

# St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

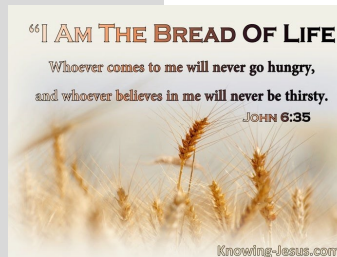
To listen gladly to Holy reading.  
*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



**COVID-19  
RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:**

**MASSES SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Please use QR CODE provided  
or write your name and phone  
number when you enter Church  
after sanitizing.**



## PARISH MASSES

### Weekend Mass:

Saturday 7:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am  
Sunday 10:30am  
Sunday Latin 4.30pm

### Weekday Mass:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am  
Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession  
First Friday of the month 6.30pm Adoration

## MONASTERY CHAPEL Mass

Sundays 7:00am  
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Hilarion for the following:

**BAPTISMS  
RECONCILIATION  
FOR THE SICK  
MARRIAGES  
FUNERALS**

**Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541**

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

31 July & 2 August 2021

### Entrance Procession

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### First Reading

*Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*John 6:24-35 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes  
in me will never thirst.*

### Communion Antiphon

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;  
whoever comes to me will not hunger  
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

**Gospel reading for this Week****John 6:24-35 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'  
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:  
'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION****John 6:24-35 (JB)**

The people still wanted to be fed. They understood the import of Jesus' correction. But, were they ready to hear what he would present to them?

"I AM the Bread of Life!" Jesus' answer must have shocked them (again!) in two ways. First, Jesus used the phrase "I AM," buzz words in John's gospel that equated Jesus with God. He used shorthand for YHWH, the title God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14: "I am who am."

Second, Jesus did not say he would give them bread. He stated that, in his divinity, HE was the Bread of Life. To feed from him, people would have to come and to trust him. Then, they would be truly satisfied.

For John's audience, of course, only the Christian community held up the Christ as one to be worshiped as God. So, the only way to come and trust was through that community. This was the challenge Christianity lay before its Jewish competitors. The activity of God was present in the community, because the Christ was present. While what God did was important, what God was doing now was more important.

**How is God active in your life now? How does the Bible and tradition help that insight?**

Did Jesus really think the past was unimportant? Should we? The answer to both is: "Of course not!" Jesus did not come to reject tradition. He came to change the focus of God's people. From the Law. To himself. He challenges us in the same way. He is not only the Lord who died and rose two thousand years ago. And gave us a Church with a deep and long tradition. No! He is our Lord! Now! He chides and challenges us to come to him and trust in him. To see him work in our lives and the lives of those around us.

As important as tradition is (and it is!), the spiritual sight to realize the presence of God is far more important. Let us open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts. Let us go and trust. Now!

**Quiet your mind and heart to the presence of God. What is he telling you? How is he beckoning you closer right now?**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ***Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*** **c. 1811 - 1868**

***Feast Day: August 2***



The great artist Auguste Rodin, who sculpted “The Thinker” and other world famous pieces, met today's saint in 1862 and joined his Congregation as a lay brother. Rodin was despondent over the death of his sister and wanted to abandon art and dedicate his life to God. Saint Peter Julian Eymard burned like a bonfire for God, but this was one vocation his flames would not consume. Father Eymard could see Rodin's prodigious talent in an evocative bust Rodin sculpted of the future saint while he was a religious brother. Eymard told Rodin to return to the world to pursue his artistic calling. So while Father Eymard was as apostolic and demanding as any saint, he was also just as wise as any saint. Not every man who felt a vocation truly had one. It was for the superior to discern the validity of the calling. Father Eymard knew this well from personal experience. He had lived at least three priesthoods inside of his one priesthood: as a diocesan priest in a parish, as a religious priest in the Marist Order, and as the founder of the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

There was never a time when Peter Julian Eymard did not love Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of five, he disappeared from home one day. His siblings went in search and found him standing right next to the tabernacle in their local church. When they asked him what he was doing there, little Peter responded, “I am here listening to Jesus.” His father did not want Peter to be a priest but a blacksmith. He relented a bit over time and then died prematurely, removing all opposition. Peter was ordained a diocesan priest in 1834 and served in a parish. But he felt a slightly different call within his call and began to seek admission to the Society of Mary, or Marists. His diocesan bishop was reluctant to let Father Peter go. The bishop relented in 1839, writing to the Marist superior that “I have given sufficient proof of my high esteem for the Society of Mary in giving it such a priest.”

Father Peter's personal energy, apostolic zeal, and prayerfulness led to his being named a Marist Provincial. He traveled throughout France and became acquainted with nocturnal and perpetual adoration societies. He became expert at preaching about the Eucharist and at directing lay Eucharistic societies. During a Corpus Christi procession in 1845 he had a mystical experience while carrying the Blessed Sacrament. His attraction to the Eucharist became so personal and so intense that he resolved “to preach nothing but Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ Eucharistic” from then on. Discussions with his superiors about orienting the Marist's more toward a Eucharistic identity were frustrated. It was not their primary charism. On January 21, 1851, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fourviere overlooking Lyon, Father Eymard received the inspiration to found a new Order dedicated exclusively to the Blessed Sacrament. This third call within his one priestly call would consume the rest of his life.

In 1857 the Society of the Blessed Sacrament was formally established in Paris. One year later, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for nuns would be founded. Father Peter and his few companions did not limit their Eucharistic dedication to piety and prayer. They prepared children to receive First Holy Communion, reached out to lapsed Catholics, and promoted frequent reception of Holy Communion for all Catholics. The normal struggles of every young Congregation bedeviled Father Eymard: extreme poverty, atrocious lodgings, lack of vocations, and problems of growth.

Rodin's bust captures the essence of Father Eymard better than any photo. Eymard's mass of hair is out of control, communicating his passionate eccentricity. His gaze is penetrating. He knows the mysteries of God and other secrets of the soul. His thin face, straight nose, and protruding cheekbones say he is a mortified ascetic. And buried in his vest, just over his heart, is a scroll. Only a few words of it can be read. It is a fragment of Eymard's prayer: “O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.” His love of the Eucharist pulsed in sync with his heart, every moment of every day of his fifty-seven years. Our saint is buried in his Congregation's chapel in Paris. He was canonized in 1962 and in 1995 his Optional Memorial was finally included in the Church's universal sanctoral calendar.

***Saint Peter Julian Eymard, your ardent love of the Blessed Sacrament consumed your thoughts, words, preaching, and life. May such a healthy devotion mark all of our lives. May we satisfy Christ's thirst for our presence by not making Him wait too long between our visits. Amen.***

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***Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.***

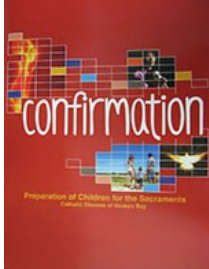
**- St. John Vianney (1786-1859), Confessor, Patron of Parish Priests, Feast Day August 4**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

### CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR

Everyone registered should have received an email regarding the Sacramental Program for 2021. If you have not received an email please contact Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077. You can download the enrolment form from our **website** or click the below link:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ArticleDocuments/11692/Confirmation%20Enrolment%20Form%202021.docx.aspx>



<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ArticleDocuments/11692/Information%20for%20Parents%202021.docx.aspx>

Once you fill out the enrolment form please email it with a copy of the baptism certificate to:  
**arcadia.parish@bigpond.com**

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2021

### *The Church*

Let us pray for the Church,  
that she may receive from the Holy Spirit  
the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.  
**AMEN.**



## COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS—ALL MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

Please use QR CODE or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.  
Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of 2sqms and sanitize your hands at the door.  
Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.

IF YOU ARE NOT WELL OR EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS,  
PLEASE STAY HOME, ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.

## SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

*We the people of St Benedict's Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help. These people in our parish can help: Fr Hilarion 0478 909 541, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 83791605.*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

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