

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



To listen gladly to Holy reading.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

One person per 2sqm
Maximum 300 people

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

12 & 13 June 2021

Entrance Procession

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds,
grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Communion Antiphon

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one,
says the Lord.

Gospel reading for this Week

**Mark 4:26-34 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mark 4:26-34 (JB)

Are you "visually oriented?" How does this orientation effect the language you use?

How many times have you told someone, "If you could only see it, you would understand"? Pictures do simplify explanations. Word images do the same thing. They make the difficult easy to communicate.

Jesus understood this principle well when he told the people about the Kingdom of God. He publicly preached with parables.

Why did Jesus use parables in his public ministry? Jesus used parables for two reasons: to deflect criticism and to teach effectively. By speaking in analogies and stories, Jesus was able to communicate to his audience without providing a clear reason for the Roman authorities to move against him. If Jesus equated the Kingdom of God with revolution, he would have been quickly arrested, tried and executed. But, by teachings in symbols and stories, he was able deflect charges of treason. (How many Romans could really understand the Kingdom of God as a mustard seed, anyway?)

More important, stories and analogies are superior didactic tools. What do you remember best: a process, a principle or a story? Narrative forms create opportune conditions to communicate a moral. Think of an effective television commercial. Most likely, the commercial tells a story and ties the moral of the story directly to the product and/or product feature. Jesus and his followers used this form to pass along the faith.

Over time, of course, the interpretations of many parable changed to meet the needs of the audience. But, that did not diminish the power of the narrative. So, the next time you hear a sermon, critique the speech. If you remember the thoughts presented, most likely they were tied to a story that caught your attention.

What is your favorite parable in the gospel? How do these parables help reflect on the Kingdom?

Jesus painted word pictures with symbols and stories. He understood the power of the narrative. A picture might tell a thousand stories, but a word picture can help express the Kingdom.

What story or symbol could you create to express your faith? Get creative.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Romualdo of Ravenna, Abbott

c. 951 – c. 1025

Feast Day: June 19



It is easy today to slip down a technological hole into a cave piled high with televisions, video games, and the toys of virtual reality. Many technological “hermits” disappear from meaningful contact with society, and instead marinate, perpetually, in the blue glow of their screens. Retreating from sustained contact with everyday life has always been attractive for a very small number of people. These people are called monks. But a religious monk’s motivation is not isolation for isolation’s sake. Nor is it flight from overwhelming adult responsibilities. Today’s technological monks separate themselves from society for different reasons than a religious monk does. Religious monks were not, and are not, merely recluses with antisocial or introverted personalities. They do not become monks because they are more comfortable playing war on a digital battlefield or retreating into sci-fi universes.

Although they may have an innate disposition toward the interior life, religious monks do not enter a monastery primarily to flee, or hide from, something. Instead, they run toward someone—God. A monastery is not a cave. It is an oasis. Monks seek a Christ-centred community where mortification and self-discipline are easier to practice, where a chapel and the Sacraments are always available, and where spiritual direction, Church approval, and the reinforcement of fellow monks assure the community that they are doing the will of God.

Since the time of Saint Benedict in the sixth century, there had essentially been only one monastic order in the Latin Rite Church, the Benedictines. Benedictine monasteries shone like stars in a broad constellation, blinking throughout Europe from east to west and north to south. Each monastery and school was like a vertebra strengthening the intellectual and spiritual skeleton of Europe. Over the centuries, however, and inevitably, the Benedictines atrophied, cracked from dryness, and needed new wine poured into their old wineskins. The saint who reformed Benedictine life and who founded the Cistercian Order was Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. But he was not born until 1090. It was today’s saint, Romualdo, much less well-known, who cleared the path for Saint Bernard and for the reform of monasticism, ensuring its survival in the middle ages.

Saint Romualdo was born in the middle of the tenth century in Northern Italy. After his father killed a relative in a duel, Romualdo entered a local monastery for a few weeks of penance. But the weeks turned into months and the months into years. He stayed. Unfortunately, the monks were as lukewarm as old bathwater, and Saint Romualdo told them so. He had to leave. He put himself under the tutelage of a wise hermit, then traveled to Spain to live as a hermit on the grounds of a Benedictine monastery. He subsequently spent about thirty years walking the length and breadth of Italy. He had acquired a great reputation as an ascetic and master of prayer and so founded, or reformed, various monasteries which sought his assistance.

Finally, in 1012, he settled down in Tuscany and established a reformed branch of the Benedictines. The Order was named after the man who granted Saint Romualdo the beautiful land on which he first built. The donor’s name was Maldolus, and the new community was thus called the Camaldolese Order. The Order still exists in several countries and continues to attract those few men and women inclined to the radical isolation, prayer, asceticism, and deep hunger for God, which only a hermit’s life can satisfy.

Saint Romualdo planted the seed of his Order in the Benedictine garden. But Camaldolese monks emphasize solitude more than their monastic cousins. In a typical Benedictine monastery, every single monk places his oar in the water to pull the monastery’s school, or orchard, or farm, forward. The Camaldolese tradition is more hermit based (eremitical) while allowing some community based (cenobitical) life. Camaldolese monks generally live in individual structures but pray the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours together daily in the Church. They live simplicity, penance, and contemplation more intensely due to their total focus on these goals to the exclusion of all outside apostolates. Unlike modernity’s reclusive technological monks enraptured by their screens, the Camaldolese choose to live without phones, the internet, or television. The tabernacle is their screen, and the scene stays the same. With this intense focus on solitude and prayer, Camaldolese monks perpetuate, in their narrow, unique, and faithful way, the vision of their pioneering founder.

Saint Romualdo, by your intense example of prayer, penance, and solitude, assist all the faithful to put God above all things, to conquer themselves before any other mountain, and so come to know themselves, and their Maker, more deeply. AMEN.

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Albert Rebula.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Brother Mario, Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha’s mum) and Afifi El-Chaar (Paul El-Chaar’s mum) and all those we hold in the silence of our hearts.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

PRAYER REQUEST FROM FR HILARION

My eldest sister, Trixie Pieris (78 years), passed away on the 10th of June in Sri Lanka. The funeral will take place on Saturday the 12th of June.

Please pray for the repose of her soul.
May she rest in Peace.



ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

The Blessing of St Anthony's Bread will take place on Sunday 13th of June at the 10.30am Mass.

St. Anthony's Bread is an expression of devotion reminding of St. Anthony's love and aid to the poor when he was alive. The tradition dates back to the 13th century, stemming from a story when a young child fell into a barrel of water and drowned. The mother begged St. Anthony to help, promising to donate grain the weight of her child to the poor if her daughter was restored. The child arose as if asleep, and this began giving alms to the poor for favors in St. Anthony's intercession.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

We really need help with more volunteers. This is only for an hour or two once a month.

If you are interested in helping out please call the office on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays), or simply grab a broom!

TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE TWILIGHT REFLECTION EVENING

Every year people from the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Parramatta, gather to reflect on the Social Justice Statement issued by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference. The **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening**, to be held at **6.00pm** on the **30 June** at **Pennant Hills Bowling Club**, is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of social justice ministries across the dioceses and to consider how we as a church can respond to the issues addressed in the statement. This year's topic is mental health in Australia.

If you would like more information about the event or would like to attend, please contact Emma Baker on 8379 1630 or email at emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au.

RSVP by 16 June

2021 is essential due to catering and COVID-19 requirements.

URGENT BUT HUMBLE REQUEST FROM FR HILARION

As I intend to rearrange and clean up the Sacristy, the parish office; meeting room, I request you to remove any personal items (acolyte and altar server clothes, books, instruments, tools, etc. etc.). Please take them home as we might misplace them.

I do need your hands and advice please.

Let us keep our parish church and premises as worthy residence for Jesus to live among us.

Thanks and God's blessings,
Dom Hilarion OSB

FATHER BERNARD

Would you like to give Fr Bernard a memento of his time as our Parish Priest – in addition to the chocolate cake that he, doubtless, really enjoyed?

You are invited to sign a card, placed at the entrance to the back of the church, this weekend.

You are also invited, if desired, to put a small donation into the accompanying box for the purchase of a gift to show our appreciation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent De Paul is already seeing a rise in homelessness among people losing jobs with the withdrawal of the Jobkeeper Payment and Jobseeker supplement. Soaring house prices and fewer places to rent have naturally affected our most vulnerable citizens. The Winter Appeal is a great way to help these people and others who are struggling to make ends meet. Please give generously to our appeal.

NEEDED VOLUNTEER RCIA CO-ORDINATOR

We are looking for an RCIA Co-Ordinator. This position requires you to have a sound knowledge in liturgy and **adult catechesis**. Must be an effective communicator with managerial skills. Training will be provided. Contact Fr Hilarion on 0416 032 497.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on Wednesday 25th August at 6:30pm.

Enrolment forms will be available on the Parish Website and from the Sacristy from Sunday 23rd May. All enrolment forms need to be returned by Sunday 11th July.

If you have any queries regarding enrolments please ring Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Draft Roster is now on the sacristy window. Please check if dates are suitable for you.

19/6/21 to 20/6/21
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Paul El-Chaar
Reader1	Margaret Bensley	Paula El-Chaar
Reader2	Maria Gambino	Marcelle Douglas
Prayers	Miriam Brown	Peter Bellew
TV		Cali Family
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Helen Facione
Music		Nigel Morgan

If you would like to help out in any of the ministries above please contact the Parish office on 9653 2312.

SAVE THE DATE

In July Father Alberic Jacovone will celebrate his 60 years of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Any of you who know Father Alberic will also know he has been part of the St Benedict's community for many years and has brought his compassion, kindness and spirit to many of us in so many ways.

Celebration will be held at our parish on Sunday July 11th 2021 10.30am Mass, followed by barbecue and cake.

If you would like to be involved in helping out on the day please contact the parish office.

Everyone Welcome!

PLAYGROUP



Every Monday 10am to 12pm.

We meet every Monday during school terms. No need to book just turn up. Everyone welcome!

CCC PRAYER GROUP

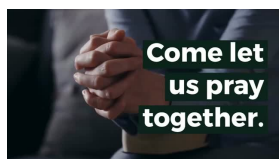
Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights:

after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings:

after 9.30am Mass.



Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CATECHIST NEWS

Thanks to those who organised or were involved in the Children's Mass last weekend!

Also thanks Sharon da Roza and John Donnelly from the CCD for organising the Pentecost Reflection day in our parish on Friday. It was an informative and reflective gathering, well presented by Br Bernard Mary Fonkalsrud OFM Conv. We enjoyed the time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives.

And especially thanks to Fr Bernard for filling the vacancy at Arcadia, teaching Years 3&4! All our classes now have Catechists. If you also enjoy being with children and would like to know more about being a Catechist or are interested in visiting a classroom as a helper, please give me a call or send me an email.

As we come to the last weeks of term, please keep our Catechists and the children that they teach in your prayers.

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL CHOIR PRACTICE

For the next few weeks we have a professional coming to train the choir. Choir practice is on Sunday from 3pm and Latin Mass at 4.30pm. It is a great opportunity for new people to learn. Everyone welcome.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday 12th June will be celebrated at the 7pm Vigil Mass.

PARISH STALL

Our next stall will be next weekend 18-20 June just in time for school holidays. Friday night 7pm, Saturday night 7pm, Sunday 7am Monastery, Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 4.30pm Latin Mass.

It will be a craft stall for children and adults. Some things we will be selling are diamond art, paint by numbers, all types of puzzles and more. We will also be selling beautiful holy puzzles and donating \$10 from every puzzle sold. You'll be able to buy activities to keep all age children and adults busy.



Thank you and God bless you all!
Lila Bacha Ph: 96521113 or 0418360024.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.
For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.



THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for the month of June 2021

In the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family, which began on 19 March 2021, the Pope has dedicated his prayer intention for the month of June to the beauty of marriage. The Pope has issued a video celebrating the beauty of married love and reminding people that "God has a dream for us – love – and he asks us to make it his own". Although married life can be at times challenging, the Pope affirms that "it's worth making the effort" and that Jesus accompanies those walking this journey – married people do not do it alone!

Let's join with Pope Francis in praying for all married couples during the month of June:

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Click here for a video link about the Pope's prayer intention that can be used for distribution via parish social media accounts or shared during Sunday Mass:

<https://thepopevideo.org/>



GCEA PRAYER BREAKFAST

When: 8-9am, Thursday 17th June
Where: The Centre (Dural Baptist Church)
How much? A \$5 donation to cover costs would be appreciated
RSVP: roger@duralanglican.org.au by Monday 14th June

Roger Hokin
Youth and Young Adults Minister
Dural District Anglican Churches
GCEA Secretary

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“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

JUNE PROGRAMS

4th
Friday

DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY
6:00pm - 8:30pm

5th
Saturday

ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT
10:00am - 2:30pm
DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY,
5.30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768

**11th-
13th**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT (LIVE-IN)
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 6:00pm - Sunday 4:00pm
For booking: 04 6848 6782, drcretreatrego@gmail.com

27th
Sunday

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)
9:00am - 4:00pm
Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise And Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Way Of The Cross
• Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

• **BOOKING REQUIRED** • **LIMITED NUMBERS**
Pls contact 02 4372 1598, drcretreatrego@gmail.com

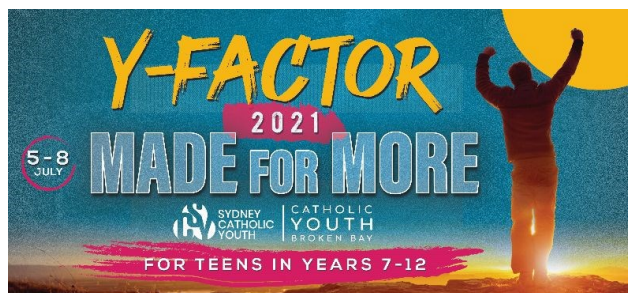
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Y-FACTOR 2021



The July Y-Factor Camp registrations are open! Y-Factor is a youth camp run in the school holidays for young people in Years 7-12 and this year's theme is 'Made for More!' The camp is so big that this is the **SECOND** time it's being run this year, with the first being sold out. Come along for 4 days jam-packed with fun, sports, times for prayer, music, dramas, testimonies, workshops and talks with dynamic speakers, small group discussions and friendship! Don't miss out on an experience of a lifetime!

When: 5 – 8 July, 2021

Where: Benedict XVI, Grose Vale (a charter bus will leave from Hornsby Cathedral)

Registrations (Note: registrations for BROKEN BAY participants close on 12 June):

<https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor2021>

FAMILY LIFE



When parents are blessed with more than one child, their children also are blessed with the interaction of siblings. The natural intention of God for siblings is similar to that of parents, minus the obedience part. Siblings offer each other the healthy opportunity to grow in mutual love and respect.

These family bonds offer a wonderful opportunity for children to learn many basic requirements of human relationships. For example, siblings are obliged to always work toward forgiveness of each other. While it's never good that siblings fight, it also seems to be inevitable. But God changes this into good in that He allows those moments of forgiveness and reconciliation within the family to be moments of mercy and healing. Siblings learn how to experience hurt from the sins of another and to then offer forgiveness and mercy. They also learn how to ask for forgiveness and how to receive it when they have hurt the others.

Siblings cannot disown each other in healthy families. Sure we've all heard stories of siblings who never speak to each other any longer. But especially in healthy families while growing up, it's not possible to ignore your sibling every day. And a good parent will help to foster reconciliation when needed. This offers a wonderful lesson for life. They learn, within the family, how to love, forgive and ask forgiveness. They learn what mercy is and what it means to have unconditional love. This is one of the natural blessings of family life as God intended it.

Source: mycatholic.life

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

AMEN.



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

**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.

**Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays:
10.30am to 2.30pm**

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
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