

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



**11TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
JUNE 13 & 14 2026**



***“Go proclaim that the kingdom of heaven
is close at hand.”***
(Matthew 10:8)

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays

6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession

Saturdays

9:00am to 10:00am
Adoration & Confession

MONASTERY CHAPEL MASS TIMES

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

**Please contact Father Shansana or Parish
Office for the following:**

Baptisms
Reconciliation
For the Sick
Marriages
Funerals

Parish Priest:
Fr Shansana 0437 884 233
Parish Office 9653 2312



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.
O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELF REFLECTION: SERVING OTHERS

This Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 9:36–10:8

Jesus looks upon the crowds with compassion because they are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." He then calls His disciples and sends them out to continue His mission of healing, serving, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Questions for Reflection

1. *Do I see others with the compassion of Christ?*
2. *Who in my life needs encouragement or support right now?*
3. *Am I willing to serve God wherever He calls me?*
4. *How do I share God's love with others?*
5. *What gifts has God given me to use for His mission?*

Sent by Christ

Prayer

Lord Jesus, fill my heart with Your compassion. Help me to see those in need, to serve generously, and to share Your love with others. May I faithfully answer Your call and bring Your peace wherever I go. Amen.

First Reading *Exodus 19:2-6 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

***The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.***

**Responsorial Psalm:**

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading *Romans 5:6-11 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

***The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 9:36 - 10:8 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

***The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

*"Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ, for He is going to say: 'I came as a guest, and you received Me.'"
— The Rule of Saint Benedict chapter 53*

READINGS & GOSPEL REFLECTION

Exodus 19:2-6 / Romans 5:6-11 / Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

Chosen, Loved, and Sent

In today's readings, God reminds us that we are His treasured people.

In **Exodus**, God calls Israel to be a holy nation and a kingdom of priests.

In **Romans**, St Paul reveals the depth of God's love: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus looks upon the crowds with compassion and sends His disciples to bring healing, hope, and the Good News.

Together, these readings show that God's love is not meant to be kept to ourselves. We are chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and sent into the world to share His compassion with others. Just as Jesus saw the needs of the people and responded with mercy, we are called to be His hands and heart in our families, workplaces, parish, and community.

Key Thought

God chooses us, loves us, and sends us to share His compassion with the world.

Take-Home Challenge

This week, make a conscious effort to show Christ's compassion to one person who is struggling, lonely, or in need of encouragement. Let your words and actions reflect God's love.

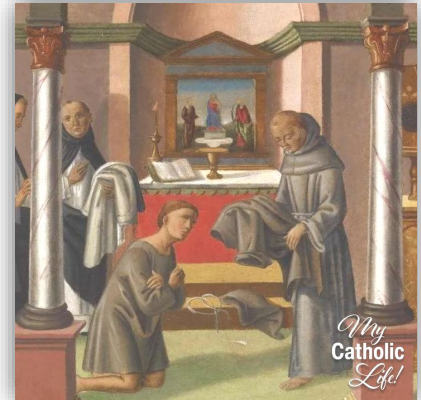
Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us and calling us to be Your people. Fill our hearts with Your compassion and help us to share Your love with those we meet each day. May we faithfully serve Your Kingdom and bring hope to others. Amen.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

JUNE

- Monday 15 Readings: 1 Kg 21:1-16. Mt 5:38-42.
R: Lord, listen to my groaning.
- Tuesday 16 Readings: 1 Kg 21:17-29. Mt 5:43-48.
R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- Wednesday 17 Readings: 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14. Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.
R: Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.
- Thursday 18 Readings: Sirach 48:1-14. Mt 6:7-15.
R: Let the just rejoice in the Lord.
- Friday 19 Readings: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Mt 6:19-23.
R: The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.
St Romuald, abbot.
- Saturday 20 Readings: 2 Chr 24:17-25. Mt 6:24-34.
R: Forever I will keep my love for him.



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY 13 JUNE

St Anthony of Padua, faithful servant of God and powerful intercessor, help us to seek Christ above all things. Guide us in times of need, strengthen our faith, and lead us closer to God's love. Pray for us, that we may follow Jesus with joy and trust. Amen.

Source: Ordo 2026

POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2026

For the value of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



PARISH NOTICES

- **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR JULY 2026 TO JUNE 2027 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER AT THE CHURCH SACRISTY ENTRY ON THE PEW.**
- **DRAFT ROSTER IS NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW. PLEASE CHECK.**

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA



The Feast Day of **Saint Anthony of Padua** is celebrated on **Saturday 13 June**.

To honour this beloved saint, a **Special Mass** will be celebrated on

Tuesday 16 June at 9:30am

followed by the **traditional blessing and distribution of St Anthony's Bread**.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we seek his prayers and celebrate his witness of faith, charity, and devotion to Christ. Everyone is welcome.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend we will be launching the Vinnies Winter Appeal in our Parish. We are hoping to collect donations of non-perishable food for our pantry as well as cash donations in the Vinnies envelopes. Any assistance you can give would be hugely appreciated. We will be collecting donations until the end of June.

Thank you in anticipation,

Rita, Lila, Marie and Karen
Arcadia Conference
St. Vincent de Paul.

PIETY SHOP NEWS

Visit our Piety Shop after Mass and browse our beautiful range of religious gifts, prayer books, rosaries, medals, cards, and devotional items.

You'll find meaningful keepsakes for First Holy Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, weddings, and all the sacraments. Whether for yourself or a loved one, there is something special for every occasion.

Thank you for supporting our parish Piety Shop!

VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

This week's volunteers of the week nomination:

SACRAMENTAL TEAM



**GABE WALL
JULES OZOLINS
MANDAH VELLA
EDYN VELLA
MARY ABOOD
PAUL EL-CHAAR
TANYA JOHN
GEBRAN AZZI
ROBIN BARBARA
MELANIE HUME**

A heartfelt **thank you to our Sacramental Team** for the wonderful job you have done in preparing our children for their First Holy Communion. Your dedication, patience, generosity, and faith-filled witness have helped guide these young people on an important step in their journey with Christ.

May God richly bless each of you for your service to our parish and for the countless hours you have devoted to this ministry. Your efforts are deeply appreciated by the children, their families, and our entire parish community. Thank you for all that you do.

FR SHANSANA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Please join us as we celebrate **Fr Shansana's 50th Birthday** next **Sunday 21 June** following the **9:00am Mass**.

Come along to share in this special occasion as we give thanks for Fr Shansana's ministry, dedication, and service to our parish community.

All parishioners are warmly invited to bring a plate and look forward to celebrating together over a special morning tea.

Happy Birthday Fr Shansana! May God continue to bless you with good health, happiness, wisdom, and peace. Thank you for your faithful service, generous heart, and dedication to our parish community. May the Lord strengthen you in your ministry and fill the years ahead with abundant grace and joy.

Ad multos annos!

In Our Parish

(please let us know if you would like someone added here)

We welcome into God's family all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:

Maryanne Maurer, Lucia Bisoglio, Frank Gauci, Joe Gallo, Miriam Brown, Pauline Honor, Kath Moran, Peter Bellew, Brother Mario, and Father Alberic.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died:

Francesco Merlino, Peter Chedid, Antonio Romeo, Nanna Trani, Anne Pearce, Robert Wallace, Maria Pappalardo.
~ May they rest in Eternal Peace.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday:

Aria Bosco
Zoe Cardow
Morris Dable
Kaleb Ferris
Kendra Ferris
Luca Lorenzutta
Oliver Lorenzutta
Harry McLaughlin
Jack McLaughlin
Marco Muscat
Zachary Wilkinson



SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

HAPPY 50TH
BIRTHDAY
FR SHANSANA



MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS,
AND ABUNDANT GRACES IN THE YEAR AHEAD.
WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR PARISH
AND ASSURE YOU OF OUR PRAYERS.
*"May the Lord bless you and keep you."
(Numbers 6:24)*

30 DAY MEMORIAL MASS



ANTONIO ROMEO



30 day Memorial to be held at St
Benedict's Parish

Date: TUESDAY 16TH June 2026
Time: 7:00PM

*Eternal Rest grant to him O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon him,
May he Rest in Peace. Amen*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with the
Romeo family.*

ST BENEDICT'S KIDS YOUTH GROUP

Join the fun! Ages 8–12 years
Our Kids Youth Group is back on Fridays
DURING SCHOOL TERM
4.00pm to 5.30pm



We need TEENAGE helper volunteers.
Please let the parish office know if you
are free to help.

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass is held on the first Thursday of
each month at 9.30am
**NEXT HEALING MASS:
THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2026**

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every **Monday 2.00pm.**
Everyone welcome.



For more details call

Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.

CCC PRAYER GROUP



Prayer meeting held every
Wednesday morning:
after 9.30am Mass.
*Come and meet new people and
have a cuppa!*

For more details call
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CRAFT GROUP

The quilting and craft group will
meet every **4th Tuesday** of the
month at 10.30am in the parish
meeting room.

Bring your craft and come and
join us!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST ROMUALD, ABBOT

Feast Day: June 19

c. 951-1027

Invoked for reformation of the Church and monastic life

Canonized by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582



Saint Romuald was born into a noble family in Ravenna, located in modern-day northern Italy. When Romuald was twenty, his father killed a relative in a duel to resolve a conflict over land ownership. Horrified by his father's actions, Romuald fled to the Benedictine monastery of San Apollinare-in-Classe, just south of Ravenna. After a forty-day retreat of prayer and penance to atone for his father's sin, Romuald decided to stay and become a monk.

In Romuald's day, many European monasteries, which had relaxed their emphasis on prayer and had become political in nature, were undergoing reform. While reforms had started at the Monastery of San Apollinare-in-Classe, Romuald lost his temper and lashed out at his fellow monks for their lax lifestyle. Unpopular among the more worldly monks, Romuald received permission from the abbot to move to Venice and live as a hermit under the spiritual direction of another hermit named Marinus. For several years, Romuald lived a strict life of solitude, silence, prayer, and penance and developed his own monastic lifestyle.

Around 978, Romuald and Marinus built a hermitage at the border of France and Spain near the Monastery of Saint-Michel-de-Cuxa. After living a hermit's life for nearly two decades and possessing a new theological and practical understanding of monasticism, Romuald began traveling across Europe. He founded hermitages and monasteries and provided spiritual direction to existing ones in need of reform. He visited his father, who had repented of his former lifestyle and became a monk himself. Before his father died, Romuald helped him more fully embrace his monastic vocation. Holy Roman Emperor Otto III asked Romuald to become the abbot of Otto's first monastery, San Apollinare-in-Classe. However, the monks resisted Romuald's reform efforts so vehemently that he left in frustration within a year.

In 1012, Romuald used donated land in Camaldoli, near Arezzo in Tuscany, to build five hermitages, marking the beginnings of the Camaldolese Hermits of Mount Corona. His new form of monasticism harmonized the silence and solitude of hermits with the shared meals and shared prayer of monks. Over the next fifteen years, Romuald founded several more monastery-hermitages, firmly establishing his new form of monastic life within the broader life of the Church.

The "Brief Rule" that Saint Romuald left his brothers directed them to love their cells, be detached, self-observant, attentive to praying the Psalms, reverent before God, intense in asceticism, and become childlike in their receptivity to grace.

Saint Romuald passed away in the solitude of his cell, a place he referred to as "paradise." Those who prayed at his tomb reported numerous miracles. One account states that Romuald's body remained incorrupt and was relocated to Fabriano, Italy, where his order had constructed another monastery. Today, this church is known as Saint Romuald's.

Saint Romuald, God called you to a glorious vocation as a gift to the Church. You responded generously and left a legacy of holy men. Please pray that I will more fully commit myself to a life of silence, solitude, and prayer in order to discover the beautiful life that will more fully prepare my soul for Heaven. Saint Romuald, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

**SAVE THE DATE
ST BENEDICT FEAST DAY
SUNDAY 12 JULY 9AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY FESTIVAL UNTIL 1PM**

We are already looking forward with great excitement to celebrating **the Feast Day of St Benedict Festival on Sunday, 12 July**, with a very special parish celebration!

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together in faith, fellowship and celebration. During this special event, we will also be drawing both our **Major Raffle** and **Calf Raffle**. Tickets for both raffles are still on sale, and we are deeply grateful for the ongoing support and generosity of our parishioners.

There will be plenty to enjoy on the day, including:

- The **Kazzi Family** with their wonderful fresh fruit and veggie pre-pack boxes
- The **Sakkal Family** serving their famous and delicious BBQ specials
- The **Camilleri Family** running the always-popular Chocolate Wheel
- Piety shop
- Plants
- Coffee/tea
- Gifts and crafts etc.



There will be fun, delicious food, and something for everyone to enjoy.

Please stay tuned for more details about this very special celebration, and be sure to **mark Sunday, 12 July in your calendar**. This will be on RAIN OR SHINE!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community. We look forward to celebrating together!

CATECHIST NEWS

Do you have an hour to spare once a week?
Are you interested in Becoming a Catechist?

Short zoom courses are available throughout the year to become certified to teach Scripture at our local public schools. It only requires you to have a Working with Children's check number and love for your Faith. The work is all done for you in a simple to use Teacher's manual, all you need to do is show up each week with a smile on your face and Jesus in your heart!

We are always in need of casual fill-in teachers so please contact me or the Parish office for more information if you are interested!

God bless,

Martina Jutrisa

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Parish Catechist Co-Ordinator

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IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2026

Are you looking to deepen your faith, encounter Christ in a new way, and connect with Catholics from across Australia? Then consider attending **Ignite Conference Sydney 2026**, one of Australia's largest Catholic conferences for youth, young adults, families, parishioners, clergy, and ministry leaders.

The conference features inspiring speakers, uplifting worship, the Sacraments, engaging workshops, and opportunities for prayer and fellowship. Whether you are young in age or young at heart, Ignite offers a powerful experience of faith and renewal.

9–12 July 2026

The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

For more information and registration details, please visit the official Ignite Conference website.

<https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

*"Come, Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts
with the fire of Your love."*

PARISH E-BULLETIN

The Parish is offering the Parish bulletin electronically in addition to the printed version.

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arcadia.pariah@bbcatholic.org.au

Remember, the bulletin is also available weekly on the Parish website and Facebook page.



Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
MORNING TEA AFTER THE 9AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

20/6/26 to 21/6/26
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

| | SATURDAY 7.00pm | SUNDAY 9.00am | SUNDAY 10.30am |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Acolyte | | Nigel M | George A |
| Reader1 | Edyn V | Volunteer | Leeann A |
| Reader2 | Daniel V | Judy H | Anthony A |
| Prayers | Natasha S | Kath M | Mirko J |
| TV | | Volunteer | Jutrisa Family |
| EMHC | | Catherine C | Robin B |
| EMHC | | Sophie R | Bernadette W |
| Music | | Melanie H | Melanie H |
| Music | | Marisa Q | Sandra M |
| Music | | Keith W | Martina J |
| Music | | | |
| Morning Tea | | Melanie & Teresa M | |
| FLOWERS | Mona M | | |

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*We acknowledge God as our Creator and giver of all life. We also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.
May we walk together in peace, respect, and unity.*

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

St Benedict's Parish is committed to the safety of all, especially children and vulnerable people. Concerns? Contact Fr Shansana 0437 884 233, or the Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

*For all parish OH&S and Safeguarding Children matters
Contact: Parish Office 9653 2312*

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MONASTERY CHAPEL

Liturgy of the Hours

"Seven times a day I will praise you"

Psalm 119:164

The liturgy of the hours is a set of prayers (psalms, hymns, readings and other prayers). It is recited in the Monastery Chapel daily at the following times:

5.45am Office of Readings
6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds
12.45pm Midday prayer
6.00pm Evening prayer - Vespers
8.00pm Night prayer - Compline

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

OUR NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Commencing with Confirmation (child must be in year 3 or above, this year). Confirmation classes will be held in October 2026.

Forms will be given to all public school students. For other schools please collect a form from the sacristy office or email the parish for a form. The enrolment form is also available on the website.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS 2026

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

Aug 8-9

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know, the moment the word "apostle" (meaning "one who is sent") comes to life in Scripture—showing that every Christian is also called to be "sent" in their own way.

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