

# 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)

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## MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am

Daily 7:00am

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Please contact Father Hilarion for the following:

**BAPTISMS  
RECONCILIATION  
FOR THE SICK  
MARRIAGES  
FUNERALS**

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

## Fifth Sunday of LENT

2 & 3 April 2022

Year C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

*Let us pray:*

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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.**



## LENT

AN ENCOUNTER WITH  
THE CRUCIFIED LORD

**First Reading****Isaiah 43:16-21 (Year C) (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters;  
 who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again,  
 snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.  
 See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
 Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**The word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.****Second Reading****Philippians 3:8-14 (Year C) (JB)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
 With all your heart turn to me,  
 for I am tender and compassionate.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

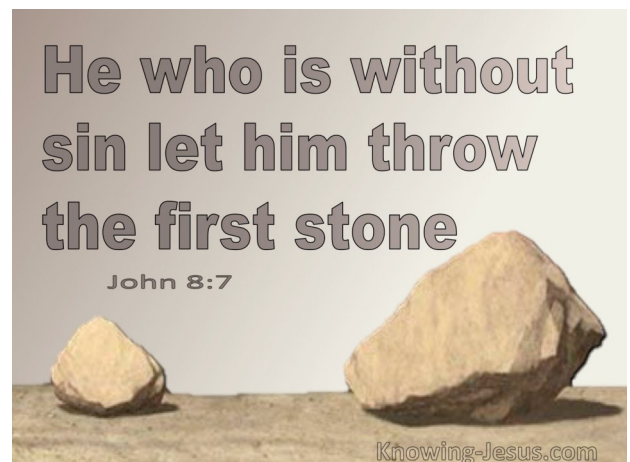
**GOSPEL****John 8:1-11 (Year C) (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C**  
*John 8:1-11*

Sex grabs our attention. It also sells most things: magazines, newspapers, cars, boats, jewellery, bras—you name it; sexual imagery is used to promote it and persuade us to buy it. And it's not just aimed at men, but women just as much. We're sexual beings and sexuality, let's be honest, plays an integral part in our lives. There is however, a notion that Christians are easily scandalized and shocked by all things sexual, and indignant towards those who fall from grace in this area.

The idea of the religious prude is firmly stuck in literature and culture. Interestingly, the early manuscripts of John's Gospel don't carry today's incident of the woman caught in adultery. It's missing from our oldest and most reliable Greek manuscripts and seems to have been unknown to the early Greek Fathers, since they didn't comment on it. The earliest specific reference to it is found in a third-century writing on Church discipline called the Didascalia.

Why this happened we cannot be sure. Some scholars believe that it reads incredibly like a Lucan narrative, dealing as it does with sin and mercy— and with a woman! Others suggest that Jesus' response was so shocking, the forgiveness so radical, his compassion and mercy so scandalous, that it was thought best to remove it from the canon altogether.

Interestingly, St Jerome tried to have the Song of Songs removed from Scripture because of the danger of an erotic interpretation of what is in essence a love song and an allegory for Christ's love for his bride, the Church. Thankfully, common sense and grace (often the same thing) prevailed for both these events, and we revere them as sacred Scripture, divinely inspired and given to teach us the way of salvation. In his encounter with the woman caught in adultery Jesus is full of compassion, kindness and mercy but also firm and clear that she must strive with all her heart and soul not to sin in this way again.

***Lord, grant me a compassionate heart towards those who sin or fall sexually, but also create in me a pure heart which seeks to uphold the dignity of all around me, and leads me away from sexual temptation.***

(Source: Bible Alive—UK—Daily Gospel Reflections p. 48)

**LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Monday	April 4, 2022:	St Isidore, bishop, doctor.
Tuesday	April 5, 2022:	St Vincent Ferrer, priest.
Thursday	April 7, 2022:	St John Baptist de la Salle, priest.

Source: Ordo 2022



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**  
**FOR APRIL 2022**

**Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4  
To relieve the poor.

### 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

As we are slowly becoming a cashless society we would like to remind you that we have a Tap N Go facility available. All you have to do is wave your credit or debit card on the scanner which are located close by to both entry doors. You are also welcome to create an automatic debit to help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

### CHRISM MASS 2022

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 12 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment.

During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.

Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration. Please contact the parish office before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.



### UKRAINE APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. While many remained in the country, millions have fled to shelter and safety in neighbouring countries. They all need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute below are some contacts:

<https://ukrainecrisisappeal.org>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine>

<https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/>



### PROJECT COMPASSION



**Shaniella 23**, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope**

**For All Future Generations.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## 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 and Brother Mario*.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially *Greg Lucas*.



## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

9/4/2022 to 10/4/2022

5th Sunday of Lent Year C (PALM SUNDAY)

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Margaret Bensley	Bernadette Watt
Reader2	Mary Cascun	Glenice Lui
Prayers	Maria Gambino	Rebecca Raad
TV		Teresa Gambino
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Nigel Morgan
Music		

**DRAFT EASTER ROSTER IS NOW AT THE SACRISTY WINDOW...please help us out.**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday!**

**A special thank you to Nerida & Gebran for preparing the children the past four weeks.**

*Blessings To You*



*On Your First Reconciliation*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And the little children did come to Jesus to meet Him in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, April 2nd. Now their journey to receive Him in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June continues. Please keep them in your prayers!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday night 6.30pm followed by Mass 7pm  
Everyone welcome.**



## 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.

**PRAY**  
together

## CATECHIST NEWS

**Welcome** to all families joining in the Children's Mass this weekend and a **big thanks to Natalie Georges** for taking on the coordinating of these Masses!

The final free **training for Catechists** is this Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-12:30pm via Zoom. This week's session is on Lesson Planning: Using Digital Resources. Please register via email

on [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au)

Our next **Catechist meeting** is this week on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30pm** at the parish. All are welcome to attend.

The school term is quickly coming to an end, this week being the final week with the last day of term being Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Second term will recommence on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April with SRE (Scripture) classes starting back the first week.

God bless,

Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

## PIETY STALL

Thank you so much to Lila Bacha and her family for organising the Piety stall the last two weekends. This has taken so much time for Lila out of her own personal time to organise it all and we really appreciate it!

Lila has collected a profit of **\$1058.50** for both weekends! Wow what an achievement!

**A Big thank you to Lila, and thank you for everyone who supported our parish! God bless you all!**

## WORKING BEE

We really need your help!  
Clean up for Easter—Working bee

**Date: SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2022**  
**Time: 10am to 12pm**



Please come with your favourite garden tools to prepare the Church and garden for Easter. For further information contact the parish office.

## LENTEN GROUP

Lenten Prayer Group are held at Benigna Cascun's home. The group leader will be Gebran Azzi.



Location: 726A Old Northern Rd  
Dural 2158

Day/Time: Commencing Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7:00pm

Contact: Benigna (phone or text) 0450 311 951

Everyone welcome.

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.  
For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Engaged Encounter are holding a retreat on the 30th April – 1 May 2022 for all couples preparing for marriage.



### GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) Choose any of the coming Weekends: **Apr 30 - May 01; Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If covid-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

## WE NEED FOSTER CARERS

*CatholicCare*  
Diocese of Broken Bay



(02) 4320 7777

[www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/can-you-help](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/can-you-help)

### FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Tragically, there are many children and young people in our community who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own.

CatholicCare are looking for foster carers right across the Diocese. We are seeking families to provide essential support, care and stability for children and young people affected by family breakdown, to enable them to recover and thrive. Through our suite of services, and the dedication of our specialist support teams and foster carers, we are transforming the lives of children and young people to create positive futures.

Our priority is to ensure these children and young people have a safe, stable home. If you are interested in knowing more about fostering a child or young person,

please contact us on (02) 4320 7777

or visit [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/can-you-help/](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/can-you-help/).

## OPPORTUNITY - EVENTS & CONFERENCES OFFICER

The Diocese of Broken Bay has an exciting opportunity for an experienced Events & Conferences Officer to join a welcoming and supportive team where you'll be working on a wide variety of internal and external events, coordinating sponsors & speakers and building a network of trusted venue, audio-visual, catering partners and more.

You'll be involved in anything and everything event related – from developing project plans & budgets, developing promotional strategies and campaigns, designing and developing conference materials, engaging & training volunteers for events as required and sourcing & liaising with event & conference sponsors.

You'll need to have:

- An understanding of the Catholic Church, its mission, values and the sensitivities and nuances of dealing with various stakeholders;
- An ability to engage effectively with a variety of stakeholders;
- Demonstrated ability to develop event & conference project plans including budget compliance;
- An understanding of social media best practices to enhance and increase event participation and attendance;
- Experience in database management, online booking systems, electronic direct mail systems and video conferencing platforms;
- You'll demonstrate confidence and a high degree of professionalism in your work; and
- Understand that working in a small team requires someone is happy to get stuck in with any task necessary. And if you're not sure how to do something, you're not afraid to ask or to teach yourself.

The successful applicant must also meet the following criteria:

1. Relevant tertiary qualifications in event management or relevant experience;
2. the right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
3. will be required to undertake pre-employment screening including but not limited to a National Police History Check and proof of COVID vaccination status.

### How to apply

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). If you are interested in applying for this position, please apply online submitting your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required – applications close **Friday 8 April 2022**.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

**Feast Day: April 7**

**C. 1651-1719**

**Patron Saint of Christian teachers**



***Great faith, charm, and skill opened school doors to millions***

A cowboy mounts a horse and lassos a calf to show the next cowboy how to wrangle. A fisherman tosses a net into the ocean so that his son learns to put food on the table for dinner. And a good teacher teaches an apprentice how to teach. The passing on of professional knowledge doesn't happen by accident. Those who are skilled teach those who are less so. Today's saint, John Baptiste de la Salle, was a lifelong educator, an excellent teacher who had innovative and effective ideas on how to educate youth. Most importantly, he also had faith, perseverance, and the administrative skills to bring his educational vision to fulfillment in the face of stiff resistance.

A good teacher must do much more than master content. He must do much more than manage his classroom. A good teacher is an artist who combines mastery of the material with psychological insights, discipline, charm, preparedness, and love, all in careful equilibrium. At the time Saint Jean Baptiste began to teach teachers, the custom in France was to teach children Latin. And once they had learned Latin sufficiently, the custom was to teach the students every other subject in Latin. Lower class, poorer children, were often not taught at all or only for a few brief years. Jean Baptiste wanted all children to have access to a good education, for their schooling to be free of charge, and for classes to be in French. These ideals, combined with his own charm, holiness, and upper class *savoir faire*, drew many idealistic young men to his side. They wanted to be teachers too, and to dedicate themselves to the Lord. Originally Jean Baptiste was reluctant to live with, and train, men who belonged to a social class far below his own. He remarked that his first teacher trainees ranked below his own servants. In the end, though, Jean overcame his reluctance and innate prejudice and threw himself wholeheartedly into the educational work that would make him famous.

So many young men gathered around him that Jean Baptiste founded an Order which was, after his death, officially recognized by the Church—the Christian Brothers. Just when his educational apostolates needed funds to expand, Jean Baptiste inherited a fortune from his parents. He was tempted to use the money to open new schools but instead donated it to the poor, deciding to rely only upon providence for the support of his schools. The members of his Order were intentionally not ordained to the Priesthood so that sacramental responsibilities would not distract them from teaching. His Christian Brothers also had no obligation to pray the Divine Office (the Breviary) and were prohibited from physical mortifications beyond the Church's norms on fasting. Jean felt that teaching well was itself a mortification which required heroic self discipline. Jean wanted nothing less than ambassadors of Christ to the young, not just teachers. All of this was novel for its time—a body of men with no ordained members dedicated exclusively to education was unheard of.

For all his successes in opening new schools, however, Jean Baptiste had numerous setbacks. Over many years he was verbally attacked, sued in court, and vilified by some religious Orders and clerics. They saw his free schools and universal educational goals as a threat to their own local monopolies on education. Jean Baptiste dealt with all of this with admirable courage, humility, and magnanimity. It's not easy times that make one great. It's hardship, adversity, and persecution. Jean Baptiste's trials made a good man into a great man, and a great man into a saint. He fasted continually, mortified himself harshly, and traded his early life of comfort for hard scrabble poverty.

After relinquishing the heavy burden of his Order's leadership and administration, Jean was so obedient to his successor that the new superior joked that Jean would not die unless he was given permission to do so. The Counter-Reformation fervor behind so many great saints of sixteenth-century Italy and Spain arrived late to France, but it arrived no less ardent. Jean Baptiste was one of its greatest exemplars. The Christians Brothers peaked at over sixteen thousand members in the 1950s and are still active today in numerous countries, operating over a thousand educational institutions. The legacy of their dynamic, innovative, and indefatigable founder continues to thrive.

*Saint John Baptiste de la Salle, through your intercession, give all teachers of the Faith the perseverance, grace, and love they need to teach the uneducated, especially the poor and those who struggle to learn. Your determination inspires. Your heavenly assistance guarantees fruitfulness.*



### Vinnies Flood Appeals

In response to the devastating floods impacting across NSW the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery. Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>

Catastrophic floods in particular have impacted Lismore and many towns across north-eastern NSW. To help those affected in the Diocese of Lismore from the unprecedented disaster, Bishop Greg Homering OCD has launched a fundraising appeal for support.

More information and to donate at <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>



Holy Thursday



HOLY SATURDAY



<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 9th 2022 7pm - Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>April 10th 2022 7am - Monastery</b>
	<b>9am &amp; 10.30am - Parish Church</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>April 14th 2022 7.30pm Parish Church</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 15th 2022 10.30am - Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>3pm - Passion of the Lord</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>April 16th 2022 7.30pm - Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 17th 2022 7am - Monastery</b>
	<b>9am &amp; 10.30am (Latin) - Parish Church</b>

### 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.*

**Office Hours:**  
**Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm**  
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**Website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)**  
**Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia**  
**Address: 2 Fagans Road, Arcadia NSW 2159**  
**Monastery: 9653 1159**

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

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