# 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 Hilarion for the following:

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FUNERALS

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

# FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Year **C** 14 & 15 May 2022

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations

# **SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

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.* 

## INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

Much of the focus in the gospel today is on "glory". Jesus says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified in him." John is telling us of the inner strength of Jesus that relies on the victorious power of God to assist him as he meets with his suffering destiny. The reading tell us that by sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, we are being prepared to be part of the heavenly Jerusalem, where evil will be no more and God will be forever with us. Let us ask the Spirit of God to help us know the power of glorified Jesus so that continually abiding in him, with his commandment of love guiding us, we may shun the deceitful schemes of the evil one. We pause before Our Lord in humble awareness of our sinfulness and ask him forgiveness.

# FIRST READING (ACTS 14:21b-27)

Paul instructs new converts that they need to persevere in faith, which will mean many hardships, before they enter the Kingdom of God

# SECOND READING (REV 21:1-5a)

The book inform us that when the world of the past is gone, the new heaven and new earth is where we shall be without tears, without mourning or sadness, without death, for it will be the new creation. Symbolically, in this new creation, the sea, the place of chaos and turbulence, is shown absent.

# GOSPEL (JN 13:31-33a, 34-35)

The Son of Man is glorified. The death of Jesus is his moment of glorification when evil will no longer hold sway but the new commandment of love will be the measure of our discipleship for the kingdom.

**THEME:** In sharing Jesus' offer of discipleship, we shall also share his glory.

(Source: Breaking the Word—India—pg.41)

# First Reading

Acts 14:21-27 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **Responsorial Psalm:**

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

# Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5 (JB)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

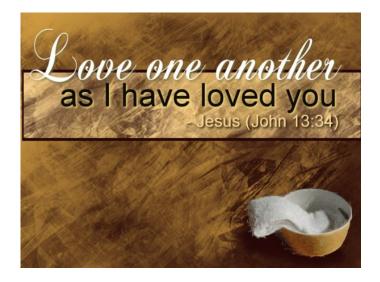
# **GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

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



# GOSPEL REFLECTION JOHN 13:31-35

Do you know Luther Vandross' song, 'What The World Needs Now is Love'? If you're familiar with it you might be tempted to sing or hum it—it's quite catch, after all! The key lyric is: 'What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of.' But what kind of love does the world need?

We invite you to ponder, reflect on and put into practice the vision of love unpacked by Pope Paul VI: 'Above all the gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good.

'Let us suppose that...they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope is something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine. Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst?

'Such a witness is...a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one. Here we have an initial act of evangelization. The above questions will ask, whether they are people to whom Christ has never been proclaimed, or baptised people who do not practice, or people who live as nominal Christians but according to principles that are in no way Christian, or people who are seeking...something or someone whom they sense but cannot name.

'Other questions will arise, deeper and more demanding ones...evoked by this witness which involves presence, sharing, solidarity, and which is an essential element, and generally the first one, in evangelization.'
(Evangelii Nuntiandi 21)

Lord, you gave us a new command to love, but in truth it is an ancient command, rooted in revelation. What is new, O Lord, is that we love as you first loved us.

(Source: Bible Alive-UK pg. 46)



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein, may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

#### LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday May 18, 2022: St John I, pope, martyr.

Friday May 20, 2022: St Bernardine of Siena, priest.

Saturday May 21, 2022: St Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs.

Source: Ordo 2022



# POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

#### 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:

# PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

**Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:** 

BSB: 062 784 Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank: CBA—Catholic Development Fund

# **MONTH OF MAY**

**Devotion to Mary, Our Mother** 

Let us try our best to recite daily Rosary as a family.

Mary will always be there for you, to take you to her son, Jesus!



Fr Hilarion.









## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would like to congratulate:

#### Yossi & Jen Cascun

on their recent marriage. which was celebrated in St Gerasimos Greek Orthodox Church Leichhardt.

We wish them a lifetime of happiness.



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Reconnect. Renew and Reimagine Catholic Community and Mission at

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Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the life of our Church.

See keynote speakers, workshop information and register at www.aliveinthespirit.com.au

# 26 June 2pm - SAVE THE DATE!!!

After being postponed for a year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families locally, making it possible for every family to participate.

While Rome will be the main venue for the event, each diocese will promote local events for its own families and communities based on the theme:

"Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness.

All families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm.

This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids. More details to come!

# In Our Parish

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Lyla Abood, Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter)

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially: Sam Barbagallo, George Dominello, and Litizia Dominello...may they Rest in Peace.





# NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 21/5/2022 to 22/5/2022 6th Sunday of EASTER Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Sr Carol Tomlinson	Judy Horton
Reader2	Margaret Bensley	Peter Goodwin
Prayers	Miriam Brown	Bernadette Watt
TV		Joshua Azzi
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Robin Barbara
Music		Teresa Gambino
Morning Tea		Mary Abood

PLEASE PICK UP NEW ROSTER FROM SACRISTY

Morning tea resumes 22nd of May 2022

Volunteers needed please.

# TRI - DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION EVENING

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers.

Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021 -22

**SAVE THE DATE:** 

Wed 20 July 6:00pm - 9:00pm

more details will follow in June.

## 1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Holy Communion classes have commenced for the children that are currently enrolled on the following dates.

Classes on Mondays:

From the 9th of May 2022 until 30th of May 2022.

4.15pm to 5.15pm.

Wednesdays 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

1st Holy Communion date: Sunday 19th June 2022 10.30am



For more information 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**

I would like to reflect on Pope Francis' message to Catechists over the next few weeks.

'In a message sent to catechists from all over the world, Pope Francis stressed the need to not only make Christ the centre of their lives, but to be creative and adaptable in finding ways to reach the people in their area. "The catechist is creative; they search for different means and forms of announcing Christ," the Pope said. Believing in Jesus is "beautiful," he said, because Jesus is the way, truth and life "who fills our existence with joy and gladness."

Free training is offered to all Catechists by the CCD starting this Monday, 16 May 10am -12:30pm via Zoom. This week's session is on Prayer in the Classroom. Next week's session will be on Miracles and Parables. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.auPlease keep in your prayers all our Catechists and the children they teach.

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

#### **DIOCESAN MASS**

Celebrating our Patroness Mary Star of the Sea on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 which will be followed by the launch of Evangelisation Broken Bay's Pastoral Mission. The Mass will commence at 5.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara followed by a Cocktail Dinner and launch of the Pastoral Mission at The Light of Christ Centre. We need six representatives from our parish. Please call the office on 9653 2312 if you would like to join us attending.

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

The GCEA Executive would love to invite you all to the GCEA Fundraiser Trivia Night. It's a wonderful opportunity to support the work being done in Galston High School to support the scripture teacher and have a fun night to boot.

Here are the important details:

What: GCEA Fundraiser Trivia Night
When: Saturday June 4th - 7pm to 9.30pm

Where: Galston Uniting Church

**How much**: \$20 / head or \$160 for a table of eight

**RSVP**: Sunday 29th May

Registration:

Click here to register and pay for the event.

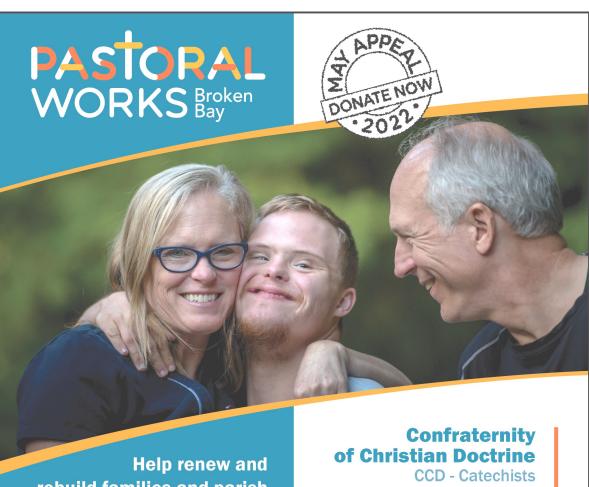
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT AS IT HELPS PAY FOR THE ONLY SCRIPTURE TEACHER AT GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL.



#### **ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP**

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





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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

# SAINT OF THE WEEK

# Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Martyrs

Feast Day: May 21

C. 1869-1927



The governor of Mexico's Tabasco state in the 1920s, Garrido Canabal, was so insanely anti-Catholic that he named his three sons Lenin, Satan, and Lucifer. He was also a farmer and named one of his bulls "God," a hog "Pope," a cow "Mary," and a donkey "Christ." He ordered the removal and destruction of all crucifixes from public buildings and graveyards in Tabasco. Painful photographs of the destruction prove that it happened. For his vicious persecution of the Church, he was elevated to a national cabinet position in the 1930s. Canabal was a political protégé of the Mexican president, and later strongman, Plutarco Calles. Calles was an illegitimate child, born to unmarried parents. Calles hated being called an illegitimate child and especially resented the Roman Catholic Church for this title of illegitimacy. In time, Calles became a devout believer in the religion of atheism, eagerly shared his beliefs with others, and put great energy into evangelizing others to his side. As governor of the state of Sonora, he expelled all Catholic priests. As president of Mexico, he carried out an overtly violent, ferocious, scorched-earth attack on Catholicism without par in the twentieth century. Priests were killed for no other reason than for being priests. This led to a popular counterreaction known as the Cristero War, a slow burn of assassinations, pitched battles, skirmishes, and reprisals. Central Mexico was in a full-blown meltdown in the 1920s.

For a visitor to Mexico today, or to anyone familiar with its culture, such events are difficult to imagine or comprehend. Mexico harbors one of the most vibrant Catholic cultures in the entire world, thick with devotions, processions, Masses, feast day celebrations, and religious song and dress. Yet the Cristero War did happen, and not a thousand years ago.

The militant, anti-religious mentality of Anglo-Saxon secular humanism is familiar to many believers today. It is the air we breath. This educated secularism opposes the very idea of God, exalts a narrow understanding of freedom, denigrates the concept of belief, and transposes science as an object of faith rather than a formal creed. The militant anti-religious mentality of 1920s Mexico, and of other culturally Catholic nations, was and is different from Anglo-Saxon secularism. Anti-Catholicism in Catholic nations expresses itself in anticlericalism. Hatred is unleashed against bishops and priests and their instruments of ministry—altars, crucifixes, vestments, rosaries, statues, etc.—not so much against creeds or ideas. You don't need to read Nietzsche or to master the Enlightenment canon to hate the Church. Whereas Anglo Saxon secularism wages its battles in the higher echelons of university classrooms and the courts, Latino anticlericalism is not too complex. Just kidnap a priest, blindfold him, tie his hands tightly behind his back, and shoot him in the head. Anti-clericalism liquidates its enemies against the dirty brick wall behind the local police station. No courtrooms are needed.

Today's saint, and the others canonized with him, were caught in the storm that was Plutarco Calles. Father Magallanes was a priest of humble origins similar to those of Calles, but Magallanes walked a different path than the strongman. After working the land as a youth for his poor family, he entered the seminary and was ordained a priest in 1899. He then served faithfully as a chaplain and pastor for many years. But the otherwise ordinary arc of his life took an extraordinary turn when, on May 21, 1927, he was on his way to celebrate the Feast of St. Rita of Cascia (May 22) in a small village. A shootout between Cristeros and Federal forces near the village led to Father Magallanes' arrest, along with a brother priest, Father Caloca. There were no accusations and no trial. There was neither the presentation of evidence nor the right of defense, since priests had no civil rights in Mexico at the time. On May 25, 1927, the two priests were led to the courtyard of a municipal building for what always happened next. Father Magallanes stated: "I am innocent and die innocent. I absolve with all my heart those who seek my death and ask God that my blood bring peace to a divided Mexico." The priests absolved each other, spoke some few words of comfort, and then were shot to death by a firing squad of fellow Mexicans in soldiers' uniforms. Father Caloca's last words were: "For God we lived and for Him we die."

Twenty-five martyrs are commemorated today. All were diocesan priests, except for three laymen who died with their parish priest. They were all Cristeros. They died in eight different Mexican states under circumstances similar to those of Frs. Magallanes and Caloca. Pope Saint John Paul II beatified the group in 1992 and canonized them in 2000. In addition to Frs. Magallanes (Cristóbal Magallanes Jara) and Caloca (Agustín Caloca Cortés), these martyrs were: Román Adame Rosales, Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán, Julio Álvarez Mendoza, Luis Batis Sáinz, Mateo Correa Magallanes, Atilano Cruz Alvarado, Miguel De La Mora, Pedro Esqueda Ramírez, Margarito Flores Garcia, José Isabel Flores Varela, David Galván Bermúdez, Salvador Lara Puente (layman), Pedro de Jesús Maldonado Lucero, Jesús Méndez Montoya, Manuel Morales (layman), Justino Orona Madrigal, Sabás Reyes Salazar, José María Robles Hurtado, David Roldán Lara (layman), Toribio Romo González, Jenaro Sánchez Delgadillo, David Uribe Velasco, and Tranquilino Ubiarco Robles.

Father Magallanes, your quiet witness and noble death are an inspiration to all who suffer physical violence for the faith in unknown ways and in unknown places. May your intercession and courage be an inspiration for all priests, laymen, and religious who are tempted to bend in the winds of persecution. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life





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#### **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 Hilarion 0478 909 541, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 83791605.

Office Hours:

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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