

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



PARISH Masses

Weekend:

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

Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
Fridays 6.30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)
Saturdays 10am to 11am
Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
30 & 31 July 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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.

BE RICH WITH GOD - REFLECTION

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus says "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:13-21

- 1. Am I often thinking about that new car or that nicer house or that better computer, and I seldom think about how I can know God better?**
- 2. Do I sometimes cheat or lie or steal to get ahead financially? Do I care more about making money than about being in a relationship with Jesus Christ?**
- 3. Does my happiness soar when I get a new car, but I am bored by the things of God?**
- 4. What would I do if I suddenly came into a fortune? Would my first thought be, "Now I can get that better house or car or boat"? Or, would I think, "Now I can support dozens of missionaries and help others"?**

Dear Lord,

Help me to know You better. Help to me to have a relationship with You. Help me to be rich in faith so that my treasure will be stored up in heaven. Amen.

First Reading**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.****Second Reading****Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 (JB)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOPEL**Luke 12:13-21 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: "My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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

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ECCLESIASTES 1:2



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

Who appointed me as your judge? (Luke 12:14)

Who wouldn't want to have Jesus on their side in a property dispute? Think of it: the Son of God himself advocating for you to receive as much as possible. Your opponent wouldn't stand a chance!

But then again, judging by today's Gospel, Jesus may be the exact person you *don't* want to consult. At least not if you're trying to maximize your takeaway. Remember, this is the one who said, "Blessed are you who are poor," and who told a wealthy man to sell all his possessions and give the money to the needy (Luke 6:20; 18:18-23). You might prefer that he stay out of the whole thing. It's just as well anyway, since Jesus didn't seem too interested in engaging in the argument between these two brothers!

Jesus may have seemed disinterested in this man's complaint, but that doesn't mean he didn't care about this fellow. Jesus loved him and his brother just as deeply as he loved Peter or John or anyone else. What he cared about was whether this man would show that same love to his own brother. He cared about whether he would learn to be detached from his possessions so that he could discover the even greater treasure of sharing in his love. That's why he warned the man against greed; he could see that it was motivating him far more than love was.

Jesus ended his parable by urging his hearers to become "rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12:21). And what matters to God is not how much or how little we possess, but how much or how little we are possessed by our possessions. What matters to God is the degree to which we are free to dedicate our money, our time, and our abilities to loving and caring for one another.

Jesus isn't against wealth or possessions. He just values them less than he values our love—and our ability to love one another. That's what truly matters to him.

"Jesus, help me to become rich in what matters to you."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg32)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	Readings: Jer 28:1-17, Mt 14:13-21. <i>St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor.</i>
Tuesday	Readings: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Mt 14:22-36. <i>St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop & St Peter Julian Eymard, priest.</i>
Wednesday	Readings: Jer 31:1-7, Mt 15:21-28. <i>St Dominic, priest.</i>
Thursday	Readings: Jer 31:31-34, Mt 16:13-23. <i>St John Vianney, priest.</i>
Friday	Readings: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7, Mt 16:24-28.
Saturday	<i>TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i> Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or 2 Pet 1:16-19, Lk 9:28-



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2022

FOR THE ELDERLY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people.

May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.

PARISH FUNDS

Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad.

<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. **Palms Australia** who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away.

Enquire online on:

<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/>

or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also register:

<https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/>

for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**



Palms Australia

THE BROKEN BAY SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DINNER

You are cordially invited to the Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner!

Join us for an evening of good food and company as we support our Broken Bay seminarians and raise awareness of the importance of vocations within our diocese. Our seminarians will be sharing their testimonies and musical talents, and you will have a chance to get to know them better.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Harrington Hall (94 Archer St, Chatswood). Tickets are \$15 per person. All are welcome!

Please follow the link below to secure your tickets. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBBGF>

For more info contact the parish office on (02) 9410 9000

Email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

or the Vocations Office at vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS

Natural Fertility Awareness Week this year is August 22 - 28.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week is dedicated to helping women understand their fertility and manage it without the need for drugs, devices or invasive techniques. Once learned, fertility awareness can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life, even when her cycles are not regular.

The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2022 is

"Fertility Literacy – Get the Know How"

Monitoring your fertility health is easy when you know how to do it accurately.

Visit www.billings.life for more information on events in your area.

In Our Parish

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially *Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter), Paul & Mary Camilleri and Nadine Lucas.*

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially:
Lyla Abood...may they Rest in Peace.



DRAFT ROSTER NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW

**CHILDREN'S MASS NEXT SUNDAY
7TH AUGUST 2022
9AM**

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023?

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

<https://bbwyd.org.au/>

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE

Specifically tailored for clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation.

Date: Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and
Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Precinct, Sydney

Cost: \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney, \$100 for other dioceses.

Dr Scott Hahn, special online guest, author and speaker, will be speaking live at the event.

Other presenters include Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Chris Ryan MGL and Tania Rimac.

Registration essential:

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22
by Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022/2023

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep in your prayers the children who are currently going through the classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights: after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings: after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome. **Come and meet new people.**

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to Kristy and John from the CCD for coming out to the parish to conduct training for us. It is greatly appreciated and I am sure that we all learnt something new. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

There will not be a Catechist meeting this Wednesday as it was replaced by the training day on Friday.

For those wondering what is taught by the parish Catechists – I thought I might spend a few weeks looking at our curriculum. In the Diocese of Broken Bay we follow the Walking with Jesus: Pathways of Discipleship curriculum which has an Imprimatur from Bishop Anthony Randazzo, our bishop. This resource is provided to all Catechists in the form of a Teacher's Manual and access to Powerpoint lessons which contain visual and audio resources for each lesson and workbooks are provided for the students.

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Coordinator



TALKS ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

By Bishop David Walker commencing 3 August

The Gospel of John:

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be giving a series of 5 talks on John's Gospel on Wednesday mornings at St Gerard's Church, 543 North Rocks Rd Carlingford, commencing with 9:30am Mass and then 10:15am – 11:45am in the parish meeting room starting August 3rd. Bring your bible and learn from Bishop David's 60 years as a priest, bishop, retreat giver and theologian.

Enquiries: Parish Office - Epping and Carlingford Parish 9876 2853



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



DIOCESE OF BROOME

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

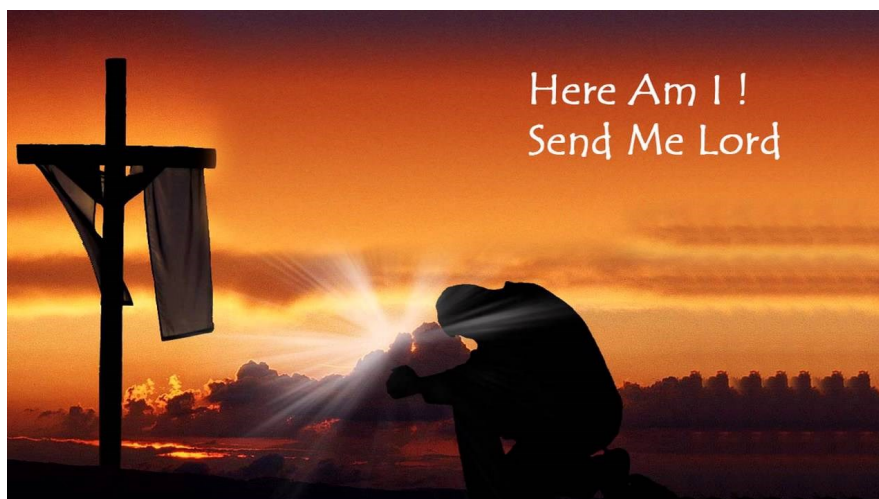
Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725



We're
Searching for
Volunteers



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Dominic, Priest

Feast Day: August 3

C. 1170 - 1221



Patron Saint of the Dominican Republic, astronomers, and the falsely accused

A one man army for God; long practice taught him how to preach the Truth

Today's saint and Saint Francis of Assisi were close contemporaries. They both founded influential religious orders, collaborated with the same popes and cardinals, and were canonized soon after their deaths. Francis remains a rich, technicolor, three-dimensional figure even many centuries after his death. Dominic, on the contrary, is a shadow. Francis jumps off the page. Dominic is found between the lines. No cult of personality developed around Dominic as it did around Francis. Yet whereas Francis was unsuited to leadership and perplexed by organizational necessities, Dominic quietly excelled in every area. Because of Dominic's skills, his well-structured order had none of the grave problems that almost doomed Franciscanism. Dominic's personality retreats behind the hum and whistle of the order that embodied his vision.

Dominic, born in Spain, spent many years dedicated to his university studies before accompanying a local bishop on a royal errand that took them across Europe, including through Southern France. In the city of Toulouse, France, Dominic had his first encounter with the Cathars, a heretical sect of rigorist purists on the margins of Christianity. Dominic would spend the better part of ten years of his short life strategically contemplating and implementing a pastoral plan to bring the Cathars back into the arms of Mother Church.

Dominic concluded very early on in this missionary endeavor that the witness of priests had to be more authentic for them to be effective among the Cathars. No more traveling by horse. No more nice meals. No more inns. No more beds. No more shoes. The priests who went to the Cathars must beg like the Cathar holy men. They must walk, not ride, like the Cathar holy men. They must go barefoot, fast, pray, be humble, wear simple clothes, and live strict chastity and celibacy like the Cathar holy men. Then, and only then, would the Cathars listen to the priests. The Cathars listened to Dominic. He had been practicing these things rigorously and joyfully for many years. He was the very icon of an authentic priest. Dominic, in short, had credibility, and his learning was self-evident in his preaching. Nonetheless, Dominic's pastoral efforts, in the end, had to cede to the religious violence so common to the time. Church and state authorities ran out of patience, and the Cathars were ruthlessly crushed in their vice.

His many years of heading a band of educated preachers amidst a difficult pastoral situation equipped Dominic for leadership and gave him a strong sense of how sound theology impacted pastoral practice. Loving God was not like going on a blind date. The Church provided the faithful with the tools to know God, not just know *about* Him. The Church gave the faithful concrete means to love God, not just to talk vaguely about loving Him. Dominic knew the truth and how to present it, by word and example, effectively. By 1215 he had received papal permission to lead his own group of preachers. That same year, he attended the Fourth Lateran Council in Rome to solidify his canonical position.

From 1215 until his death, Dominic traveled, organized, recruited, and planned. He was driving the foundations of his order deep into theological and canonical bedrock. Amidst this tornado of activity, he lived perfect poverty, chastity, obedience, humility, and charity. He was known to often say "Whoever governs the passions is master of the world. We must either rule them, or be ruled by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil." He shared the fruits of his contemplation in every conversation and encouraged his brothers to do the same. His poverty was such that when he died in Bologna, in his early fifties, he lay in someone else's bed, because he didn't have one of his own, wearing another's habit, because his own had fallen to pieces. The Dominican order exploded with growth during his lifetime. It is still today one of the Church's preeminent, and truly global, orders dedicated to scholarship, preaching, education, publishing, and evangelization. If causes are known by their effects, Saint Dominic was a relentless, one man, army for God.

Saint Dominic, your dedication to the truths of the Catholic faith gives beautiful witness to the faithful. Help us to emulate your poverty, charity, and chastity in our daily lives, and to strive to obtain your erudition and verve in evangelizing others in our words and deeds. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

**DRAFT ROSTER NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW
PLEASE CHECK DATES ARE SUITABLE FOR YOU**

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 6/8/22 to 7/8/22 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C		
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Teresa Gambino	CHILDREN'S
Reader2	Sr Carol Tomlinson	MASS
Prayers	Miriam Brown	
TV		Joshua Azzi
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Marisa Quattrocchi
Music		Helen Facione
Morning Tea		Mary Abood

Parish Roster

Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it! If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office. We would love the extra help!

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.

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 Shansana 0437 884 233, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

Office Hours:

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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9653 1159

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.