

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



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)

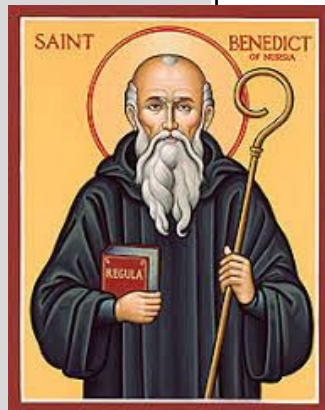
MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Shansana:
0437 884 233



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
9 & 10 July 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HAPPY ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY

JULY 11th

A PRAYER TO SAINT BENEDICT FOR PROTECTION

*Dear Saint Benedict,
I thank God for showering you with His grace to love Him above all else and to establish a monastic rule that has helped so many of His children live full and holy lives.*

Through the cross of Jesus Christ, I ask you to please intercede that God might protect me, my loved ones, my home, property, possessions, and workplace today and always by your holy blessing, that we may never be separated from Jesus, Mary, and the company of all the blessed.

Through your intercession may we be delivered from temptation, spiritual oppression, physical ills, and disease.

*Protect us from drug and alcohol abuse, impurity and immorality, objectionable companions, and negative attitudes. **Amen.***

First Reading**Deuteronomy 30:10-14 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.****Second Reading****Colossians 1:15-20 (JB)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 10:25-37 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

The one who treated him with mercy. (Luke 10:37)

Jesus' listeners must have been surprised by this parable. Jews looked down on Samaritans, but in this story, it is the Samaritan, not the priest or the Levite, who treats the injured man with mercy. The Samaritan is the one who loves his neighbor and takes care of him.

Jesus' message is clear: "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). But the Church fathers saw this parable as more than an example of how we should love our neighbor. They saw Jesus as the good Samaritan, the One who has come to care for each of us who have been battered by sin and the powers of evil. He is the One who finds us lying "half-dead" by the side of the road (Luke 10:30). And he is the One who bandages our wounds and carries us to the "inn," the Church.

This allegorical reading can deepen our understanding of this very familiar parable. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, he has healed us of the wounds of our sin. Now recovered and sustained by the Church's sacraments, we can be the good Samaritans who join the Lord in caring for those people who are still on the side of the road and in need of rescue. And because we are fellow travelers who know what it's like to be wounded by sin and rescued by the Lord, we can show them the same mercy that we had received .

Jesus' parable is a call to extend ourselves to the many people in the world today who are hurting and in need of help. No doubt it's challenging. But remembering what the Lord has done for us can move us to become more generous and compassionate, just like the good Samaritan in the parable.

Today at Mass, thank the Lord for having treated you with so much mercy. Then ask him to show you how to be a good Samaritan to someone who needs your love, compassion, and care.

"Lord, help me to be merciful as you are merciful."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg32)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	St Benedict, abbot Readings: Is 1:10-17. Mt 10:34—11:1.
Tuesday	Readings: Is 7:1-9. Mt 11:20-24.
Wednesday	St Henry Readings: Is 10:5-7, 13-16. Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	St Camillus de Lellis, priest Readings: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19. Mt 11:28-30.
Friday	St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor Readings: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8. Mt 12:1-8.
Saturday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Readings: Micah 2:1-5. Mt 12:14-21.

Source: Ordo 2022

WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR?

How have you been a good neighbour?

What prevents you from being more connected to your neighbours?

How can you be a loving presence to those who suffer?

Dear Lord,
Thank you, Lord, that you love me
despite all my faults and issues.
Lord, I ask that you help me to love my neighbors
with that same kind of love
that you extend towards me.
Lord help me to see my neighbors
through your eyes.
Show me practical ways that I can help them,
and through that help,
then be able to show them the love of Jesus.
Help me to put aside my agenda Lord
to simply love them,
to meet them where they are
and to love them as You love them.

Amen

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2022

FOR THE ELDERLY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people.

May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.

PARISH FUNDS

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

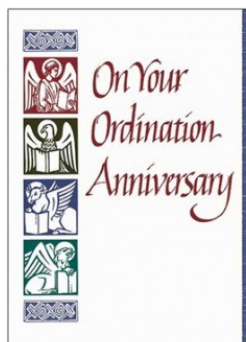
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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Father Michael Kelly - 11th July 1970 52 years

Father Alberic Jacovone - 15th July 1961 61 years



Congratulations and best wishes on your Anniversary of Priesthood.

Your holy service to the Lord touches so many hearts and inspires so many lives. May God's goodness and kindness be with you on this special day and all the days of your life. God bless you both and may He keep you safe in the palm of His hand.

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

—Social Justice Statement 2021-22—



Putting Rungs on the Ladder
Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

Featuring:



Bishop
Vincent Long OFM Conv



Thuy Linh Nguyen
(Sydney Alliance)



Diocese of Parramatta Laudato Si' Action Team

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY | 6-9PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH HALL 7 GRANTHAM RD, SEVEN HILLS
(DINNER INCLUDED)

REGISTER HERE: www.parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/

Registration Closes 13 July

YOUNG ADULTS BUSH WALK

Young Adults are invited to join the Catholic Youth Broken Bay team for a bush walk on Sunday, 17th July. We will be walking part of the Crosslands to Berowra Waters track, following 10:00am Mass at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

This return walk starts from the Crosslands Reserve and follows the Great North Walk along Berowra creek, a beautiful place of natural flora and fauna. The walk is relatively flat, with the final part of the hike leading to Naa Badu Lookout, offering magnificent views over Berowra Creek, as well as Sams and Calna Creeks.

Bring your own snacks/lunch and water for the hike, as well as a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Contact Jen for more information:

jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au

SEAFARERS SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023?

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

<https://bbwyd.org.au/>

In Our Parish

We welcome into God's family, all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter), and Mary Camilleri.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially:
Lyla Abood...may they Rest in Peace.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER NOW AT BACK PAGE

JULY 22ND, 2022 6PM
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
&
DISCERNMENT EVENING
HOLY NAME PARISH WAHROONGA



*DISCERNMENT: AWARENESS,
UNDERSTANDING & ACTION.
with Fr Paul Durkin*

FR PAUL DURKIN

Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish
Wahroonga
Director of Vocations

6 PM ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS.

vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

HOLY NAME PARISH
35 BILLYARD AVE
WAHROONGA, NSW 2076

7 PM DINNER & TALK.

TO RSVP EMAIL OR CALL: PH: 0418 522 449

LAYING A MISSIONARY FOUNDATION COURSE

To effectively live out our evangelising mission today in our parishes and communities requires a reorientation towards a missionary mindset where we focus on taking the Good News outwards from our parishes through both word and action. This six session Diocesan Course will lay a foundation for such a missionary mindset, by equipping participants with effective knowledge and skills to be fruitful in this mission.

For further information, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on [0432 682 239](tel:0432682239) or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022/2023

Enrolments for the next Sacramental Program has now commenced. It's still not too late! Please email the parish for a copy of the enrolment form: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com or pick up a copy from the sacristy. You can also find the form online:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia/sacraments/confirmation>

Just a reminder that classes commence Monday 18th of July 4.15pm for Group 1 & Wednesday 20th of July 5.30pm for Group 2.

For more information please contact Paula on 9653 2312

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.



CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to all those involved in the Children's Mass last weekend.

Wishing all Catechists, students and families a restful, enjoyable and safe holiday! Term 3 will commence on Monday 18th July. SRE (Scripture) classes will recommence the first week of term for Glenorie, Hillside and Middle Dural schools and the second week of term for Arcadia and Galston schools.

The CCD will be holding free training during the holidays with Safeguarding Children training being held via Zoom next Thursday 14 July from 10am to 12:30pm. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

After the school holidays a free training day for Catechists has been organised in the parish on Friday 29 July with Lesson Planning: Teaching the Authorised Curriculum 9:30am – 12 noon and Classroom Management 12:45pm – 2:45pm. Please ensure you RSVP to me prior to this day.

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

ONLINE RETREAT: REFRESHED & RENEWED

Join "Refreshed and Renewed", a 3-day online retreat featuring talks by Fr James Mallon, Dr Ed Sri, and other national and international speakers plus panels, workshops, prayer and worship.

Date: 28-30 July 2022

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed>

Refreshed & Renewed
ONLINE RETREAT • 28-30 JULY 2022



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP



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



**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY
TO OUR DEAR
ANGELA EGIZIANO**

May you have good health, longevity and more strength to soar with Our Lady's grace to accomplish your assignment in the wonderful ministry you are doing for our parish.

God bless you always!



Laying a Missionary Foundation Course

A 6-session hybrid course to equip parish leaders, ministers and parishioners with knowledge and skills needed to live out the mission of the Church fruitfully today,

“ to evangelise, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, gathered as one body and sent out to be missionary disciples. ”

In-Person Retreat Day - 9:30am - 4:00pm

Saturday 30 July 2022

The Kerygma and Evangelisation

St Agatha's School Hall, 7 Trebor Rd, Pennant Hills

Katherine Stone MGL and **Judy Bowe MGL**

Missionaries of God's Love Sisters

Online Sessions - 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Zoom platform

Tuesday 2 August 2022

Founded on Prayer and the Holy Spirit

Tomasz Juszcak

Director of Evangelisation
Broken Bay

Tuesday 9 August 2022

Moving to a Missionary Mindset

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Director Areté Centre for
Missionary Leadership

Tuesday 16 August 2022

A Focus on People:
Belonging and Relationships

Cathy Kennedy

Evangelisation Coordinator
St Declan's Parish Penshurst

Tuesday 23 August 2022

The Vocation of all the Baptised

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Director Areté Centre for
Missionary Leadership

Tuesday 30 August 2022

A Hope-filled Vision for the Future

Pina Bernard, Team Leader

Parish Renewal and Discipleship

This Course is suitable for Clergy; Parish Pastoral Council members; Parish leaders; Pastoral Associates; Parish Staff; Ministry leaders and teams; and interested parishioners.

You may wish to register as a Parish hub, where parishioners can gather in person and join the Tuesday Zoom sessions as a group.



**Evangelisation
Broken Bay**
Parish Renewal
and Discipleship

Registration:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/PRAD

Further information:
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Feast Day: July 6

C. 480 - 550

Patron Saint of Europe and monks

His Rule helped create Europe, one monastery at a time



Before the time of today's saint, to be a monk meant to wander into the Syrian desert and never come back, to climb a rocky summit in the Sinai and never descend, to sit cross-legged atop a pillar, to fast to emaciation, or to remain wordless as a hermit in a damp cave in Lebanon. Saint Benedict changed all of this. This revolutionary introduced evolutionary change, a new way for monks to be radically committed to Christ. No more would a monk have to perch like a hawk in its eyrie, alone, gazing over the valley below. When Benedict opened his mouth and called the monk out of his desert, down from his mountain, off of his pillar, and out of his cave, monks answered. Benedict founded Western monasticism, the communities of monks who pray, eat, work, and socialize together in a common chapel, refectory, field, and workshop. Benedictine monks created Europe out of the vacuum of blackness and disorder which enveloped the land after Roman order disintegrated. So many centuries later, the pioneering path that Benedict cut for Western civilization is difficult to appreciate. What was fresh is now ancient. What was revolutionary is now just the way things are.

Little is known with certainty of Saint Benedict's life. No contemporary preserved his essential details, as the great Saint Athanasius did for Saint Anthony of the Desert. Decades after Benedict's death, Pope Saint Gregory the Great recorded some precious few anecdotes of the great monk's life, but the lack of hard facts and historical chronology leave room for speculation. What is known for certain is that he held in his hands what the world had to offer for a few short years and then dropped it like a murder weapon. He would live for Christ and Christ alone. He joined a primitive community of consecrated men for several years but departed after some unspecified intrigues to form his own small monasteries. Exercising spiritual and practical fatherhood over his brother monks, he was inspired to write a Rule. Benedict became famous, in time, not due to a wealth of biographical detail but because of his Rule. Saint Benedict is his Rule and his Rule is him.

The Benedictine Rule came to dominate all of Europe. In a Christian age when monasteries dotted every low valley and high town, when the local abbot was as powerful as the bishop, and when schools and culture were synonymous with monastic learning, these communities almost always lived by the Rule of Saint Benedict. Benedict's Rule became widespread because it was both deeply spiritual and imminently practical. It demanded uncompromising dedication to work and prayer but held individual and community goods in a careful balance. A Benedictine monastery was not just a place for penance or asceticism but a family. It was a finely tuned orchestra with the abbot waving his wand at the front, eliciting from the monks' individual gifts a common harmony to soothe God and correctly order nature itself. The monastery's structured routine of chanting the Divine Office, of work, of study, of constructing a community for community's sake, gave Europe a finely tuned rhythm that drove technology, the arts, and scholarship forward by leaps and bounds over other lands.

Until the time of Saints Francis and Dominic in the early 1200s, there was only one founder worth noting in the church, and that was Saint Benedict. The immense legacy of the founders of large, powerful, and lasting Orders in the Church is mysterious. Founders influence the Church's spirituality and theology almost as much as Divine Revelation itself. And Benedict was the founder of all founders. Saint Augustine of Hippo, Benedict's only serious competition for the greatest saint of the first millennium, also left a widely adopted rule but it never produced the unified and practical communities which Benedict's Rule generated. Saint Benedict rests in peace near his twin sister, Saint Scholastica, in a crypt under the historic Monastery of Monte Cassino. The "upper room" of Monte Casino became European culture's symbolic Acropolis and Temple Mount, the beacon to the town, the lighthouse of Western civilization, and it was Saint Benedict who first lit its lamp.

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.

ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY
THIS SUNDAY 10TH JULY 10.30AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & MORNING TEA
EVERYONE WELCOME!

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER
16/7/22 to 17/7/22
16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Sr Carol Tomlinson	Peter Goodwin
Reader2	Maria Gambino	Matt Wall
Prayers	Margaret Bensley	Kath Moran
TV		Sebastian Wall
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Theresa Neely
Music		Michael Greenwell
Music		Teresa Gambino
Morning Tea		Rosie Sakkal

Parish Roster

Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it! If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office. We would love the extra help!

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.

Office Hours:

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Arcadia NSW 2159**

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9653 1159

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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.