St Benedict's Parish Arcadia





FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 5 & 6 JULY 2025

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am

7:00pm Mass & Confession

Adoration & Confession (Reconciliation)

(Reconciliation)

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration

PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Weekends:

Weekdays:

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



SELF REFLECTION: MISSION

This Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 Jesus sends out the seventy-two, reminding us that we are called to share peace, heal, and proclaim the kingdom of God. Even when faced with rejection, we are not alone our joy lies not in success, but in knowing our names are written in heaven.

I ask myself:

- What does it mean for me to trust God when I feel unprepared or rejected?
- Do I find joy in what I do, or in who I am in Christ?
- How can I remind myself that my true identity is found in God. not in achievements?

Sent out to share peace

You send me to share your peace and love. Help me trust in you, even when the journey is hard. May I find joy in knowing I belong to you. Amen.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

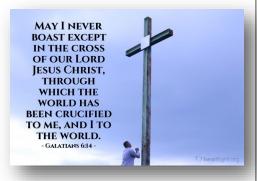
Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

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







"To amend those sins for the future" Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4.

GOSPEL REFLECTION Sunday, July 6 Isaiah 66:10-14 / Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 10 / Galatians 6:14-18 / Luke 10:1-12

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you . . . (Luke 10:8)

Imagine that you're one of the disciples. You enter a small town, stand in the marketplace, and proclaim, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9). How do you think the villagers would react? Would they be excited and want to hear more? Would they ignore you? Or would they laugh and run you out of town?

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the seventy-two disciples he has chosen for a preaching mission. He wants to give them realistic expectations: the people they visit may welcome their message—but they also might reject it. He tells them that they are to proclaim the good news, but the outcome of their preaching is out of their hands. And what an outcome it was! Even demons submitted to them (Luke 10:17)!

In the same way, we don't know how people will react when we try to share our faith. So we tend to overthink things: Will they be open to listening to my message, or will they politely dismiss me and say that they are not interested? But whatever the case, our decision to tell people about God's kingdom shouldn't be based on how we think they'll respond. Our responsibility is simply to extend an invitation.

Even when it seems that someone has rejected our message, we can't see into the future. Years later, someone may turn to Christ because they recalled something we said to them about our love for the Lord. Something similar may have happened to the townspeople who initially rejected the disciples' message. Perhaps later, when they heard the news that Jesus had risen from the dead, they remembered the disciples' visit and came to believe in him.

So lay aside any discouragement you might feel if you don't see your efforts bearing fruit. Whatever happens, rejoice that you have done what God has called you to do and that your name, too, is written in heaven (Luke 10:20)!

"Jesus, help me to do my part and entrust the rest to you!"

Source: Word Among Us India

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL READINGS

JULY 2025

Monday 7: Gen 28:10-22. Mt 9:18-26.

R. In you, my God, I place my trust.

BI Peter to Rot, martyr.

Tuesday 8: Gen 32:23-33. Mt 9:32-38.

R. In my justice, I shall see your face, O Lord.

Wednesday 9: Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24. Mt 10:1-7.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and companions, martyrs.

Thursday 10: Gen 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5. Mt 10:7-15.

R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Friday 11: Gen 46:1-7, 28-30. Mt 10:16-23.

R. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

St Benedict, Abbot

Saturday 12: Gen 49:29-33; 50-15-26. Mt 10:24-33.

R. Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.

Idleness is the enemy of the soul; and therefore the brethren ought to be employed in manual labor at certain times, at others, in devout reading.

It. Benedict of Mursia





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.

PETER'S PENCE

This weekend we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Vatican's annual Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

Your generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion.

You can make a gift using the Peter's Pence collection envelope available in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Michael Kelly 11 July 1970 – 55 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 Michael Kelly on the 55th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood.

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



ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

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!



PARISH NOTICE

SUNDAY 13TH JULY THE 10.30AM MASS IS CANCELLED DUE TO ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION.

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

Term 2 finished this week and Term 3 will commence the week of Monday 21st July.

Free training being provided by the CCD -

- Training during the July school holidays for all fully authorised Catechists – the topic will be 'Teaching Discipleship in the 21stCentury, Australia' via Zoom and face-to-face. Various dates have been provided, please contact me if interested.
- 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

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator



ST BENEDICT'S MAKER'S TABLE

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

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

Saint Benedict, Abbot

C. 480-c. 547

Feast Day: July 11



Patron Saint of Europe, monks and religious orders, architects, dying people, cave explorers, schoolchildren, agricultural workers, civil engineers, and coppersmiths

Invoked against erysipelas, fever, gallstones, inflammatory diseases, kidney disease, nettle rash, poison, temptations, and witchcraft

Canonized by Pope Honorius III in 1220 Declared Patron Saint of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964

Benedict was born in Nursia, about 100 miles northeast of Rome. From a comfortable childhood as a member of the nobility, Benedict pursued a holy life with far-reaching implications for the Church. At age twenty, Benedict left his studies in Rome to seek a life of virtue. After living in the Church of Saint Peter in Affile, he donned a monastic habit to live in a cave near Subiaco. As a hermit, he spent three years prayerfully rooting out his sin, especially the most common temptations: "the temptation of self-affirmation and the desire to put oneself at the center, the temptation of sensuality and, lastly, the temptation of anger and revenge" (Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, April 9, 2008).

Over the next two decades, he served as abbot to a group of local monks and founded twelve small monasteries around Subiaco. Numerous miracles were said to take place through his intervention, and while his radical way of living attracted followers, it so angered others that they tried to kill him.

At age fifty, Benedict moved sixty miles southeast to the mountaintop of Monte Cassino. There, Benedict destroyed a temple built to the Roman god Apollo, building two chapels in its place, and then constructed a monastery. Rather than loosely associated hermits living independently, numerous monks could live in his large monastery. His "Rule of Saint Benedict" guided the monks at Monte Cassino and became the normative rule for Western monasticism for the next 1,500 years.

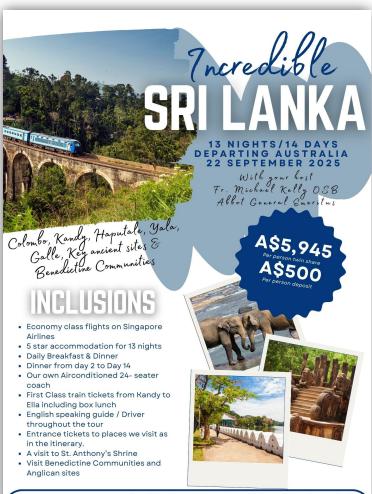
The "Rule" consists of seventy-three short chapters that lay out guidelines for stability, conversion of life, obedience, prayer, work, community life, hospitality, and humility. Most monks did not engage in extreme penances or other radical charisms. Instead, the Rule fosters a balanced community life in which each monk can discover a daily rhythm of prayer, work, and study conducive to a deeper and personal call to holiness.

While Benedict set up his community at Monte Cassino, he likely played a role as his twin sister, Scholastica, helped found a monastery for women, with his Rule guiding their daily life. The two remained close until her death when Benedict had a vision of Scholastica being taken to Heaven. He brought her body to Monte Cassino to be buried in his future grave that the two now share.

After less than ten years at Monte Cassino, Benedict died, but his influence on the Church and all of Europe had just begun. European monasteries, guided by his Rule, developed into centers for education, medicine, culture, and social development, later giving birth to universities. The monasteries preserved ancient texts, stabilized communities, influenced nobility, and drew many to Christ. Their flourishing liturgies made the monasteries the central teachers of prayer and worship. Many have referred to Saint Benedict as not only the "Father of Monasticism," but also the father of modern Europe. Fittingly, Pope Paul VI declared Saint Benedict the Patron Saint of Europe in 1964.

Saint Benedict, you fled moral corruption to seek God's will. Through your prayerful obedience to God, inestimable good fruit has been borne. Please pray that I will always seek God's will, leaving behind the many temptations that I encounter, so that God can use me in ways known only to Him. Saint Benedict, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholic.life



JUBILEE OF PRIESTS 25-27 JUNE

THE JUBILEE OF PRIESTS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

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



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MANY VOICES, ONE FUTURE

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them become what they are capable of being."

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe ~

This coming week (NAIDOC Week) is a chance to slow down and listen – not just to words, but also to stories, histories and wisdom passed down through generations. These are stories of strength, culture, survival and identity. When we make time to hear them, we honour those who came before us and those still on this journey today.

We don't always get things right, but listening helps us learn and grow. It reminds us of what's important – truth, kindness, fairness and caring for each other. Many voices have shaped this land. How we speak, act and walk alongside others helps build a future that honours every story and every person.

With respect, we hold the power to grow and unite.

Dear God,

help us to act with fairness, to speak with kindness and to care for one another. Guide us to always choose what is right. Amen.





Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER THE 9AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

12/7/2025 to 13/7/2025 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	MASS
Reader1	Margaret B	Judy H	CANCELLED
Reader2	Mary C	Matt W	Due to
Prayers	Sr Carol T	Volunteer	ST Benedict's
TV		Jules O	Feast day
Music		Karina S	CANCELLED
Music		Noelle T	Due to
Music		John T	ST Benedict's
Music			Feast day
Morning Tea		Teresa G	
FLOWERS	Angela S		



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 Readings6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds12.45pm 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.

DID YOU KNOW...

The word Rosary means 'garland or roses' and each time we say a Hail Mary we are giving our Lady a rose, culminating in a beautiful bouquet of roses.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm (School holidays only open Fridays)

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