

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:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Year C
7 & 8 May 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday 8th of May

PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Lord Jesus, please bless all our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and care-givers.

Lord you know the value and importance of a mother, as you allowed Mary, your own mother, to be co-redeemer, in your saving mission.

Please bless and guide all mothers in their endeavour to form daughters and sons to be your worthy disciples. Keep them healthy, happy and holy always, especially in the face of difficulties. Give them strength and support of St Joseph, your foster father and the extended family.

May this blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit come down upon them and remain with them forever. Amen.



First Reading**Acts 13:14, 43-52 (JB)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.****Second Reading****Revelation 7:9, 14-17 (JB)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 10:27-30 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. (John 10:28)

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. What a beautiful image: Jesus as a loving Shepherd who cares for us and leads us to good pasture and safety! It's also comforting to know that we are his sheep; he knows each of us by name and calls out to us. And we, his sheep, hear his voice and follow him (John 10:27).

But do you know that our Good Shepherd also has a destination for each of us in mind? He is leading us to heaven! He is always with us—through thick and thin, through the dark, sorrowful valleys and the high, joyful mountaintops—all so that he can lead us to our eternal home. He does not want any one of his sheep to perish (John 10:28). He will “shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water” (Revelation 7:17).

So, trust this Good Shepherd! He always has you in his sights, even in your difficulties, and he will lead you through them. He may even use those struggles to bring you to that place where he wants you—with him, face-to-face in heaven. This is why he came to earth. This is why he suffered and died. And this is why he rose from the dead, all that one day you too could rise with him and live with him forever.

No matter what happens to you, you can always count on the Good Shepherd to walk beside you. He will even carry you on his shoulders if you are too weak to keep walking. Throughout your journey, he will nourish you with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist and refresh you with the water of his life-giving Spirit. And when your days on earth have ended, he will usher you into his heavenly kingdom. He will present you to his Father and say, “Here is my beloved, the sheep of my flock. I have brought him safely home.”

“Jesus, you are my Shepherd. Let me never take my eyes off you.”

(Source: Word Among Us India. Pg.32)

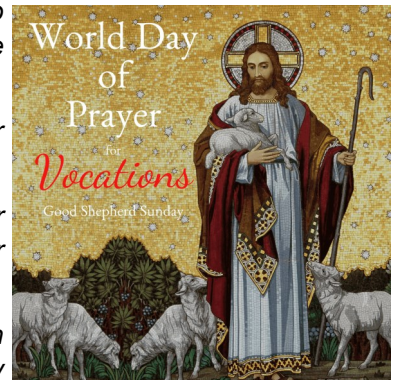
PRAYER FOR THE LORD'S CHOSEN SERVANTS (VOCATIONS)

Lord Jesus, You have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your Word and to act in your Name. For so great a gift to your Church we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church.

Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned.

Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. **AMEN.**



Source: Prayers for Priests (Philippines pg. 25)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	May 8, 2022:	World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
Thursday	May 12, 2022:	Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs. St Pancras, martyr.
Friday	May 13, 2022:	Our Lady of Fatima.

Source: Ordo 2022



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

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 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.

WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS MAY 8th 2022

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY FRIDAY 13TH OF MAY 2022 at our parish

9.30am - Holy Mass, followed by Rosary, Litany and Fatima prayer .

6.30pm - Rosary, Litany and Fatima prayer.

7.00pm - Holy Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania?

Your offering will bridge the divide between priests and their people in Tanzania due to the harsh terrain and dangerous travel. By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments, as well as providing a means of help to the people, including pregnant mothers, to reach medical facilities.

To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month visit :

www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday May, 14th** Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia.

To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon.

We look forward to you joining us in Prayer, especially for this recent outbreak in Ukraine.

Further enquiries please contact us on - [0403 578 994](tel:0403578994).

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 Leitizia Dominello...may they Rest in Peace.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

14/5/2022 to 15/5/2022

5th Sunday of EASTER Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Paul El-Chaar
Reader1	Margaret Bensley	Marcelle Douglas
Reader2	Maria Gambino	Rebecca Raad
Prayers	Miriam Brown	Peter Goodwin
TV		Tyrone El-Chaar
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Theresa Neely
Music		Helen Facione
Music		

DRAFT ROSTER NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL OFFICE

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 [02 9307 8309](tel:0293078309) or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Holy Communion classes will commence for the children that are currently enrolled on the following dates.

Classes begin 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

A big thanks to Natalie and to those involved in the Children's Mass last weekend! And also thanks to those who were able to attend this week's Catechist meeting.

Please continue to keep our Catechists and the children they teach in your prayers, especially for Fr Bernard, that he has a quick recovery.

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

GALSTON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (GCEA)

A reminder that our next **GCEA committee meeting** is coming up soon. We would love to see you there.

When: Monday 9th May @ 7.30pm

Where: Glenorie Community Church

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.

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND ORGANISE A TABLE, OTHERWISE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO GET ADDED TO A TABLE WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS! GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE.



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

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



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay



Help renew and
rebuild families and parish
communities in Broken Bay.

Give now before 30 June

Visit:
bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks

Scan to give:



Parish Envelope:



All donations over
\$2 are tax-deductible
and contribute to
parish target.

**Confraternity
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Hospital Chaplaincy**

St Lucy's School
K-6 students with disabilities

St Edmund's College
7-12 students with disabilities

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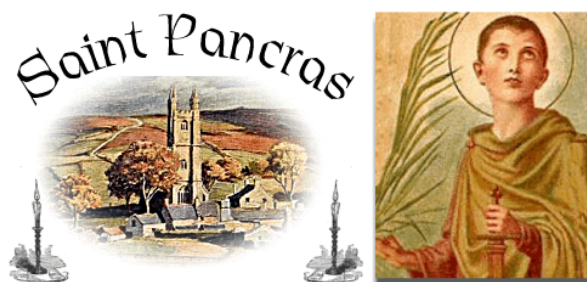
Pastoral Works Broken Bay
is the new name for CWF



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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Pancras, Martyr



Feast Day: May 12

C. Third Century

Patron Saint of children, jobs, and health

A fatherless teen discovers a treasure worth more than life itself

In the late 500s, Pope Saint Gregory the Great appointed monks to staff a small church in Rome, already almost three hundred years old, which was dedicated to Saint Pancras. In 597 the same Pope Gregory sent Saint Augustine of Canterbury on a missionary journey to England, and Augustine copied his Roman mentor and established a church in honor of Saint Pancras. About sixty years after Augustine, a different pope sent relics of Saint Pancras to England. This further spread devotion to this boy martyr, until a total of six ancient churches were dedicated to Saint Pancras in England alone, including the oldest church still used for Christian worship in that old country.

Little is known with certainty about the life of Saint Pancras, but the essential facts are sufficient cause for admiration. Pancras was an orphan who traveled to Rome from the east in the company of his uncle. The pair converted to Christianity and then died for that conversion during the reign of Diocletian. Pancras was perhaps fourteen years old when he traded his earthly life for a better one in heaven. He likely became well known owing to his rare combination of youth and heroic witness. Our martyr was buried near a major Roman road, and a modest basilica was constructed over his tomb. The shrine and its catacombs became a popular pilgrimage destination, partly due to its healing bath, which was famous for its curative powers. The ravages of time and foreign armies degraded the shrine, but it was rebuilt several times over the centuries. In the seventeenth century, the Basilica of Saint Pancras was entrusted to the Discalced Carmelite Order, whose members still reside there today. Under the Basilica are extensive Roman catacombs, and a reliquary in the church contains the head of Saint Pancras. The rest of the saint's relics were scattered to the four winds by anti-Catholic armies who occupied the church and despoiled many of its treasures.

Moments of great danger for the Church are also moments of great grace. In her long history, the Church has passed through, and continues to live, many such dangerous, grace-filled times. Saint Pancras' times were precisely such. If he had stayed in his native land, he would likely have died of natural causes. But he went in search of something, perhaps wealth, fame, or family, in Rome, the big city, just as so many people search for the same in big cities today. But young Pancras found what he probably wasn't looking for—God. And his decision to become a Christian, perhaps through the influence of a friend or priest or aunt, quickly took a very serious turn. He was threatened with death if he did not burn incense to a false god. The boy stood fast. Like other more famous young martyrs, such as Saint Agnes, the idealism of youth provoked both admiration and fury in his persecutors, and he was taken beyond the walls of Rome to be decapitated.

Our culture and its pressures are not from God. They are human constructs. But our Church, which is an object of faith, *is* from God. The friction caused by the collision of culture and church damages individuals, parishes, and governments. Sparks fly. Heat is generated. Objects melt. At times, wars ensue. Today's martyr was an early victim to something far bigger than himself—the culture clash between a dying empire and a dawning religion. If he had gone to Rome just ten years later, Pancras would have lived in peace. Instead, Pancras and many others were executed, because they refused to bend to a leader who might die tomorrow in favor of a God who rose to life from a cold tomb.

Saint Pancras, you gave away your young life rather than offer worship to a false god. May your example inspire, and your intercession strengthen, all young people to put love of God above all else. Amen.

PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

Praying for Peace in the World

SATURDAY 21 MAY 2022

10:30AM | ST PETER'S SURRY HILLS
Pilgrims Blessing and start of procession.

12PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
Mass in Honour of Mary Help of Christians



– Praying for World Peace
with **Bishop Daniel Meagher**



St Faustina's
First class relic
is kept for
public veneration
at the Divine Retreat Centre



"Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

MAY 2022

- 6th (Friday) DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY**
6:00pm - 8:30pm
- 6th (Friday) 1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD**
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000
6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 7th (Saturday) ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT**
10:00am - 2:30pm
DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY
5:00pm to 7:30pm, for Young Adults ages 18+
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768
- 13th-15th (Fri-Sun) COUPLES GROWTH RETREAT** with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." Philippians 2:2
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm **BOOKING: 04 6848 6782**
- 16th (Monday) SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND**
11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287
7:00pm - 9:00pm
- 29th (Sunday) ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)**
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George, 9:00am - 4:00pm,
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

KID'S MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 - 8 YEARS	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 9 - 12 YEARS	TEENAGER'S MINISTRY FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13 - 17 YEARS
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DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE

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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.



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.

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