

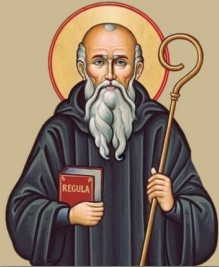
St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

12 & 13 JULY 2025



The Feast of
**ST. BENEDICT
THE ABBOT**
July 11

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
(Reconciliation)

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am
Adoration & Confession (Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

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

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup; he alone will give
me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely
place for me; my inheritance is my great delight.
(Ps 15:5-6)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, by your grace St Benedict
became a great teacher
in the school of your service.
Grant that we may put nothing
before our love of you
and may walk eagerly in
the path of your commandments.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

SELF REFLECTION: Humility

The Feast Day Gospel, Luke 22:24-30
In this passage, Jesus gently corrects His disciples who
are arguing about who among them is the greatest. He
reminds them that true greatness in God's kingdom is not
about power or status, but about humble service. Jesus
Himself, though Lord and Master, came to serve others.
This challenges me to look at my own heart. Do I seek
recognition or importance in the eyes of others? Or am I
willing to serve quietly and humbly, even when no one
notices? Jesus calls me to lead by love, to put others
before myself, and to trust that God sees every act of
service, no matter how small.

*Greatness Service
Kingdom Humility*

*Lord Jesus,
You came not to be served but to serve.
Help me to let go of pride and the need for recognition.
Teach me to lead with humility and love,
and to find joy in serving others, as You did.
May my life reflect the values of Your Kingdom,
where the greatest are those who serve.
Amen.*

**Solemnity of Our Holy Father Benedict, Abbot
11 July**

First Reading: Proverbs 2:1-9

A reading from the book of Proverbs

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding;
If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures - then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
Guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility, and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you my friends, says the Lord,
for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

Alleluia!

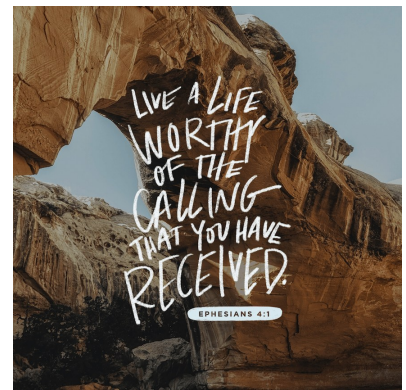
GOSPEL Luke 22:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me.

A dispute arose between the apostles about which should be reckoned the greatest, but Jesus said to them, 'Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here am I among you as one who serves!

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

11 July

St Benedict Abbot

Moving is always stressful, and pulling up roots to move to a foreign country is ten times as challenging! So imagine, in today's reading, Jacob assembling his caravan—his growing family, their possessions, and all the flocks and herds they tended. He had indeed grown prosperous in the land of Canaan, the place God had promised to give to his grandfather, Abraham. So it's no surprise that he was anxious, once again “wrestling” over whether he really wanted to go. In the end, Jacob concluded that he possessed so much more than family and livestock. He carried with him the very promises of God, the blessing of his father, and a new name bestowed on him by an angel. He even had God's own assurance: “I will go down to Egypt with you” And so he resolved to set out on this new chapter, trusting in the God of his father.

You are more like Jacob than you may realize. You are an heir to the promises of God—promises, in fact, that even surpass his promises to all the heroes and heroines of the Old Testament! That means you can trust that the Lord will go with you no matter where you wander. Because you are baptized into the death and resurrection of his Son, you don't have to be afraid of the sin in the world around you. And because you have been filled with his Spirit, you don't have to worry when you are beset by adversity—Jesus promises, “Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows”.

You may find yourself today in new circumstances or unfamiliar territory. You may be facing opposition from someone close to you. You may even end up wrestling with old patterns of thinking or habitual sin. Yet these are the times when God's promises mean the most. So whatever you are facing, you can also *expect the Lord to stay close to you. Even if you have to “go down to Egypt” today, know that you won't be going alone!*

“Lord, help me to stand on your promises and take refuge in your presence!”

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL READINGS

JULY 2025

- Monday14: Ex 1:8-14-22. Mt 10:34 -11:1
R. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
St Camillus de Lellis, Priest.
- Tuesday 15: Ex 2:1-15. Mt 11:20-24
R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.
St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
- Wednesday 16: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12. Mt 11:25-27.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- Thursday 17: Ex 3:13-20. Mt 11:28-30.
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
- Friday 18: Ex 11:10-12:14. Mt 12:1-8.
R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
- Saturday 19: Ex 12:37-42. Mt 12:14-21.
R. His love is everlasting.



Source: Ordo 2025



Pope Leo XIV prayer intention for July 2025:

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES & PARISH FINANCE MINUTES

MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE
UPON REQUEST.

Any suggestions to Parish Pastoral Council or Parish
Finance can be given to Fr Shansana.

DRAFT ROSTER NOW AVAILABLE

The next draft roster is displayed on the sacristy
window. Please check and edit if required. It will be
removed on 27th July.

If you would like to join any of the ministries listed,
please speak to Father Shansana.

Your help is essential. Together, we can bring
compassion and care to those in need.

Please contact the parish office.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Vinnies Winter Appeal will be collecting donations until
the end of July. Envelopes for donations of money are
in the Church today and can be returned anytime in the
next month.

At the Church entrances we have our red buckets in
which we are hoping to receive donations of non-
perishable food and toiletries. We would be so grateful
for any donations from our Community at this time.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations Fr Alberic Iacovone
15 July 1961 – 64 Years of Priesthood

*"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."*
— Jeremiah 3:15

Congratulations and heartfelt best wishes to
Father Alberic on the 64th Anniversary of your
Ordination to the Priesthood.

Thank you, Father, for your unwavering commitment to
God's people.



ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

THIS SUNDAY JULY 13TH 9AM MASS

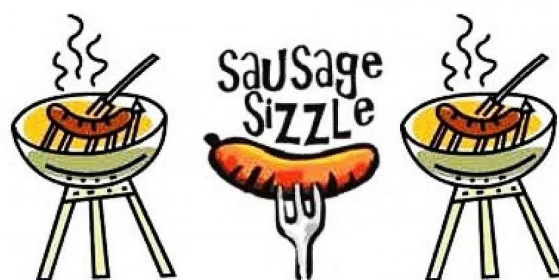
You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate
the Feast Day of St Benedict, the patron of our
parish community. We will begin with a joyful
9:00am Mass, giving thanks for the life and legacy
of St Benedict.

After Mass, please stay and share in the festivities
with a delicious morning tea and barbecue in the
parish grounds. It will be a wonderful opportunity to
come together as a community in faith, fellowship,
and fun.

If you're able, we'd love for you to bring along a
plate of food to share.

All are welcome!

We look forward to celebrating with you!



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 Vincent Bacha, Charlie Micallef, Brother Mario,
and Father Alberic.**

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

*Luke Manassa, Pellegrino Vaccarella, Najm Azzi, Carmel Russo, Margaret McKinley, Joe Guiana,
Vanessa Papandrea, Biagio Abignano, Phil Dailey, Brother Peter Hancock, Brother Terry,
Colleen Bennett & Helen Facione. ~ May they rest in Peace.*



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Calling All Children and Families!

We invite all children and families who are interested in getting involved in upcoming parish activities and children Masses to reach out!

If your child would like to participate, please **send an email to the parish office** with the **child's name and a contact number**. We look forward to welcoming more young faces into our parish life!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY



**We will be celebrating "Our Lady of Fatima Day"
On 12 October 2025**

Please keep this day in your diary.

We invite everyone from St Benedict's to attend this beautiful celebration. Details to come.

We invite children to be part of the Fatima Play and the Procession. Please contact Teresa on 0438 521 421.

Our next Fatima meeting will be on Tuesday 24 June 2025 at 7pm. In the Parish Meeting Room. All committee members are to attend and guests are welcome.

PIETY SHOP NEWS

We invite you to take a moment to explore our Piety Shop. It offers a wonderful selection of items to support and enrich your spiritual life, including: Religious gifts for sacraments like Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Rosaries, prayer cards, and medals Bibles, missals, and spiritual books for adults and children.

Come and see what's new!

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP!

Youth group has finished this term! Thank you to all the children who participated. Will let you know when next term is open. Have a wonderful holiday!

Thank you,

Gabe & Jules!



CATECHISTS' NEWS

Wishing all families a restful and safe holiday.

Term 3 will commence the week of Monday 21st July.

Free training being provided by the CCD –

- Skills in the Classroom training for all Catechists on Tuesday 22 July 6:15pm – 8:30pm via Zoom on 'Prayer in the Classroom'

- Level 2 training for fully authorised Catechists on "The Church in the 3rd Millenium" commencing on Friday 25th July 10am -12:15pm via Zoom

RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

Please keep our parish Catechists, and the students that they teach, in prayer during the school holidays. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a Catechist or helper, please contact myself or the parish office or one of our priests.

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com



ST BENEDICT'S MAKER'S TABLE

An enjoyable evening was had by all at our recent Ribbon Embroidery workshop!

Save the date for our next workshop on Wednesday, **6th August 7.30-9.30pm!** More details coming soon. themakerstablesydney@gmail.com

Martine 0458-533-250 / Nerida 0425-834-017



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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Feast Day: July 16

Late Twelfth–Early Thirteenth Century

**Patron Saint of Bolivia and the Carmelite Order
Invoked for those in Purgatory**



At the base of Mount Carmel, on the northwest coast of Israel, lies the Carmelite monastery, Stella Maris, Latin for “Star of the Sea.” The monastery is built over a cave believed to have been where the prophet Elijah, inspired by God, successfully challenged 450 prophets of Baal in a contest to the death. Shortly after, Elijah prophesied the end of a three-year drought when his servant reported to him that he saw a “cloud as small as a man’s hand rising from the sea.” That small cloud quickly transformed into a heavy rainfall over the parched earth. Later, Carmelites interpreted Elijah’s vision as a prefiguration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They saw her as the small cloud rising from the sea, a true “Star of the Sea.” The rain that would emerge from her to end the three-year drought was perceived as the grace and mercy poured out by her Son, Jesus.

While some traditions hold that hermits lived in the caves of Mount Carmel following the time of Elijah, written records confirm their presence only from the thirteenth century onwards. In 1209, a group of hermits asked Bishop Albert, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, to provide them with a rule of life. Bishop Albert did so, and the Order of Brothers of The Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, later known as the Carmelites, was formed. One of their first acts was to erect a chapel dedicated to Mary, Star of the Sea, Stella Maris. In 1226, Pope Honorius approved their rule.

Shortly after the order’s founding on Mount Carmel, Muslim invaders conquered nearby territories, leading some hermits to flee from the Holy Land to other parts of Europe, including Aylesford, England. As hermits, the Carmelites found it challenging to gain wide acceptance. In an attempt to help the new order gain wider acceptance within the Church, Simon Stock, the Carmelites’ Superior General, and his fellow hermits sought the Blessed Virgin Mary’s intercession. In 1251, she responded by appearing to Simon while holding the Christ Child in one arm and a brown scapular in the other. She said to him, “Receive, my beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire...It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace.”

In the following centuries, the Carmelites developed a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, clothing themselves in the scapular habit and developing liturgies in her honor. In the fifteenth century, the Carmelite order expanded to include women in religious service and a lay third order. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII placed the Carmelite devotion to our Blessed Mother on the universal calendar of the Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Throughout the centuries, many popes have spoken in favor of the scapular and devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In 1908, the Congregation for Indulgences at the Vatican issued a summary of this devotion. It permitted the Carmelites to preach that those who had worn the scapular and had fulfilled certain duties or observed particular practices would receive “the unceasing intercession of Mary, her pious petitions, her merits, and her special protection” after their deaths.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a vision of Elijah the prophet prophesied your arrival when he saw a small cloud rising from the sea. From that cloud, rain quenched the arid earth. Through you, the true rain of mercy continues to fall upon us in the form of your divine Son. Please pray that my thirst from the dryness of my soul will seek satisfaction only in your Son and the mercy He pours forth. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. I encounter, so that God can use me in ways known only to Him. Saint Benedict, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**DATE: THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST
9.30AM MASS**

GAZA URGENT HELP NEEDED

As the humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsens, Caritas Australia is urgently advocating for safe and unhindered humanitarian access and the protection of all civilians. In solidarity with our global Caritas partners, we are supporting the delivery of life-saving aid — including food, medical supplies, hygiene items, and trauma care — despite extremely challenging conditions on the ground.

Pope Leo XIV has also renewed calls for an immediate end to hostilities and increased humanitarian aid, reminding us of our shared responsibility to uphold the dignity of every human life. [Donate to Gaza | Support Gaza Emergency Appeal](#)



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2025
DOORS OPEN 6.45PM FOR 7PM START
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

REGISTER

WE HAVE THIS HOPE, A SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL, A HOPE THAT ENTERS THE INNER SHRINE BEHIND THE CURTAIN, HEBREWS 6: 19

GUEST SPEAKER
CARDINAL PABLO VIRGILIO DAVID

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Parish Roster

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AT MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9AM MASS**

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

**19/7/2025—20/7/2025
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	George A
Reader1	Mary C	Judy H	Mirko J
Reader2	Sr Carl T	Ann L	Leanne A
Prayers	Natasha S	Fogarty Family	Matt W
TV		Fogarty family	Joseph M
Music		Karina S	Melanie H
Music		Noelle T	Keith W
Music		John T	Sandra M
Music			Martina J
Morning Tea		Sophie R	
FLOWERS	Mona M		



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

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.

**For all parish OH&S and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:
Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**

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 NOTICE

NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolments for the next Sacramental Program are now open. Program commences with Confirmation in October with lessons in August.

Please contact the parish office or collect a form from the Church Sacristy or email:

arcadia.parish@bbcatholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Planned Giving Envelopes are now ready for collection. They can be found on the front pew in the church, arranged in alphabetical order.

A sincere thank you to all who have already opted in to this important program. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please contact the parish office.

Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

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