

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

13 & 14 DECEMBER 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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.**

PRAYER

Dear Lord,

May I be a faithful witness to you in everything that I do.

Before I take my first step,
give me the strength to follow Your way.

Help me to show others how to find you and overcome their
fears by trusting in Your presence and power.

Give us the courage to face the day,
no matter how many turns the road holds.

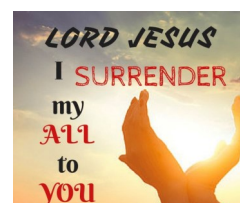
Guide our thoughts in every decision we need to make.

Continue to guard our lives,
according to Your will.

Today we choose to surrender all to You.

May You fill our emptiness with your light and love.

AMEN.



John 1:35-42

COME AND SEE

go and tell

PARISH MASS TIMES

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 10:00am to 11:00am
Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the
following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 (JB)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 (JB)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

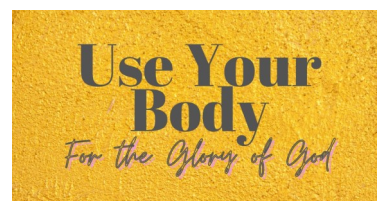
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: John 1:35-42 (JB)**

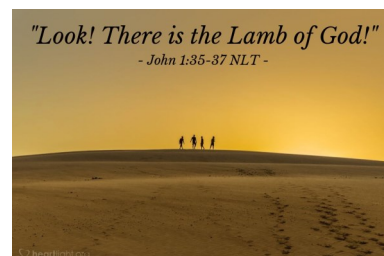
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, January 14

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:10)

Samuel lay sleeping when he first heard someone calling his name. He ran to his mentor, but Eli was not calling him. So Samuel returned to bed, only to hear the voice twice more. When Samuel appeared at Eli's bedside for the third time, the priest realized that it was the Lord. The God who loves to speak to his people was now calling Samuel. So he gave Samuel timeless advice: "Reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening'" (1 Samuel 3:9).

This same God wants to speak to us! It's not hard to hear him, but like Samuel, we need to learn to listen. The good news is that God loves us and wants us to hear his voice. So let's take Eli's words to heart.

Speak, Lord. God wants you to know him. He's always speaking, always trying to reveal himself to you. You can believe that he has a message for you, so confidently express your desire to hear him. This means sitting before the Lord and fixing your heart on him alone. "Speak, Lord. I want to know you more."

Your servant. Everything we have comes from God. He is our Master, and we are his grateful and humble servants, eager to hear and obey his word. This means more than passively waiting for a message from the sky. It means offering yourself to the Lord with a willing heart, open to God's plans—even if they differ from your own. "I am your servant, Lord. I'm ready to do your will."

Is listening. It's not easy to hear God's voice when we're surrounded by noise. So to listen for the Lord, we will need to find a quiet place away from the clatter that can drown out the Lord's voice. We may need to silence our anxious thoughts and doubts, too. But with God's help, we can set aside those thoughts and listen for his voice instead. "Quiet my heart, Lord. I'm listening for you."

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

Source: Word Among Us India

Father Hilarion's Sacerdotal

Golden Jubilee

50 YEARS



Come and celebrate
at 9am Mass on
Sunday 21st January
followed
by Morning Tea



Born 10 April 1946
Moratuwa, Srilanka

Ordained 4 August 1973
St Lucia's Cathedral,
Colombo, Srilanka

BIRTHDAY WISHES



A Very happy 88th birthday to

FATHER ALBERIC JACOVONE



14th January

For being the wonderful and caring priest you are,
May God's blessings and kindness surround you,
on your Birthday and all the days of your life.

Happy Birthday Father Alberic!

A PRAYER FOR PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

O God of life and love and peace,
We witness the violence
and injustice in your Holy Land
Our hearts break for the people of Israel—
For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas
For those who live with fear and insecurity
For those who suffer from the inter-generational
trauma of violence.

Our hearts break for Palestinians—
For the victims of violent attacks
by the Israeli military
For those being denied water,
electricity and medical care
For those who are refugees,
long displaced from their homes.
We especially pray—
That weapons of war be laid down
May your justice dwell in the land
May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields
May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.



Amen

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

20/1/2024 TO 21/1/2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	
Reader1	Kathryn S	Lorraine D	Matt W
Reader2	Miriam B	Ann L	Gabrielle W
Prayers	Maria G	Judy H	Lorna B
TV		Jules O	Sebastian W
Music		Karina S	Melanie H
Music		Noelle T	Keith W
Music		John T	Don R
Music			Christian R
Morning Tea		Teresa G	
 FLOWERS	Angela S		

Parish Roster

Thank You!

*Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it!
If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish.*

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:

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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

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