

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

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

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Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

REFLECTION: THE GATE

Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10

Jesus says "Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture" (10:9). Whereas "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy," Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (10:10).

- *Do I recognise the voice of the good shepherd over all the other voices promising abundance?*
- *How will I recognise the voice?*
- *Who or what is standing at my gate today?*
- *Will I choose the way of the Good Shepherd, so I may find pasture?*



PRAYER:

Lord, let me hear your voice, so that I may open the gate of my heart for you. Draw me to the pathways of life. May others then see me as a safe gateway leading to abundant life. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

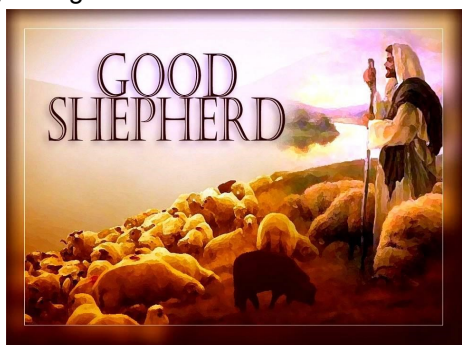
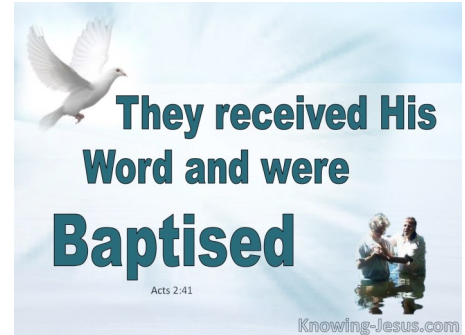
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, April 30
Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)

Shepherds know that their sheep need to feed on good, lush pasture to grow and flourish. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows what we need to flourish as well, so he promises that we will “find pasture” in him (John 10:9). On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let’s take some time to follow Jesus into the “verdant pastures” promised in the responsorial psalm (Psalm 23:2).

Start by closing your eyes and taking some deep, calming breaths. Then picture Jesus in front of you, staff in hand. Let him look on you with loving eyes and a gentle smile. Stay with this image for a few minutes, and then watch as he turns and beckons you to follow him. Where is he leading you? Into the fertile pastures that lie deep in your soul, that place where Jesus abides.

In this place of beauty and stillness, you quiet your mind and let the tension drain out of you. You “lie down” in the soft grass and let it cushion your head (Psalm 23:2). *My dear child*, Jesus tells you, *let nothing disturb you. I have everything in hand.*

After a time, Jesus leads you by the hand to a small lake nearby. You recognize the “restful waters” that the psalmist speaks of (23:2)! Jesus urges you to cup your hands and take a long drink. The water is cool, refreshing, and sweet to the taste, and you keep drinking. Finally, you feel completely rested and satisfied. The Lord has restored your soul (23:3).

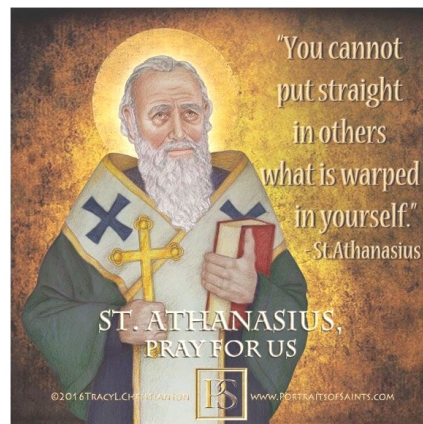
The Good Shepherd came so that you “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). This life grows and deepens in prayer. It’s Jesus’ own life in you. So let him lead you each day to the rich pastures where he is waiting for you. There you will find refreshment, restoration, and peace.

“Jesus, you are my Good Shepherd who leads and guides me. There is nothing and no one else I want but you.”

Source: Word Among Us India Apr-May23 pg.30

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

May	
Monday 1	Readings: Acts 11:1-18. Jn 10:11-18. R: My soul is thirsting for the living God. St Joseph the Worker.
Tuesday 2	Readings: Acts 11:19-26. Jn 10:22-30. R: All you nations, praise the Lord. St Athanasius, bishop, doctor.
Wednesday 3	Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8. Jn 14:6-14. R: Their message goes out through all the earth. Sts Philip and James, apostles.
Thursday 4	Readings: Acts 13:13-25. Jn 13:16-20. R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Friday 5	Readings: Acts 13:26-33. Jn 14:1-6. R: You are my son; this day I have begotten you.
Saturday 6	Readings: Acts 13:44-52. Jn 14:7-14. R: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.



Source: Ordo 2023

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. Amen.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To reverence the old.

PARISH FUNDS

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

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784 Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

FORMATION EVENTS AT EPPING AND CARLINGFORD



The Catholic Parish
of Epping & Carlingford

St Teresa of Avila Series

Presented by Bishop David Walker on 6 Wednesdays
10.15am – 11.30am from 10 May.

The First Spiritual Exercises

A five-week introduction to Ignatian (Jesuit) prayer which scaffolds a way of personal prayer and a deep listening.

Groups will meet from the week of 22 May:

- Mondays 10am;
- Mondays 7.30pm;
- Tuesdays 7.30pm;
- Thursdays 1.30pm

Gifts Discernment

The Call and Gifted course unpacks the charisms of the Holy Spirit, the supernatural graces given to each of us from God to bear results for the kingdom of God beyond our human abilities.

Date & Time:

Sat 6 May, 7pm-9pm AND Sun 7 May, 10am-4:30pm

Cost \$30 including food and materials

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1027114&>

Men Alive is a weekend retreat to help men of all ages become the best man, husband, and father he can be (for both married and unmarried men).

Date: 17-18 June

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1036955&>

ST BENEDICT'S MEN'S MEET & GREET

The next Men's meet and Greet is on Monday the 15th of May 2023, 7.30am to 8.30am.

An hour for men of different ages for an informal opportunity to get together, communicate and share thoughts of current views in a relaxed environment, free of judgement, supporting connection and meeting other like-minded men from our community.

Contact Mirko for more information on 0409 678 780.



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ROSARY AFTER MASS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



The Rosary will be recited after the morning weekday Masses for the month of May.

Please join us and pray for your loved ones, your community and for the needs of the world.

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 **Gina Volpato (John's mum), Tony Takchi, Brother Mario & Brother Terry, Koana Zouein (Rita Sarkis' mum) and Jenny Taylor.**

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



HEALTHY FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

When we think about what it takes to build strong lasting family relationships we often focus on the big guns of trust, honesty, loyalty, etc. However, an essential part of meaningful relationships is also fun, humour and laughter. Those are also play a big part of the job of building a healthy family life.

Having fun and including romance in relationships is a choice, not something we do, just when we feel like it.

Dear God,
Bless our moments of fun and laughter. Let us cherish and appreciate each other's company and may our love deepen with every passing day. Help us to find joy and laughter in each other's presence and make memories that will last a lifetime. Amen.

Source: majellan.media



FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Can you help a child feel safe and secure?

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family.

CatholicCare believe all children deserve a safe home, and by providing one we can help them build their self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

We are looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home – to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term.

Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 9481 2600

or visit www.fostering.org.au.

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.



CATECHISTS' NEWS

All SRE (Scripture) classes started again this week.

Free training for all Catechists (to register email registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) –

- Level 1 Training starting this week. The first session will be 'Prayer in the Classroom' on Tuesday 2 May 6:30pm - 8:30pm and Monday 8 May 10am – 12:30pm. The following session is "Miracles and Parables"
- Safeguarding Children training for all Catechists Thursday 15th June 9.30am – 12.30pm in the parish

If you would like to learn more about being a Catechist or a helper, please talk to myself, or one of our parish Catechists or any of our priests. Training, a Teacher's Manual and workbooks are provided free.

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



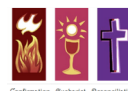
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

OUR NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM will be announced in May, commencing with Confirmation (child must be in year 3 or above, this year). Confirmation classes will be held in August 2023.

Please email the parish if you would like your child to be added to the list.

In the Diocese of Broken Bay, the order of receiving of the sacraments is:

Confirmation, Reconciliation, then Eucharist. Children are usually prepared for these sacraments in Years 3 and 4.



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

A couple of parishioners have asked to bring back the Catholic Weekly newspaper to our parish again. We need to order at least 20 to have postage for free. The price will be higher than \$2 if we order under 20 copies. If you can let us know if you are interested in purchasing the Catholic Weekly every week we will go ahead and subscribe.



Please let Fr Shansana or Paula know if you are interested in purchasing The Catholic Weekly every week as soon as possible please.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.
Everyone welcome.
For more details call Angela Egiziano.
Ph: 9653 2312.





Friday 21 April 2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am writing to provide you with details of an additional responsibility that Pope Francis has asked me to undertake as I remain Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The Holy Father has demonstrated his special care for the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, by appointing me as the Apostolic Administrator of the Ordinariate. I am honoured and humbled to collaborate with the Holy Father in this new ministry.

The news of the appointment was announced in Rome today, Friday 21 April at 12noon or 8.00pm AEST.

While this ministry, along with that of President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conference of Oceania, announced in February of this year, are certainly added responsibilities for me, I continue to serve the Faithful of the Diocese with ongoing commitment, dedicated to building on our shared Catholic vision and priorities.

The Ordinariate is equivalent to a diocese. It was created by Pope Benedict in 2012 to provide a pathway for Anglicans to full communion in the Roman Catholic Church while retaining elements of their worship traditions and spiritual heritage in their union with the Catholic Church. The mandate of the Ordinariate has, through the ministry of Pope Francis, expanded beyond the initial focus of *Anglicanorum coetibus* (the gathering of Anglicans), to welcome any non-Catholic of whatever denomination, and also people who have never been “churched”, into the Catholic Church through the evangelising ministry of the Ordinariate.

It is my hope that this new phase in the life of the Ordinariate community will continue to build upon the good works of the past, as the communities of the Ordinariate strive to be evangelising communities of grace, faith, and hope, united in Christ, and guided always by the Holy Spirit.

Monsignor Carl Reid's resignation as Ordinary will become effective on 30 June 2023 and I will assume the work and ministry of Apostolic Administrator on 1 July 2023.

I know I can depend on your ongoing support and prayers in our mission and vision for Broken Bay.

May Our Lady of the Southern Cross pray for us and guide us always to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

MOST REVEREND ANTHONY RANDAZZO BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

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Saint Joseph the Worker

Feast Day May 1

Patron Saint of workers



Every age has its challenges. Therefore, every age needs a role model to look up to and to help the faithful navigate the particular challenges of their day and age. During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Saint Joseph was especially held up to the faithful who engaged in the daily toil of work to support themselves and their families with dignity and love.

The invitation to turn to Saint Joseph as the patron saint of workers emerged over the past two centuries as societies went through drastic social and economic changes. Through the eighteenth century, most societies remained the same as they had always been. The majority of people tilled the land and raised animals to provide food for their families. Some engaged in various trades: a carpenter, blacksmith, tailor, baker, or shoemaker. With the rise of the Industrial Revolution in the nineteenth century, societies began to change. Machines were developed to perform tasks that had been performed by hand. Workers moved into cities to labor in factories of mass production, and many of the individual tradesmen were left behind. And though production increased, new abuses also arose. Child labor, long hours, unsafe work environments, and low wages were among the new problems. These problems especially affected family life. In response to these new societal problems, the Church held up Saint Joseph as a model for all to emulate.

In 1889, Pope Leo XIII pointed the faithful to Saint Joseph. Unchecked capitalism began to tear families apart as profit started to become the goal of work, rather than as a means of providing for one's family. An even greater concern was the introduction of the philosophy of socialism, which was coupled with atheism. Socialism presented itself as a friend and ally to the worker, but it did so through objectively distorted means. It sought to eliminate religion, the family, and private ownership of property. Instead, each individual was to become a subject of the state, while the state took the place of God. Work was for the fatherland or motherland, not primarily to care for one's family. In Saint Joseph, workers had someone to emulate. Saint Joseph did not work to get rich. He was not a servant of the state. He was not an oppressed laborer who needed liberating. He was a family man who found dignity in work as he provided for his family in a humble way.

On May 1, 1955, in an address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers, Pope Pius XII took devotion to Saint Joseph one step further. He confronted the growing concerns posed by communism and its socialist philosophy on human labor and family life by instituting the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. "The humble craftsman of Nazareth not only personifies to God and the Holy Church the dignity of the laborer, but he is also always the provident guardian of you and your families." May 1 (May Day) was chosen for the feast because socialist countries celebrated "International Workers' Day" on that date. A Catholic feast, honoring the laborer in the person of Saint Joseph, was a fitting way of combating socialist ideology and restoring the dignity of labor to its proper place.

Though socialism and communism have faded in many parts of the world, they certainly have not gone away. Their philosophies continue to permeate many political systems. Unchecked capitalism also remains a threat to healthy human development and family life when the common good is overshadowed by selfish gain. The answer is simple: Go to Saint Joseph! We do not have to become intellectuals who comprehend all of the economic and political systems of our times. Instead, we must all turn to holy role models whom we can imitate. For the laborer and the family, Saint Joseph is a just man, a faithful spouse and father, a hard worker whose primary concern is for his family, a guardian and protector, an obedient servant of God, one who is humble and hidden from the spotlight, but faithful in all he does.

As we honor Saint Joseph the Worker, ponder your own call to engage in the dignity of work. As you do, put your work into proper perspective. What is the goal of your work? Do you work in an excessive way, seeking excessive gain? Do you grumble about your work and feel as though it is beneath you, holding you back from personal fulfillment? Strive for the virtuous way of Saint Joseph. Work hard to fulfill your vocation in life, and avoid excesses and extremes. We are made for love, for family, for faith, for charity, and for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. If your goals in life are anything other than these, then go to Saint Joseph the Worker and choose him as your model.

Saint Joseph, God gave you great responsibility in life, which you embraced with loving devotion and hard work. You found dignity in your labors as you sought to fulfill the will of God by caring for your family. Please pray for me, that I will always keep the right priorities in life, never wavering from my duty to labor, and never laboring in vain for selfish profit. I choose you as my model and intercessor this day and always. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

NEW ROSTER NOW AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK UP A COPY.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

6/5/2023 & 7/5/2023

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	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	Paul E
Reader1	Sr Carol T	Judy H	CHILDREN'S
Reader2	Miriam B	Teresa G	CHILDREN'S
Prayers	Maria G	Ann L	CHILDREN'S
TV		Roderick R	Tyrone E
Music		Melanie H	Karina S
Music		Nigel M	Noelle T
Music		Keith W	
Music		Theresa N	
Morning Tea		Rosie S	Robin B
 FLOWERS	Angela S		

Parish Roster

Thank You!

*Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it!
If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish.*

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.

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