

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

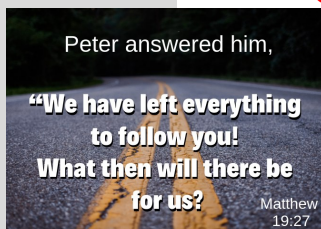
To listen gladly to Holy reading.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



**COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:**

**MASSES SUSPENDED
UNTIL 16TH OF JULY 2021**

*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

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

ST BENEDICT FEAST

10 & 11 July 2021

Entrance Procession

There was a man of venerable life,
Benedict, blessed by grace and by name,
who, leaving home and patrimony
and desiring to please God alone,
sought out the habit of holy living.

First Reading

Proverbs 2:1-9

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Apply your heart to lean wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 19:27-29

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
*You who have left everything and followed me,
will be rewarded a hundred-fold.*

Communion Antiphon

*This is the steward, faithful and prudent,
whom the Lord set over his household
to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.*

Gospel reading for this Week**Matthew 19:27-29**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You who have left everything and followed me,
will be rewarded a hundred-fold.*

Peter said to Jesus,

"We have given up everything and followed you.

What will there be for us?"

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you
that you who have followed me, in the new age,
when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory,
will yourselves sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters
or father or mother or children or lands
for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more,
and will inherit eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**"And everyone who has left
houses or brothers or sisters
or father or mother or
children or fields, for my
name's sake, will receive
a hundredfold, and will
inherit eternal life."**

— Matthew 19:27-29 (NRSV)

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**Matthew 19:27-29**

Some thoughts on today's scripture:

Jesus often goes out of his way to warn his followers to prepare themselves for suffering: discipleship comes at cost.

But the question here is: What about reward – can any reward be expected for discipleship? Jesus replies that there will be reward both in the present world and in the world to come.

There will be assurances even now of the Lord's favour: a hundredfold or manifold reward (though one Gospel warns that persecutions will persist) – But 'when all is made new', those who 'have left everything' will sit on twelve thrones beside the Lord 'to judge the twelve tribes of Israel' (a privilege accorded, in another part of the Christian Bible, to all the Blessed Ones).

Peter may have taken his cue here from the encounter of Jesus with the rich young man narrated just before: for the latter, the invitation to leave everything had proved too much.

This passage has a special application to today's Saint – Benedict, founder of European monasticism and a Patron of Europe.

This promise has had profound effects on the world's history, in the hundreds of thousands of good people who for Jesus' sake have left everything they held precious, in order to give themselves to serving others. Today we honour Benedict, who guided a vast community of such people, and through his monasteries saved the civilisation and culture of Europe, of which he is the patron.

Dear Lord, I trust in your promises. Please give me the courage to live with deep faith in Jesus as Lord knowing that any hardship here will not go unnoticed and unrewarded by your grace. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BENEDICT, ABBOT

480 - 550

Feast Day: July 11

Gregory the Great: The Dialogues

Book Two of the Dialogues: Life of Saint Benedict

CHAPTER ONE:

HOW HE MADE A BROKEN SIEVE WHOLE AND SOUND.

Benedict having now given over the school, with a resolute mind to lead his life in the wilderness: his nurse alone, who tenderly loved him, would not by any means give him over. Coming, therefore, to a place called Enside and remaining there in the church of St. Peter, in the company of other virtuous men, which for charity lived in that place, it fell so out that his nurse borrowed of the neighbors a sieve to make clean wheat, which being left negligently on the table, by chance it was broken in two pieces, Whereupon she fell pitifully weeping, because she had borrowed it. The devout and religious youth Benedict, seeing his nurse so lamenting, moved with compassion, took away with him both the pieces of the sieve, and with tears fell to his prayers; and after he had done, rising up he found it so whole, that the place could not be seen where before it was broken.



Coming straight to his nurse, and comforting her with good words, he delivered her the sieve safe and sound: which miracle was known to all the inhabitants thereabout, and so much admired, that the townsmen, for a perpetual memory, hanged it up at the church door, to the end that not only men then living, but also their posterity might understand, how greatly God's grace worked with him on his first renouncing of the world. The sieve continued there many years after, even to these very troubles of the Lombards, where it hung over the church door.

But Benedict, desiring rather the miseries of the world than the praises of men: rather to be wearied with labor for God's sake, than to be exalted with transitory commendation: fled privately from his nurse, and went into a desert place called Subiaco, distant almost forty miles from Rome: in which there was a fountain springing forth cool and clear water; the abundance whereof does first in a broad place make a lake, and afterward running forward, comes to be a river. As he was travelling to this place, a certain monk called Romanus met him, and demanded whither he went, and understanding his purpose, he both kept it close, furnished him what he might, vested him with the habit of holy conversation, and as he could, ministered and served him.

The man of God, Benedict, coming to this foresaid place, lived there in a narrow cave, where he continued three years unknown to all men, except to Romanus. He lived not far off, under the rule of Abbot Theodacus, and very virtuously stole certain hours, and likewise sometime a loaf given for his own provision, which he carried to Benedict. And because from Romanus' cell to that cave there was not any way, by reason of a high rock which hung over it, Romanus, from the top thereof, on a long rope, let down the loaf, on which also with a band he tied a little bell, that by the ringing of it the man of God might know when he came with his bread, and so be ready to take it. But the old enemy of mankind, envious of the charity of the one and the refectation of the other, seeing a loaf on a certain day let down, threw a stone and broke the bell. Yet, for all that, Romanus did not cease to serve Benedict by all the possible means he could.

At length when almighty God was determined to ease Romanus of his pains, and to have Benedict's life for an example known to the world, that such a candle, set on a candlestick, might shine and give light to the Church of God, our Lord vouchsafed to appear to a certain Priest dwelling a good way off, who had made ready his dinner for Easter day.

He spoke thus to him: "Thou have provided good cheer for thyself, and my servant in such a place is afflicted with hunger." Hearing this, the priest rose up, and on Easter day itself, with such meat as he had prepared, went to the place, where he sought for the man of God among the steep hills, the low valleys and hollow pits, and at length found him in his cave. After they had prayed together, and sitting down had given God thanks, and had much spiritual talk, then the Priest said to him: "Rise up, brother, and let us dine, because today is the feast of Easter."

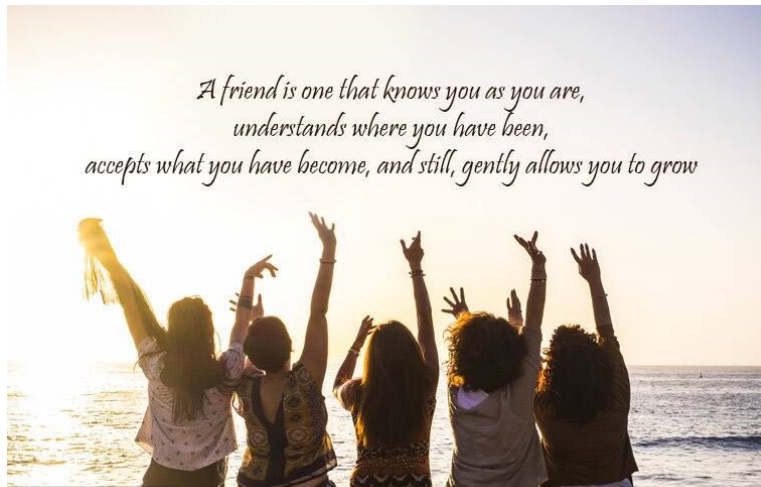
The man of God answered, and said: "I know that it is Easter with me and a great feast, having found so much favor at God's hands as this day to enjoy your company" (for by reason of his long absence from men, he knew not that it was the great solemnity of Easter). But the reverent Priest again assured him, saying: "Verily, today is the feast of our Lord's Resurrection, and therefore it is not right that you should keep abstinence. Besides I am sent to that end, that we might eat together of such provision as God's goodness hath sent us." Whereupon they said grace, and fell to their meat, and after they had dined, and bestowed some time in talking, the Priest returned to his church.

About the same time likewise, certain shepherds found him in that same cave: and at the first, when they spied him through the bushes, and saw his apparel made of skins, they thought that it had been some beast. After they were acquainted with the servant of God, however, many of them were by his means converted from their beastly life to grace, piety, and devotion. Thus his name in the country there about became famous, and many after this went to visit him, and in exchange for corporal meat which they brought him, they carried away spiritual food for their souls.

Saint Benedict, you were a humble monk whose life remains largely unknown, yet you left a massive legacy. Help each Christian in his home, church, and workplace to labor from the shadows to create light, to be the unseen cause behind great effects, and to light lamps that guide others through the darkness. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR FRIENDSHIP

"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command... Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me." - John 15:12-15



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JULY

"SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP"

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship. AMEN.



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS—ALL MASSES SUSPENDED

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

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.

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