

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To listen gladly to Holy reading.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

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

Pentecost Sunday Year B

22 & 23 May 2021

Entrance Procession

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
different languages.*

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Gospel reading for this Week**John 20:19-23 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

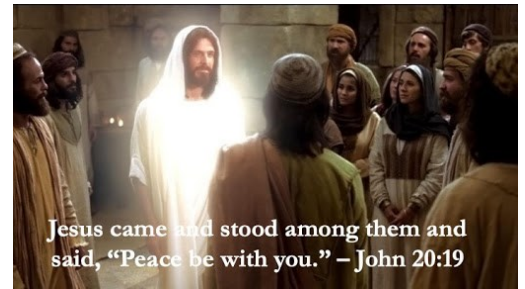
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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

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Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." – John 20:19

GOSPEL REFLECTION**John 20:19-23 (JB)**

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:2-4

Do you think there was really a "noise like a strong driving wind" at this first outpouring of the Holy Spirit? And do you think there really were "tongues as of fire" that came and rested on everyone? Well, there most likely was! Why else would have it been recorded that way in the Scriptures?

These physical manifestations of the coming of the Holy Spirit were made present for numerous reasons. One reason was so that these first recipients of the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit would have concretely understood that something amazing was happening. By seeing and hearing these physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit they were more properly disposed to understand that God was doing something awesome. And then, upon seeing and hearing these manifestations, they were touched by the Holy Spirit, consumed, filled and set on fire. They suddenly discovered within themselves the promise Jesus made and they finally began to understand. Pentecost changed their lives!

We most likely have not seen and heard these physical manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we should rely upon the witness of those in the Scriptures to allow ourselves to arrive at a deep and transforming faith that the Holy Spirit is real and wants to enter our lives in the same way. God wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, strength and grace so as to effectively live lives that effect change in the world. Pentecost is not only about us becoming holy, it's also about us being given all we need to go forth and bring the holiness of God to all those we encounter. Pentecost enables us to be powerful instruments of the transforming grace of God. And there is no doubt that the world around us needs this grace.

As we celebrate Pentecost it would be helpful to ponder the primary effects of the Holy Spirit in a prayerful way. On page 6 are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These Gifts are the primary effects of Pentecost for each and every one of us. Use them as an examination of your life and let God show you where you need to grow more deeply in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

God calls everyone to repentance, even second chances. How do you respond to his call? How do you help others with their call to conversion?

Lord, send forth Your Spirit in my life and set me on fire with the Gifts of Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, I invite You to take possession of my soul. Come Holy Spirit, come and transform my life. Holy Spirit, I trust in You. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

c. 1515 - 1595

Feast Day: May 26



Patron Saint of Rome, humour and joy

Saint Philip Neri often begged alms from his wealthy friends and acquaintances to redistribute to needy street children. On one occasion, he approached a friend, held out his hand, and asked him, once again, for a few coins: "How about some help for the children." The man slapped him hard across the face. Saint Philip quickly recovered from the shock, extended his cupped hand again, and said, "That was for me, now how about something for the children?"

Saint Philip was born into a well-educated, Catholic, middle-class home. After growing up in Florence, he moved to Rome and spent many years as a layman studying theology and helping the poor in practical ways. While still a layman, Philip founded a group to care for the many impoverished pilgrims who came to Rome. He befriended the great reformer Saint Ignatius of Loyola, who wanted Philip to become a Jesuit. But after encouragement from his confessor, Philip was ordained a secular priest in 1551.

Saint Philip was so well loved and so well known in Rome that he is sometimes called its "Third Apostle" after Saint Peter and Saint Paul. His personality radiated a natural warmth, cordiality, and love of God. His priestly ministry could be fairly characterized as "evangelization by walking around." He walked the streets of Rome from end to end continually throughout his long life. His life was a long conversation with a thousand characters on street corners, in shops, in factories, at church, in parks—wherever. He reached out to the destitute, prostitutes, poor children, and the uneducated. Saint Philip would often gather a group to visit seven churches in a row. As they went from one church to another, the group would picnic and listen to the musicians whom Saint Philip brought along for entertainment. These outings, understandably, became hugely popular.

Leaders, intellectuals, musicians, and scholars were also drawn to him, in addition to common folk, and formed the impressive circle of committed Catholics who first joined his apostolic efforts. Saint Philip and his companions were given charge of a parish where they held evening sessions filled with song, readings from the lives of the martyrs, the praying of the psalms, and rich conversation. Saint Philip called these gatherings the "oratory," in part because the participants also listened to musical pieces called "oratorios." So when it came time to formalize his newly founded community in Church law, the name "Oratory" was chosen. The Congregation of the Oratory, which is still thriving today, was recognized by the Holy Father in 1575 and given the magnificent, new parish of Santa Maria in Varicella, known as Chiesa Nuova (The New Church), in the heart of Rome. Oratorians are mostly diocesan priests and some laymen who live together in a loose brotherhood, taking no vows, while pursuing various individual ministries. The many dozens of oratories around the world are joined in an informal confederation, whereas canonical bonds tie the many houses of a religious order together in a far tighter union.

Saint Philip is one of the bright lights of the Counter-Reformation. He blazed a new path, like other reformers. Saint Philip was the silent observer, the cheerful listener, the priest always there, who spoke hard truths but always bent on the non-essentials. He was poor but wore nice clothes. He looked like everyone else, yet...there was that intangible something: the sparkle in his eye, his polish, his lively concern, his clever wit, his courtesy, his wide education, his humor, and his constant turning of the conversation back to God. He radiated what twentieth-century psychologists would call the "halo effect." Everyone saw the invisible halo casting a glow over Saint Philip, and people crowded around to stand in his mellow light.

Saint Philip did not start a university, reform an institution, write a classic, or formulate a new rule. He changed the world the only way it can truly be changed—one soul at a time. This army of one was canonized in 1622. His body rests in a glass coffin in Chiesa Nuova, the sumptuous Mother Church of the Oratory, where pilgrims come in faith, kneel before him, and seek his powerful intercession.

Dear Lord, help us be like Saint Philip Neri, with his good nature and charm, united with his theological belief and life of deep prayer, made him a powerful apostle for the people of Rome. May all evangelists, especially priests, see in his openness to others a pathway of changing the world. AMEN.

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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.

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Brother Mario and Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha's mum).

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One
October 2021



‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’
John 20:19-23

Sunday 23 May is the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is about mission, and the goal of mission is that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.” Pentecost reminds us that Christ’s Church is about spreading the knowledge of God to all the nations, beginning here in our own “Jerusalem”.

We are invited at this time to refresh our commitment to the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, keeping in mind that “the love of God calls all Catholics to renew our commitment to share God’s mission in our time and place, reaching out to all people.”
(Instrumentum Laboris 23.i)

Pentecost 2021 marks the third anniversary of the beginning of this journey of faith for the people of Australia.

We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, in our parish or diocesan institutions, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel! It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people!

(Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily at Cathedral of San Sebastian, Rio de Janeiro, July 27, 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway’s Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au.

WANTED



Could anyone help out with operating the PowerPoint on the TV screen at the 9am Sunday Mass? The PowerPoint will be already created (courtesy of Josephine Cali), so all that will be

required of the operator will be to:

- Be at church by 8.30 to set up the laptop (Parish laptop and instructions sheet provided)
- Check in with the musicians
- Sit beside the laptop and forward the slides at the appropriate moment (guide sheet provided)

Josephine has been doing this job ever since we first installed the screens. Thank you Josephine!! It is now time for other parish members to be on a roster (so you won't be needed every week).

Josephine has kindly offered to help with training and she will continue to create the weekly PowerPoint.

Please consider this request. Minimal basic IT skills required and a keenness to participate in this important ministry.

If you are interested, please contact the office on 9653 2312 or see Josephine after Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on Wednesday 25th August at 6:30pm.

Enrolment forms will be available on the Parish Website and from the Sacristy from Sunday 23rd May. All enrolment forms need to be returned by Sunday 11th July.

If you have any queries regarding enrolments please ring Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

POSITION VACANT:

We are also looking for someone to take over as **Sacramental Program Coordinator**. This would involve organising each of the Sacraments and coordinating the lessons. This isn't a huge task but it does mean a commitment. It is very rewarding being part of a young person's faith journey as they take each Sacrament.

If you are interested in this role, please see Fr Bernard or contact Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

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.

29/5/21 to 30/5/21 Pentecost Sunday Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Mary Cascun	Judy Horton
Reader2	Ann Lomas	Teresa Gambino
Prayers	Miriam Brown	Melanie Hume
TV		Cali Family
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Liz Wallace
Music		Helen Facione
Music		

SAVE THE DATE

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

Any of you who know Father Alberic will also know he has been part of the St Benedict's community for many years and has brought his compassion, kindness and spirit to many of us in so many ways.

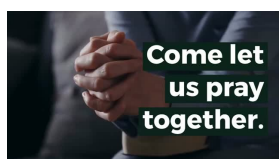
Celebration will be held at our parish on Sunday July 11th 2021 10.30am Mass, followed by barbecue and cake.

If you would like to be involved in helping out on the day please contact the parish office.

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

This year celebrates 200 years of formal Catholic Education in Australia, as such there will be a celebration throughout Australia on Monday 24th May, on the Feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. Mass will be held in our parish at 9:30am, all are invited to attend.

Have you wondered what is a Catechist (aka Scripture or SRE teacher)? And what do they do? A Catechist is a volunteer who gives his or her time, about 1 hour a week, to provide special religious education (SRE) to children in our local primary schools. Our parish provides Catechists to 5 local primary schools. Why special religious education? Our teaching is called 'special' because we provide religious education specifically in our Catholic faith, to those families who request it for their children.

Classroom Vacancies:

Arcadia PS
Wednesdays 11:30am – 12:05pm –
a class of 7 students in Years 3&4.

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

If you are interested to know more, even if you can't commit to being a full-time Catechist, please give me a call.

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

PARISH STALL

I would really like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating, helping and supporting the parish stall every month. February to May we all have given the parish \$5,318 this is sales and donations. God bless you all, Great work everyone.

Our next stall will be 25-27 June just in time for school holidays. It will be a craft stall for children and adults. Some things we will be selling are cookie dough in a jar, diamond art, paint by numbers, and more. A friend will also be selling beautiful holy puzzles and donating \$10 from every puzzle sold. You'll be able to buy activities to keep all age children and adults busy.



Thank you and God bless you all!
Lila Bacha Ph: 96521113 or 0418360024.

PLAYGROUP



Every Monday 10am to 12pm.

We meet every Monday during school terms.
No need to book just turn up. Everyone welcome!

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.
For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.



SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are gifts from God that we are all called to obtain in their fullness. They help us on our path toward Christian holiness. In fact, they are essential gifts we must strive for in our lives. Each one of these gifts must reside in the Christian soul that desires perfection. They are permanent dispositions within us that enable us to follow the promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They are seven ways that we are open to and receive the Holy Spirit. The seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

Fear of the Lord: With this gift the Christian becomes keenly aware of anything that may hurt his/her relationship with God. There is a holy “fear” of hurting this relationship and grace is given to avoid these things at all cost.

Wisdom: With this gift the Christian is given a special grace to “ponder divine realities” in his/her speculative reason. We are able to see the big picture and know how best to be an instrument of peace and harmony in our world.

Understanding: This is the ability to have a supernatural assurance of the matters of faith. Life makes sense. We can make sense of the deeper parts of revelation, make sense of suffering and understand those things that tempt us to doubt. With this gift we come to see how everything in life can work for good in accordance with God’s plan.

Knowledge: With this gift the Christian knows, more in the practical intellect, what God’s will is in this or that situation. We know how to live, how to discern God’s will and what decision to make in our daily life. It also enables us to learn from our past mistakes.

Counsel: With this gift the Christian sees him/herself as a link in a chain which makes up the entire Church. God uses each one of us to help and support one another on our journey. We know what to say and how to act so as to do our part to build up one another.

Fortitude: Simply put, it is a firmness of mind and spirit to do good and avoid evil. It’s a sort of Christian courage. The Gospel will call all of us to a radical life of love. Fortitude gives us the strength we need to follow through.

Piety: This gift enables us to first reverence and love God, but also to see the dignity of one another and reverence each other as children of God.

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OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Feast day: May 24th



Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844.

Prayer:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,
how sweet it is to come to your feet
imploping your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?
Grant then to me, I implore you,
your perpetual help in all my necessities,
in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.
I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.
Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,
that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

By St. John Bosco

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.

Cathy Holling Ph: 0403 062 255.

DONATING MEN'S CLOTHING FOR SEAFARERS

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.

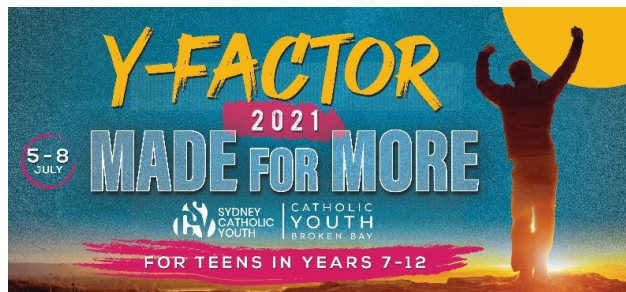
Please leave the items in the meeting room near the kitchen and they will be picked up weekly and taken to Sr Mary Leahy and I can tell you she will be most excited. Many Thanks for your kind Generosity.

(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.)

Cathy Holling Ph: 0403 062 255.

Here is the link to register: [Parousia Academy Official Launch Tickets, Sat 29/05/2021 at 2:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Y-FACTOR 2021



The July Y-Factor Camp registrations are open! Y-Factor is a youth camp run in the school holidays for young people in Years 7-12 and this year's theme is 'Made for More!' The camp is so big that this is the SECOND time it's being run this year, with the first being sold out. Come along for 4 days jam-packed with fun, sports, times for prayer, music, dramas, testimonies, workshops and talks with dynamic speakers, small group discussions and friendship! Don't miss out on an experience of a lifetime!

When: 5 – 8 July, 2021

Where: Benedict XVI, Grose Vale (a charter bus will leave from Hornsby Cathedral)

Registrations (Note: registrations for BROKEN BAY participants close on 12 June):

<https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor2021>



NATIONAL MASS

TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

MONDAY 24TH MAY

9.30AM

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION

AT

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH ARCADIA



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY

THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work
With governments to regulate the financial sphere and
Protect citizens from its dangers.

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.**

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 Bernard 0416 032 497, 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:
10.30am to 2.30pm**

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Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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

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