

# St Benedict's Parish

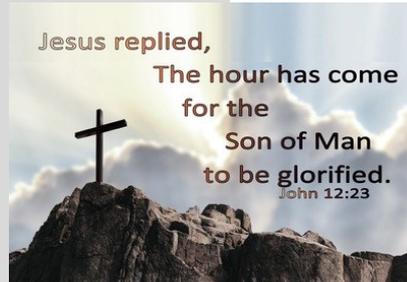
## Arcadia



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

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

**Church Attendance:**  
**One person per 2sqm**  
**Maximum 300 people**



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 Bernard for the following:

**BAPTISMS**  
**RECONCILIATION**  
**FOR THE SICK**  
**MARRIAGES**  
**FUNERALS**

Fr Bernard: 0416 032 497

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

20 & 21 March 2021

### 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.

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Year B) (JB)*  
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** With the Lord there is mercy

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 5:7-9 (Year B) (JB)*  
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

*John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45 (Year A) (JB)*  
A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*I am the resurrection and the life.*

### Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

## Gospel reading for this Week

### **John 12:20-30 (Year B) (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'

Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

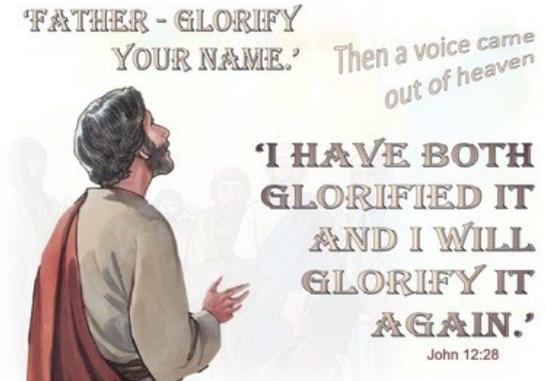
'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*



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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### **John 12:20-30 (Year B) (JB)**

The image of Jesus on the cross reveals what sort of God we believe in and what sort of response he asks for. First, when Jesus freely gave himself over to sinful men, he clearly showed the world his Father was full of love. His Father was willing to go to any length to bring all of us into a love relationship with himself. Second, the image of Jesus on the cross invites (does not demand) us to love God in return. Thus, through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, God offers himself to all of us in love, and, through the cross, we all can respond in kind.

Notice the cross marked the end of disobedience. His Son obeyed. And through his Son's obedience, we can participate in God's love, that which empowers obedience. Through his Son's obedience, we are justified before God, for we now can love as God loves us. Love has a cost. It involves suffering and sacrifice. We, as Christians, follow Jesus to the cross where he shows us the way to the Father.

*What does the cross mean to you? Have you ever meditated on a crucifix, seen a Passion Play, or participated in a "Way of the Cross?" What happened?*

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18) RSV*

Let us pray we, too, can show others God's love, even though his love leads to the cross. And to the resurrection.

*Consider your walk with the Lord. How has that walk led to times of discomfort, even suffering? How has your "experience of the cross" helped you to grow spiritually?*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
1538–1606

**Feast Day: March 23**  
**Patron Saint of Latin American Bishops and**  
**native people's rights**



Turibius of Mogrovejo was a learned scholar of the law who held teaching and other posts in Spain's complex of Church and civil courts. Yet for all his learning, piety, faith, and energy, there was one huge obstacle to him being a bishop. Turibius was not a priest. He was not even a deacon. He was a very good, albeit unmarried, layman. The arrangement for centuries between Spain and the Holy See was that the Spanish Crown chose bishops while the Pope approved, or rejected, them. So after the Pope approved the appointment, over the candidate's fierce objections, Turibius received the four minor orders on four successive weeks, was ordained a deacon and then ordained a priest. He said his first Mass when he was over forty years old. About two years later, Turibius was consecrated as the new archbishop, and then sailed the ocean blue, arriving in Lima in May 1581.

Archbishop Turibius was extraordinarily dedicated to his episcopal responsibilities. He exhausted himself on years-long visits to the parishes of his vast territory, which included present day Peru and beyond. He acquainted himself with the priests and people under his care. He convoked synods (large Church meetings) to standardize sacramental, pastoral, and liturgical practice. He produced an important trilingual catechism in Spanish and two native dialects, learned to preach in these indigenous dialects himself, and encouraged his priests to be able to hear confessions and preach in them as well. Archbishop Turibius' life also providentially intersected with the lives of other saints active in Peru at the same time, including Martin de Porres, Francisco Solano, and Isabel Flores de Oliva, to whom Turibius gave the name Rose when he confirmed her. She was later canonized as Saint Rose of Lima, the first saint born in the New World. Saints know saints.

Archbishop Turibius was a fine example of a counter-reformation bishop, except that he did not serve in a counter-reformation place. That is, Peru was not split by the Catholic versus Protestant theological divisions wreaking such havoc in the Europe of that era. Saint Turibius implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, not to combat heretics, but to simply make the Church healthier and holier, Protestants or no Protestants. From this perspective, the reforms of Trent were not a cure but an antidote. If Turibius' energy and holiness were motivated by any one thing besides evangelical fervor, it was his desire to make the Spanish colonists of Peru recover the integrity of their own baptisms. The indigenous population needed authentic examples of Christian living to respect and emulate, and few Spanish colonialists provided such models of right living. Saint Turibius' greatest enemy, then, was simply original sin, which returns to the battlefield every time a baby is born.

After exhausting himself through total dedication to his responsibilities, Saint Turibius fell ill on the road and died at age sixty-seven in a small town far from home. His twenty-four years as Archbishop were a trial of strength. He had baptized and confirmed half a million souls, had trekked thousands of miles on narrow paths made for goats, had never neglected to say Mass, and did not accept any gifts in return for what he gave. Turibius was canonized in 1726 and named the Patron Saint of Latin American Bishops by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1983. Perhaps his unforeseen ordination explains his sustained fervor and drive. What came late was valued for having come at all. He bloomed late and bloomed beautifully, becoming the Spanish equivalent of his great contemporary, the Italian Saint Charles Borromeo.

In January 2018, Pope Francis prayed before the relics of Saint Turibius in Lima and invoked his memory in a talk to Peru's bishops. Saint Turibius did not, Pope Francis said, shepherd his diocese from behind a desk, but was a "a bishop with shoes worn out by walking, by constant travel, by setting out to preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, and fear."

*Saint Turibius, we invoke your intercession to inspire all who share the gospel, in whatever form, to do so with ardour, skill, and charity, using all the means at their disposal, as you so powerfully did in your own life and ministry.*  
**AMEN.**

Source of content: [mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life)

## In Our Parish

**We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Salvatore Papandrea.**

**We welcome into God's family to all who were recently baptised, especially Francesca Ross.**

**We pray for the sick of our Parish.**

## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

### Chapter 4

*In the first place, to love the Lord God with all one's heart, all one's soul, and all one's strength.  
Then, one's neighbour as oneself.*

### PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten groups will be meeting in homes or at Church for about an hour reading and reflecting together on the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent.



**Miriam Brown:**

**Wednesdays 1pm** at the Parish during Lent.  
(last session 31st March 2021)

**Benigna Cascun with Gebran Azzi:**

**Friday nights 6pm** during lent (last session 26th of March 2021).

Address: 726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house).

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays 6.30pm during Lent**

During Lent, until Friday 26th of March 2021, we will be holding the Stations of the Cross in our Parish on Friday nights at 6.30pm and take a few moments at each station to pray or meditate. This tradition continues until Good Friday. Mass will be afterwards at 7pm as usual every Friday night followed by Reconciliation.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to Allegra Zubrycki, Scarlet Zubrycki and Stella Thomson who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th March 2021 at the 10.30am Mass with Fr Michael Kelly.



### CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, 30th March 7.30pm

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 30th March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Could we have **two parish representatives** to attend Mass and receive the Oils?



Please let Father Bernard know by 23rd March if you are able to attend or contact the office on 9653 2312.

### CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY SURVEY

**We invite you to complete the CWF Survey 2021.** It will only take about 2-3 minutes of your time.

Listening to our parish community is important and we would love to know more about you and what you value most about CWF. Your feedback will help us better serve the community, plan our priorities and how to communicate with you more effectively.

The survey is open to all parishioners in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Closing date for responses is **Wednesday 7 April 2021.**

The online CWF survey can be found here - [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021)

We take your privacy seriously, and please be assured your answers are confidential. If you require a physical copy of the survey, please call David Armstrong 02 8379 1664 with your contact details.

*Your support and generosity are gratefully appreciated and makes a huge different to those we serve. May Christ be with you during the Lenten season*



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area.

His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets.

Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

27/3/21 to 28/3/21

### PALM SUNDAY Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Need help</b>	Lorraine Dailey
<b>Reader1</b>	Mary Cascun	Helen Facione
<b>Reader2</b>	Maria Gambino	Peter Goodwin
<b>Prayers</b>	Margaret Bensley	Kath Moran
<b>Music</b>		Mark Quirk
<b>Music</b>		Keith Wallace
<b>Music</b>		Helen Facione

**DRAFT QUARTERLY ROSTER and EASTER DRAFT ROSTER is now at the sacristy window. Please peruse it and make any changes. If you are interested in to be added to the Reading Ministries please add you name and phone number.**

**We also would like everyone's email addresses please, if you can add it to bottom of draft roster, or email it to:**

**arcadia.parish@bigpond.com.au**

**NEEDED—ACOLYTES - for Saturday 7pm Mass. Our Priests need YOUR help.**

**READERS - for all Masses.**

**If you can help out please contact parish office on 9653 2312.**

## CATECHIST NEWS

The students have been enjoying Fr Bernard's visits to a few classrooms this a week and over the next 2 weeks!

This week's free Ministry Induction training continues on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Introduction to the Bible) as a morning course 10am-12pm OR an afternoon course 1pm-3pm via Zoom. The following week's final topic will be "Using the Interactive Whiteboard Resources". Please contact me for further information.

### Catechist Vacancies:

Helper for Glenorie PS Wednesdays 10:10am – 10:50am

Hillside PS Fridays 8:50am-9:45am

If you are available and interested to know more, please talk to Fr Bernard or give me a call or send me an email. Training is provided.

God bless,  
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

## Disciples School of Mission 7-11 April 2021

Are you aged between 16 - 40 and searching for an adventure in 2021? If so, then join the Disciples of Jesus Community for the Disciples School of Mission. This five day live-in training course calls young people from across Australia to be equipped in youth ministry and evangelisation. You then have the opportunity to put into practice what you have learnt and dive into an optional three-week mission experience.

Be renewed in your own journey, fully equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith.

You won't regret it, it's an adventure!

For more info contact [therese.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:therese.mgl@gmail.com) or [discipleschoolofmission.com.au](http://discipleschoolofmission.com.au)

## PLAYGROUP

**Every Monday 10am to 12pm.**

This is a gathering for parents and carers with children under school age. It's perfect for children to learn and develop through play and interaction with others. It's also great for parents and carers to chat, socialise and make new friends! We meet every Monday during school terms 10am to 12pm. No need to book just turn up. Everyone welcome!

## CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every  
**Friday nights:**  
after 7pm Mass  
**Wednesday mornings:**  
after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



## PARISH SWEET STALL

Thank you Lila Bacha and family for working so hard and giving up your time for the stalls once a month! Also thank you to everyone purchasing and helping the Parish!



The next Parish Sweet Stall will be held on the Holy Easter weekend.

**Please feel free to bring items for sale to help the parish.**

For any queries or donations please call Lila Bacha on 96521113 or 0418360024.

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.



## TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email [tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au)

## SLAVERY-FREE EASTER

This Easter, let's celebrate with clear consciences and buy slavery-free chocolate. This is a small change that can make a huge impact worldwide on the lives of many children forced into slave labour.

When buying your Easter eggs (or your daily dose of chocolate, as the case may be), look for these logos:



It means the chocolate you are buying is certified slavery-free.

Here is some information on the slavery-free Easter campaign, which is well worth a read:

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

[Download Easter Chocolate Shopping Guide \(PDF\)](#)

## DONATING MEN'S CLOTHING FOR SEAFARERS

Thank you for the donation of clothing and items. The clothes were dropped off to Sr Mary, it made her day as she completely run out of donations for the seafarers, she is very grateful!

Here is a photo of Sr Mary's car being loaded with the bags:

Stella Maris Seafarers, a Catholic organisation helping seafarers, would appreciate any donations of second hand men's clothing, as well as any personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste etc.

Please leave the items in the meeting room near the kitchen and they will be picked up weekly and taken to Sr Mary Leahy and I can tell you she will be most excited. Many Thanks for your kind Generosity.

*(Sr Mary boards every ship that pulls into Botany Bay and checks on the welfare of the sailors, she is also a trained nurse and if she sees sick, injured or suspects abuse etc she is onto it.)*

Cheers,  
Cathy Holling  
Ph: 0403 062 255





## ***Annunciation of the Lord***

***Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> Solemnity***

***The flutter of a wing, a rustling in the air, a voice, and the future began to begin***

The Feast of the Annunciation is the reason why we celebrate Christmas on December 25. Christmas comes exactly nine months after the Archangel Gabriel invited the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, an event we commemorate on March 25. The dating of these Feast Days, although interesting, is of minor importance compared to their theological significance. It is fruitful to reflect upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary as the antecedent to the explosion of joy, caroling, gift giving, eating, drinking, love and family unity that surrounds the birth of the Savior. Perhaps Mary had a sort of private and internal Christmas at the moment of the Annunciation. Maybe she felt the fullness of the world's Christmas joy inside of her own heart when she realized she had been chosen to be the Mother of God.

God could have become man in any number of creative ways. He could have incarnated Himself just as Adam was incarnated in the book of Genesis, by being formed from the clay and having the divine breath blown into his nostrils. Or God could have slowly backed down to earth on a tall golden ladder as a twenty-five-year-old man, ready to walk the highways and byways of Palestine. Or maybe God could have taken flesh in an unknown way and just been found, like Moses, floating in a basket by a childless young couple from Nazareth as they enjoyed a Sunday picnic along the Jordan River.

The Second Person of the Trinity chose, however, to become man like we all become man. In the same way that He would exit the world through the door of death, as we all have to do, before His Resurrection and Ascension, He also entered the world through the door of human birth. In the words of the early Church, Christ could not redeem what He did not assume. He redeemed everything because He took on human nature in all of its breadth, depth, complexity and mystery. He was like us in all things save sin.

The incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity was a self emptying. It was God choosing to become small. Imagine a man becoming an ant, while retaining his human mind and will. The man-turned-ant would appear to be like all the ants around him, and would participate in all of their ant activities, yet still think at a level far above them. There was no other way to do it. The man had to learn through becoming, not because insect life was superior to his own, but precisely because it was inferior. Only through descending, only through experience, could the man learn what was below him. All analogies limp, but, in a similar way, the Second Person of the Trinity retained His infused divine knowledge while reducing Himself to a man and learning man life, doing man work, and dying a man death. By such a self emptying, He dignified all men and opened to them the possibility of entering into His higher life in Heaven.

The Church's theological tradition speculates that one of the reasons the bad angels may have rebelled against God was envy. They may have discovered that God chose to become man, instead of the higher form of an angel. This envy would have been directed at the Virgin Mary as well, that Vessel of Honor and Ark of the Covenant who bore the divine choice. God not only became man, we must remember, but did so through a human being, one prepared from her conception to be perfect. March 25 is one of only two days of the year when we kneel at the recitation of the Creed at Mass. At the words "...by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" all heads bow and all knees bend at the wonder of it. If the story of Christ is the greatest story ever told, today is its first page.

*O Holy Virgin Mary, we ask your intercession to make us as generous as you in accepting the will of God in our lives, especially when that will is expressed in mysterious ways. May you be our example of a generous response to what God desires of us.*

## EASTER WEEKEND MASS TIMES



<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>April 1st 2021</b>	<b>7.30pm Parish Church</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 2nd 2021</b>	<b>10.30am - Stations of the Cross 3pm - Passion of the Lord</b>
<b>Easter Saturday</b>	<b>April 3rd 2021</b>	<b>7.30pm - Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 4th 2021</b>	<b>7am - Monastery 9am - Parish Church 10.30am - Latin Mass</b>

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Let us pray that we may experience the  
sacrament of reconciliation  
with renewed depth,  
to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

**AMEN**



## COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

**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.**

*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:  
10.30am to 2.30pm**

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**Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231**

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

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