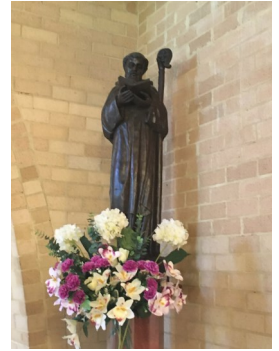


St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



20 & 21 November 2021

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES UPDATE From BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO:

- Welcome to all Masses.
- Masks are required.
- Please sign in using QR CODE provided.

PARISH Masses

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am
Latin Mass 4.30pm

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST

King of the Universe



ST SYLVESTER GUZZOLINI, ABBOT.



Founder of the Sylvester
Benedictine Monks.

FEAST DAY: November 26th.

FR ALBERIC JACOVONE OSB

In July Father Alberic Jacovone celebrated his 60 years of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Please join us on **Sunday 21st November 10.30am Mass** followed by morning tea.

Fr Alberic, may God bless you on the 60 year anniversary of your Ordination. Thank you for your faithful service to the people of God.



SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

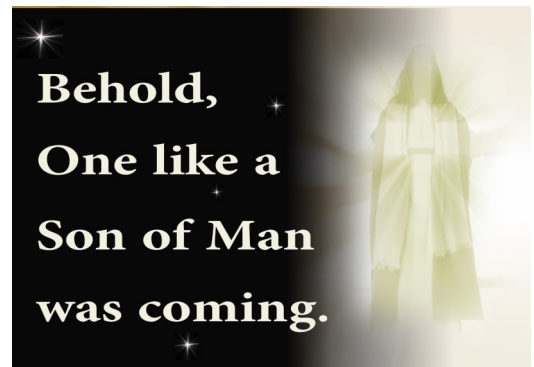
Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading***Daniel 7:13-14 (JB)***

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
 one like a son of man.
 He came to the one of great age
 and was led into his presence.
 On him was conferred sovereignty,
 glory and kingship,
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
 which shall never pass away,
 nor will his empire be destroyed.

*The word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.*****Responsorial Psalm:****R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.****Second Reading*****Revelation 1:5-8 (JB)***

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

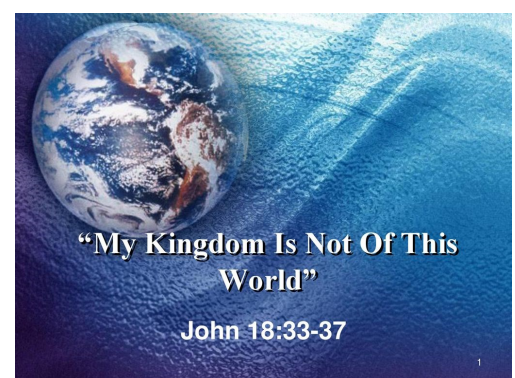
Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

*The word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.*****Gospel Acclamation****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL*****John 18:33-37 (JB)***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

John 18:33-37

My kingdom does not belong to this world. (John 18:36)

Pilate must have been confused. He had asked Jesus point blank, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:33). Jesus didn't answer him directly, but he made it clear that his kingdom isn't anything like Pilate might have been envisioning. Instead, he said this kingdom "is not here" and "does not belong to this world" (18:36).

So where is Jesus' kingdom, and what's it like? On today's feast of Christ the King, let's reflect on God's kingdom and how it compares with the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of the world values power, wealth, honor, and pleasure. These things are not bad in themselves, but we can easily make them idols. We can even fool ourselves into thinking that we are not going after them. But if they are the primary reason we get out of bed in the morning, and if we spend most of our time seeking them out, then we are probably too immersed in the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of God, on the other hand, values sacrificial love, forgiveness, humility, and service. Such things are not always attractive because they come with a cost. Yet the reward is always greater—not only in this life, as we experience Jesus' abundant love and mercy, but also in the next, when we will see him face-to-face and live in his joyful embrace forever.

Today as you worship the King of kings at Mass, think about what you most value and what you are most anxious to achieve. Then see if these things are more in line with God's kingdom or with the kingdom of the world. We are all tempted at times to straddle both kingdoms at the same time. But over and over again, we are faced with choices to serve one or the other. May we always choose to serve Jesus, our King and Lord!

"Praise you, King of kings and Lord of lords!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Daily Gospel Reflection).

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	November 22, 2021:	St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
Tuesday	November 23, 2021:	St Clement I, pope, martyr St Columban, abbot
Wednesday	November 24, 2021:	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs
Thursday	November 25, 2021:	St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr
Friday	November 26, 2021:	St Sylvester Guzzolini, founder of Sylvester Benedictine Monks.

Source: Ordo 2021

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

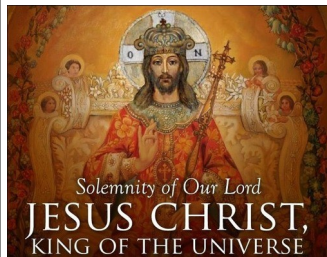
*O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King,
mercy, peace, justice and all good things.*

*Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.*

*Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.*

*Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We trust in Your Great Mercy.*

*O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognised on earth.
Amen.*



SOURCE: mycatholic.life

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

PARISH FUNDS

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few weeks. We really appreciate it.

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected, especially we have not had a fete for two years. Planned Giving, Donations and Electronic Transfers has been keeping us going during that difficult time.

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**

God bless you all!

MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be a Mass for Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday 11th of December 10.30am** at our parish. If you know anyone who is sick, housebound or elderly in need of healing, please let us know if they need transport.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament which celebrates our faith in the healing touch of Christ in our lives. We pray that the sick person be healed in body, soul and spirit. The Sacrament offers forgiveness and healing. Not only in physical healing but in mind as well, easing our anxieties, healing our wounds and fears turn to hope.

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven."
(James 5:14-15)

Morning tea will be provided afterwards. Everyone welcome.



In Our Parish

We welcome to God's family to all who were recently baptised, especially Walter Daley.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish,

especially Brother Mario, and Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha's mum).



We pray for the soul of
Pasquale Gambino
Whose

50th Anniversary
is on 23 November 2021

*"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him,
may he rest in peace. Amen"*



NOVENA FOR NSW STATE PREMIER DOMINIC PERROTTET

Sunday 21 November to Monday 29 November

A state-wide novena has been organised to pray for our premier Dominic Perrottet, seeking the intercession of St Joseph that the premier will be guided and encouraged by the Holy Spirit to be a good and just leader; and be granted the political freedom to be an effective leader.

The novena commences on Sunday 21 November and ends on Monday 29 November.

A flyer with the Novena is available at both entries of the Church.

COLLECTION BASKETS

We have placed collection baskets at both entries. As we will not be having a collection going around during mass.

Would you kindly help our parish by donating in the baskets provided otherwise the TapNGo donation points are also available.

God bless you all!



ST BENEDICT'S MINI FETE

On Saturday 18th of December from 3pm and Sunday 19th December after the Masses, we will be holding stalls and items for fundraising.

Update on our new puzzles that have just come in. Are you looking for a Christmas, communion, or any other present. Puzzles are 500 pieces \$25. I will be selling these to raise money for our local parish St Benedict Arcadia. The supplier will donate \$13 from every puzzle sold. Please private message me to place an order on the new or our older puzzles (limited stock we still have). Thankyou.



Lila Bacha Phone: 0418 360 024

CATECHIST NEWS

We are planning to hold a Children's Mass on Sunday 5th December at 10:30am.

We would like to invite all children to attend to celebrate. We would particularly like to invite the children in Year 6 to be involved in the Mass. All children in Year 6 present will receive a Bible and certificate. If your child is in Year 6 and would like to be involved or will be present, please send me a message on srearcadia@gmail.com by Friday 3rd December.

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021

- It is tentatively fixed on:
Saturday the 18th of December 2021 at 2pm
- The preparation day is on:
Saturday the 4th of December 2021
from 10am to 12pm.
- We request all the candidates and their parents to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/ confession prior to the event.



For any information please contact:
Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077

ADVENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES, THE CATHOLIC GUY

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information:
<https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

#RedWednesday

Red Wednesday is an annual event to remember and pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed for their Christian faith. Churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need.

The Diocese of Broken Bay will mark this occasion with a Red Wednesday Mass. Details are as follows:

Date: **Wednesday 24 November 2021**

Time: 7:30pm Mass

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church,
94 Archer St Chatswood

Celebrant: Fr David Ranson VG

Registration for the Mass is essential. Please register at www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday

The Mass will also be live streamed, and can be accessed from this webpage.

Take a prayer card from the back of the church to join in prayer for Christians persecuted around the world. Please consider supporting the work of Aid to the Church in Need at <https://aidtochurch.org/>

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights:

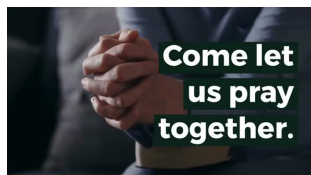
after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings:

after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



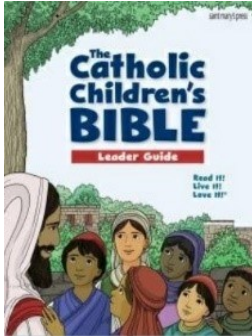
NEW BIBLES FOR PURCHASE

Two new Bibles have now arrived and are available for purchase as part of the Fr Harry Davis Estate subsidised Bibles.

The Catholic Children's Bible (Hardcover)

This complete Bible inspires and empowers children to read, understand, and love the Word of God, in a revised edition. With new, easy-to-follow Reading Plans and colourful stickers, the stories of our Catholic faith come alive with vivid, awe-inspiring artwork and larger text.

Cost: \$58 (RRP: \$84.95)



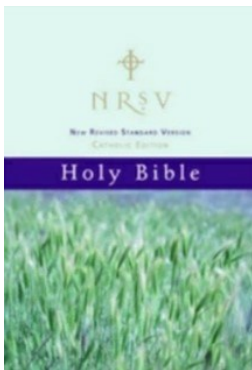
HarperCollins NRSV Catholic Edition Holy Bible (Hardcover)

This NRSV Bible includes anglicised text, introductory materials for every book, timeline of Catholic Church and world history Concordance to help readers find specific words and passages, sixteen page map section.

Cost: \$14 (RRP: \$35.99)

Further details: [Webpage with details of bibles offered](#)

To place orders for these Bibles, please contact Pina Bernard pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239



GET READY TO FLY!

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission

Since 1961 [Palms Australia](#) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor.

Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

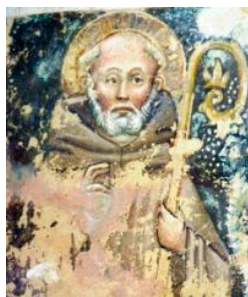


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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Sylvester

Founder of the Sylvestrine Benedictine Congregation

Feast Day: November 26

St Sylvester was born at Osimo, Italy about 1177, reputedly a member of the noble Guzzolini family. When he reached adolescence, his lawyer father Gislerio sent him to study law at Bologna and Padua. However, after a short time Sylvester abandoned the study of law, to give himself (unknown to his father), to the study of theology and scripture. When Sylvester returned to Osimo he had to face the anger of his father, who did not speak to him for ten years.

He was made a Canon of the cathedral of the city. He then had an experience that led to a decision about his future. One day, at the conclusion of a funeral, when the Canons lifted the tombstone in the cathedral for the burial, they found the decaying corpse of a relative of Sylvester. This man had been known for his good looks and had died young. At the sight of this Sylvester reasoned within: What he was I am; what he is I will be. And while he was returning to his room, he remembered the Lord's words: 'Whoever wishes to follow me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me'; and he realized these words were for him. And as if welcoming a warning from heaven, he decided to change his life for the better.

Around 1227 Sylvester left Osimo, withdrawing to a solitary life in a cave called Grottafucile, near the town Fabriano. At Grottafucile he led a life of severe penance and constant prayer, often eating only raw herbs. There he began to consider which form of religious life to embrace. After mature reflection Sylvester chose the Rule of Saint Benedict of Norcia.

A decisive event in the life of Sylvester was the meeting at Grottafucile with two Dominican friars, sent in 1228 by Pope Gregory IX to visit the clergy of the March of Ancona exhorted him not to live alone in the hermitage. The man of God accepted the suggestion and welcomed his first disciple, Philip of Recanati. Others, wishing to embrace the anchoritic ideal, followed the example of Philip and placed themselves under the spiritual guidance of Sylvester. Initially, the disciples lived in cells carved out of the rock, which can still be seen. Then Sylvester built a small hermitage, whose ruins have survived the ravages of time, and dedicated it to the Virgin Mary.

Since the site of Grottafucile was limited and difficult of access, inadequate to welcome the growing number of disciples, Sylvester founded other monasteries. In 1231 Sylvester founded near Fabriano, the second hermitage on a high and rugged mountain called Montefano. There he built an oratory in honour of Saint Benedict, on a wooded area of around 2,640 square metres donated by citizens of Fabriano. The hermitage soon became the principal seat of the new monastic family, of which Sylvester was the first Prior General.

After Grottafucile and Montefano, Sylvester soon founded three other monasteries. On 27 June 1248 Pope Innocent IV gave canonical approval to Sylvester's monastic family. This was given under the title "Order of St Benedict of Montefano". The original document is lost. The archive of Montefano preserves an authentic copy, dated at Cingoli 3 April 1251, "by order of Brother Sylvester, Prior of the hermitage of Montefano".

After 1248 Sylvester founded eight other monasteries, choosing solitary places rather than the city. The first Sylvestrine communities were generally of modest proportions and not well endowed. The monks, who for the most part were not ordained priests, gave themselves to prayer, to working in the fields and, if their needs required it, also to begging. An activity undertaken by the Founder and some of his disciples was that of preaching. This was both to the faithful who came to the solitude of Montefano, and to the population where the monasteries were situated. At an "advanced age, about 90 years, Sylvester was bedridden with a high fever. His disciples gathered around and he exhorted them to persevere in a holy life of integrity and in the monastic way of life. As the illness worsened, the holy man was fortified with the sacraments and, commending his spirit to the Lord, peacefully ended his long life of good works. It was 26 November 1267. Sylvester, who from "Prior of Grottafucile" became "Prior General of the Hermitage and of the Order of Montefano" left behind 12 monasteries and about 120 monks.

Today there are monasteries in Italy, Sri Lanka, USA, Australia, India, Philippines and Congo, and some 200 monks.

Abridged from "Sylvester Guzzolini and his Congregation" by Ugo Paoli OSB, translated by Michael Kelly OSB, Rome 2021

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

PARISH:

Christmas Eve Friday 24th Dec 2021: 7pm & 11.30pm (*Midnight Mass*)

Christmas Day Saturday 25th Dec 2021: 9am

25th Dec 2021: 10.30am (*Latin Mass*)

25th Dec 2021: 7pm (*Vigil feast of The Holy Family*)

Sunday 26th Dec 2021: 9am & 10.30am Feast of Holy Family

New Years Day Saturday 1st Jan 2022: 9.30am Feast Mary Mother of God
7pm Vigil Mass for Epiphany

Sunday 2nd Jan 2022: 9am & 10.30am Feast of Epiphany

Sunday 9th Jan 2022: 9am & 10.30am Feast Baptism of the Lord

MONASTERY:

Christmas Day Friday 25th Dec 2021: 7am

New Year Day Saturday 1st Jan 2022: 7am



COVID 19 SAFETY RULES

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

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 sanitise 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.**

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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