

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.



"I am the Good Shepherd"

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

24th & 25th April 2021

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.

Second Reading

John 3:1-2 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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

Gospel reading for this Week**John 10:11-18 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
 the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
 The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
 and the sheep do not belong to him,
 abandons the sheep and runs away
 as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
 and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
 this is because he is only a hired man
 and has no concern for the sheep.
 I am the good shepherd;
 I know my own
 and my own know me,
 just as the Father knows me
 and I know the Father;
 and I lay down my life for my sheep.
 And there are other sheep I have
 that are not of this fold,
 and these I have to lead as well.
 They too will listen to my voice,
 and there will be only one flock
 and one shepherd.
 The Father loves me,
 because I lay down my life
 in order to take it up again.
 No one takes it from me;
 I lay it down of my own free will,
 and as it is in my power to lay it down,
 so it is in my power to take it up again;
 and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

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I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays
 down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

GOSPEL REFLECTION**John 10:11-18 (JB)**

The Resurrection was a mere aspect of Christ's self-giving mission. Jesus came from the Father (his birth). He did the Father's will on earth (his ministry). And he gave himself back to the Father (his death, resurrection, and ascension). In every step, he loved and gave all for others. In every step, Jesus revealed the face of the Father to the world.

Notice Jesus was not only the intermediary. He embodied the Father's offer of love and our positive response. That is the reason his death forgave sins once and for all. In his death, we find the Father's love for us and we find our perfect response to that love. He did it all for us. We could never add to or improve upon his sacrifice.

Have you ever felt the Lord lift your burden? Or the loving care of the Lord? Describe this experience.

Jesus gave his all for us. He did it for love. The love he had for the Father. The love he had for all people. In that love he claimed his place as the Good Shepherd.

We are to shepherd in the same fashion, to sacrifice out of love. We are to lead by giving of self for the good of others. More important, we are to lead in a way that brings others to Christ and through Christ to the Father. So we can lead in this fashion, we need to sacrifice self interest and ego. But the rewards of love make that sacrifice worth the cost.

What sacrifices have you had to make to lead others to Christ? What sacrifices are you willing to make now? Look to the next week. Plan your sacrifice for the good of others.

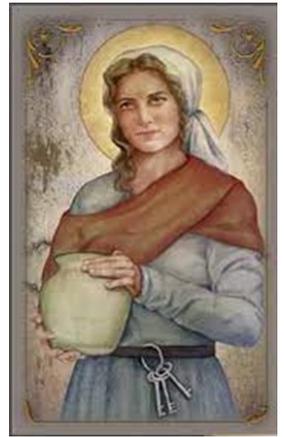
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Zita

c. 1218-1271

Feast Day: April 27



Patron Saint of Domestic Workers, Maids, Servants

St. Zita was born into a poor but holy Christian family. Her older sister became a Cistercian nun and her uncle Graziano was a hermit whom the local people regarded as a saint.

Zita herself always tried to do God's will obediently whenever it was pointed out to her by her mother. At the age of twelve Zita became a housekeeper in the house of a rich weaver in Lucca, Italy, eight miles from her home at Monte Sagrati. As things turned out, she stayed with that family for the last forty-eight years of her life. She found time every day to attend Mass and to recite many prayers, as well as to carry out her household duties so perfectly that the other servants were jealous of her. Indeed, her work was part of her religion! She used to say: "a servant is not holy if she is not busy; lazy people of our position is fake holiness."

At first, her employers were upset by her generous gifts of food to the poor, but in time, they were completely won over by her patience and goodness and she became a very close friend. St. Zita was given a free reign over her working schedule and busied herself with visits to the sick and those in prison. Word spread rapidly in Lucca of her good deeds and the heavenly visions that appeared to her.

Zita's reputation for charity soon spread throughout Lucca. During a famine, people lined up for food, and Zita gave away almost all of the family's dry beans. She'd intended to restock the pantry but didn't get the chance before the master of the house decided to take stock of the beans and sell them at market. Fearful that she would be fired or thrown into jail because of the missing food, Zita prayed, and, miraculously, the dry beans were restored.

Zita died at age 60 and lies in state at the local parish of San Frediano in Lucca. Her casket was opened three times, the last time being in 1652. Each time, the body remained perfectly incorrupt. Today, the saint's body remains the same except for a bit of dryness and darkness to the skin.

She was sought out by the important people, and at her death in 1278 the people acclaimed her as a saint. She is the patroness of domestic workers.

Source of content: saintsfeastfamily.com

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died.

We welcome into God's family to all who were recently baptised, especially Frederick Bornefeldt.

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Brother Mario.

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.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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.

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you?

Contact the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or email: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

Please pray for the 8 seminarians in Broken Bay and the three men that are preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Please pray, on this Vocations Sunday, that the Lord will bless the Diocese of Broken Bay with more vocations.



*Seminarians of Broken Bay 2021,
Fr Paul Durkin, Vocations Director &
Fr Stephen Wayoyi Assistant Vocations Director.*

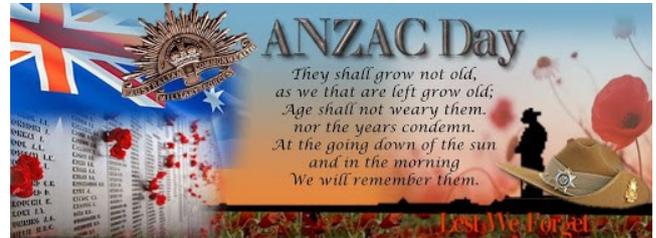
CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers for making time to clean our beautiful church.

We really need help with more volunteers. This is only for an hour or so once a month.

If you are interested in helping out please call the office on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays), or simply grab a broom!

ANZAC DAY PRAYER



Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN distributes over one million Bibles and religious books thanks to the help of our benefactors every year. Jesus commanded "Go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation."

ACN takes this command seriously by spreading the faith through these Children's Bibles. Often in poor countries, the Children's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently, it is the only picture book that they will ever hold.

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

On demand talks from over 80 speakers, live Q&A + worship.

Be part of this FREE global event exploring Saint John Paul II's teachings on love and marriage.

<https://smartloving.org/tobvc21/>

FRESH FLOWERS

Thank you for the volunteers bringing in the fresh flowers for our altar. If anyone can bring **fresh** flowers from their garden for the Church altar it would be greatly appreciated. God bless you!

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Roster is now available for pick up in the Sacristy. Please collect your copy.

NEEDED—ACOLYTES - for Saturday 7pm Mass.

Our Priests need YOUR help. Training will be provided. Please contact the office on 9653 2312 or see Father Bernard after Mass.

1/5/21 to 2/5/21

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Maria Gambino	CHILDREN MASS
Reader2	Mary Cascun	CHILDREN MASS
Prayers	Teresa Gambino	CHILDREN MASS
TV		Cali Family
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Theresa Neely

GCEA COMMITTEE MEETING

What: GCEA Committee Meeting for Term 2

When: Monday 10th May @ 7.30pm

Where: Dural Anglican Church
965 Old Northern Rd, Dural

Roger Hokin GCEA Secretary
roger@duralanglican.org.au 0413 067 770

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.



CATECHIST NEWS

We have all enjoyed being back in the classroom again and hearing what the students have been doing over the Easter holidays!

Classroom Vacancies:

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

Arcadia PS Wednesdays 11:30am – 12:05pm – recent vacancy

Hillside PS - Thanks to Virginia Tanna for filling the vacancy at Hillside! And thanks to Barbara Tannous for taking this class last term!

If you love working with children, have the time available and are interested to know more, please talk to Fr Bernard or give me a call or send me an email. Training, support and a Teacher's Manual are provided.

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 5th May 2021
7.30pm in the meeting room

COINS—THANK YOU!

Thank you for those who gave the left over coins to Father David. He now has more than enough. He really appreciates it.

FATHER BERNARD ON LEAVE

Father Bernard will be on leave from the 4th of April until the 30th of April 2021.

Father Hilarion will be the administrator of the Parish in Father Bernard's absence.

PARISH SWEET STALL

Thank you for all your support and donations for our parish stall.

The next Parish Sweet Stall will be held on the Anzac weekend. We will be selling Anzac biscuits only.



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.



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 the website: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **1-2 May, 7-8 Aug, 13-14 Nov 2021; 19-20 Feb 2022**

PRAISEFEST—YOUTH

PRAISEFEST is back in the flesh, face to face, person to person and not on zoom! Woot!

God willing, our next PRAISEFEST will be on 28 May 2021 at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah from 6.00-9.00pm.

If you've missed getting your worship on, catching up with friends from different parish and schools communities, and partying it up on the praise party floor, then we have got a treat for you.

Come along, sit back and chill with us, and/or if you like, enjoy and engage in a variety of different things like:

- G.R.A.C.E Radio/Podcast team hosting PRAISEFEST Radio
- Fun games, casual sport and other activities
- Food and hospitality
- Special creative items
- Our new 'Rambling with the Rev' segment
- Praise & Worship + Praise Party by our PRAISEFEST worship team
- A message from our very own Bishop Anthony Randazzo
- A fresh encounter with God and his people
- and more!!!

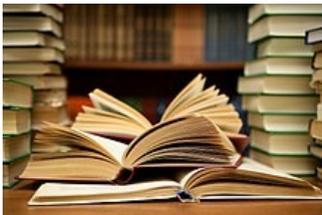


You are not gonna want miss this!

*This event is open to all youth and young adults. All young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parish or school group where supervision and responsibility is taken by their corresponding leaders.

BOOKS FOR PRISONERS NEEDED

I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Mt. 25:36)



I'm collecting books for Prisons in NSW. If you have unwanted books, and would like to donate, please pack them in a box, leave it by the kitchen in the parish and I will come and collect it. Please no Hardcover, or text books. Fiction and Lifestyle are preferred.

There are approximately 130 references to *Prison, Prisoner, Imprisonment* in the Bible. Jesus and some of the Apostles were in prison. It would be good if we can help today's prisoners.

DONATING MEN'S CLOTHING FOR SEAFARERS

I delivered the clothes this morning to Sr Mary Leahy from Stella Maris Apostleship of Seafarers. She is blown away by the generosity and good hearts of the community, and asks me to pass on "*Many Thanks to St Benedicts Parish at Arcadia, what wonderful people they are!*".

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





CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.

St Lucy's School – serving primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch a heart-warming 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

- Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- Or scan the QR code.



**Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.
God Bless.**

Good Shepherd Sunday



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I am the gate of the sheepfold. Anyone who enters through me will be safe. Jn 10:1-10

April 25, 2021

Vocation Sunday



vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

<https://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry/>

ph: 0418 522 449

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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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Arcadia 2159

Monastery: 9653 1159

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 1446 8001