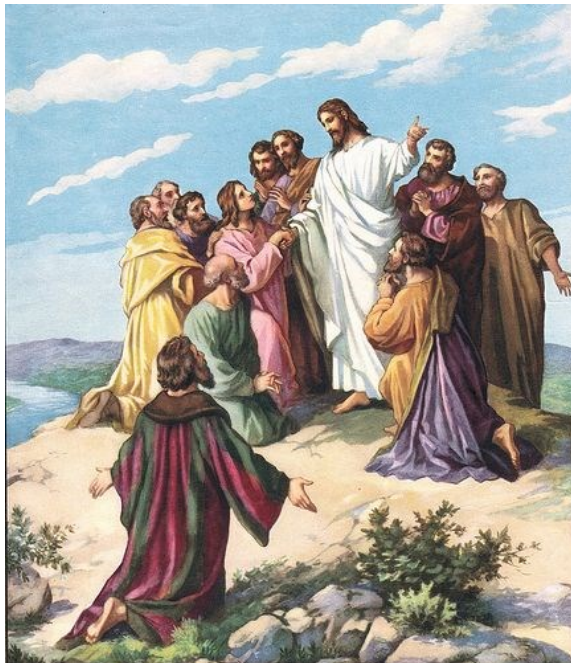
Gospel reading for next Week
The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to the them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



**Gospel reading for this 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.

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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

Prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima – May 13th

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.

By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 24 - 31 May 2020

This coming week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a week to remember our common faith in Jesus Christ and pray for unity with each other through the Holy Spirit.

Our theme is “*They showed us unusual kindness*” (Acts 28:2), which is taken from the kindness experienced by St Paul when shipwrecked in Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need.

We recognise that we cannot face the storms of life alone. A boat moves forward when all row together. In the face of difficulties, we recognise the need to pull together and to unite our efforts.

We pray that all churches fix their course on Christ, the True Light, and that God will transform the many separations amongst our churches and faiths into harmony and our mistrust into mutual acceptance.

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

The Charitable Works Fund supports five charities that provide faith based services to the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of our lives. This week we look at how the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) is providing Catholic Special Religion Education lessons to public school students. 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.

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

Position Vacant - Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. [It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.](#)

For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting will resume on Friday 22nd of May 2020 7.30PM. Everyone welcome. For now only 10 people are allowed. So please make sure you book in as bookings are essential. Contact parish office on 9653 2312.

An excerpt from Bishop Anthony Randazzo's letter regarding Stage 1 Re-opening:

In respect to our own context, we can note the following which is possible from Friday 15 May 2020. Each of these provisions is contingent on practising social distancing of 4 square metres per person and hand hygiene through the ready use of sanitiser.

- **Churches** are able to be open for private prayer, with a limit of 10 people in the church at any one time.
- **Religious gatherings**, either formal or informal, are permissible inside churches for groups not more than 10 people. The names of each person at the gathering must be recorded.
- **Weddings** may be permitted for a group of 10 people. Further clarification received from the NSW Premier's Office has been received advising that the couple and the celebrant are not part of the group of 10 people. Therefore it is permissible for a wedding to include the celebrant, the couple and 10 guests
- **Funerals** may be permitted for groups of 20 people indoors and for 30 people outside, practising social distancing of 4 square metres per person and hand hygiene through the ready use of sanitiser at church entrances.



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
12 May 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week I am writing to you from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Bishops of Australia meet in Plenary twice a year, in the months of May and November. Normally we gather in North Sydney at the shrine of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, but lately due to building works, we have been gathering in Melbourne. This year, as we continue to find new ways of living in a COVID-19 environment, I am in the Diocese and we are meeting via video conference.

To be honest, constant video-conferencing is a challenge as not everyone is IT savvy. I am also finding that by the end of each day I am mentally fatigued, so I take to the footpath for a run or walk to clear my head. The experience has given me an even deeper respect for our teachers who have been working double-time to ensure that our children, especially in our Catholic Schools, are able to continue with their studies. The experience has also reinforced for me the marvelous work being carried out by so many parents and carers as technology plays a greater part in family life and learning.

As the Government gradually lifts some of the restrictions, many of us are asking when will we be able to gather once more in our churches for prayer and worship? The Catholic Bishops of NSW/ACT have written to the Premier offering our recommendations regarding the gradual reopening of our churches. Key to our proposal is the reassurance that our people will continue to maintain the physical distancing required during the health crisis. We would also want to ensure that there is a high level of safety due to thorough cleaning programs. As we continue to dialogue with the Government, I would ask you to pray for the best outcome – the safe reopening of our churches.

In the meantime, I would like to thank the priests, deacons and parish community leaders who are tirelessly reaching out via livestreaming and ongoing pastoral care. A special word of gratitude to the members of my Chancery and Office of the Bishop.

Over the past few weeks, I have received numerous messages from people who are staying connected as well as from people who had been away from our community of the Church and who are reconnecting. It is great to have you with us again as we strive to live as disciples of the Lord.

Please continue to pray for me and the other Australian bishops as we conclude our Plenary on Thursday and be reassured of my constant prayers for you as I bring your needs and intentions to the altar of the Lord.

Blessings and thanks,
+Anthony

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Isidore the Farmer

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

Feastday: May 15
Birth: 1070
Death: 1130
Beatified: May 2, 1619, Rome by Pope Paul V
Canonized: March 12, 1622, Rome by Pope Gregory XV

St. Isidore was born at Madrid, Spain, in the latter half of the 12th century.

For the greater part of his life he was employed as a laborer on a farm outside the city. Many marvelous happenings accompanied his lifelong work in the fields and continued long after his holy death.

He was favored with celestial visions and, it is said, the angels sometimes helped him in his work in the fields. St. Isidore was canonized in 1622.

In 1947, he was proclaimed the patron of the National Rural Conference in the United States. He is the patron of farmers, and his feast day is May 15th.

Prayer :

Dear God, through the intercession of St. Isidore, the holy Farmer, grant that we may overcome all feelings of pride. May we always serve You with that humility which pleases You, through his merits and example. Amen.