

# 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 Shansana for the following:

**BAPTISMS**

**RECONCILIATION**

**FOR THE SICK**

**MARRIAGES**

**FUNERALS**

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

29 & 30 JULY 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,  
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us  
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may use the good things that pass  
in such a way as to hold fast even now  
to those that ever endure.  
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.**

### SELF REFLECTION: TREASURE OF JOY

*Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 13:44-52*

*"Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'"*

*Imagine if you found a hidden treasure which inspires, enlivens and opens new horizons of new plans and fulfilling dreams. Jesus is the true Treasure!*

- *Do I believe that Jesus is the true Treasure and recognise it when I see it?*
- *Will I accept this treasure and value it's worth?*
- *Am I willing to give up everything joyfully for this everlasting treasure?*



### PRAYER

*Dear Lord, help me find the treasure of Jesus within me. I am willing to give up everything for you to have this everlasting Treasure full of joy. Amen.*

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (JB)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**



### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!



### GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, July 30

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. (Matthew 13:44)*

Today's Gospel begins with two parables that, taken together, illustrate a paradox about the kingdom of God. In the first parable, a man discovers, quite by surprise, a treasure "buried in a field" (Matthew 13:44). In the second, a merchant also comes across a great treasure—this time, a pearl—but only after searching very hard for it. So what is the kingdom of God like? Is it something we discover by grace? Or is it something we find through diligent seeking? Jesus seems to be saying that it's both.

On the one hand, God, in his infinite goodness, pours grace into our lives whether we are seeking him or not. He buries rich treasure in the field of our lives—treasures of his kindness, his love, his presence—in the hopes that we will find them, and so find him. God provides these gifts for everyone, just as he causes the rain to fall "on the just and unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

At the same time, there are some graces that we discover only as we seek the Lord. The very act of searching for God opens our hearts more fully to his grace. It stretches us and makes us more willing to let go of anything that would keep us from him. And the more we seek him, the more our capacity for his grace grows. As we "sell" what we have, we experience even more of his goodness, mercy, and joy.

God has so much that he wants to give us. But this all-powerful, ever-generous God will not force his grace upon us. We have to choose to receive it. Even the man who found the buried treasure by surprise ended up selling all he had "to buy that field" (Matthew 13:44).

Today, ask the Spirit to help you unearth the treasures of grace in your field. Ask him to help you "sell all you have" to find the Lord and his pearls of grace. Pursue him with all your heart! You won't be disappointed.

**"Lord, you are my treasure!"**

Source: Word Among Us India

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### July

Monday 31 Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34. Mt 13:31-35.  
**R:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
**St Ignatius of Loyola, priest.**

### August

Tuesday 1 Readings: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28. Mt 13:36-43.  
**R:** The Lord is kind and merciful.  
**St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor.**

Wednesday 2 Readings: Ex 34:29-35. Mt 13:44-46.  
**R:** Holy is the Lord our God.  
**St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop.**  
**St Peter Julian Eymard, priest.**

Thursday 3 Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38.  
**R:** How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!  
**St Dominic, priest.**

Friday 4 Readings: Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37. Mt 13:54-58.  
**R:** Sing with joy to God our help.  
**St John Vianney, priest.**

Saturday 5 Readings: Lev 25:1, 8-17. Mt 14:1-12.  
**R:** O God, Let all the nations praise you!



Prayer of St Dominic:

*May God the Father, who made us, bless us.*

*May God the Son, who redeemed us, send healing into our midst.*

*May God the Holy Spirit, who gives us life, move within us.*

*May God give us eyes to see to God, ears to hear God, and hands to bring God's work into the world.*

*May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all.*

*May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the eternal Kingdom.*

Source: Ordo 2023

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2023

### FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

*We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.*



**THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT**  
*Chapter 4 - To hate no man.*

**PARISH FUNDS**

Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

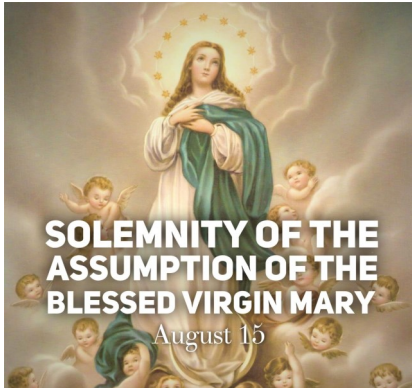
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**CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

**MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Tuesday August 15th 2023**

**MASSES**

7:00am Monastery  
9:30am Parish  
7:00pm Parish



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**OUR NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

is now open, commencing with Confirmation (child must be in year 3 or above, this year). Confirmation classes will commence August 7th & 9th 2023.

The forms are available in the sacristy, otherwise please email the parish if you would like your child to be added to the list. The form is also available on the parish website.

*In the Diocese of Broken Bay, the order of receiving of the sacraments is:*

*Confirmation, Reconciliation, then Eucharist. Children are usually prepared for these sacraments in Years 3 and 4.*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
NSW  
*good works*

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU!**

Arcadia Vinnies would like to sincerely thank our parish community for the splendid effort raising money and donating groceries for the recent Winter Appeal. We banked just shy of **\$2,500** and gathered many bags of groceries for the pantry at the Welfare Centre.

We are so very grateful for the community's generous and ongoing support; we are able to help so many needy people thanks to you.

*Rita, Lila, Marie & Karen - Vinnies Arcadia Conference.*

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY - 4 AUGUST**

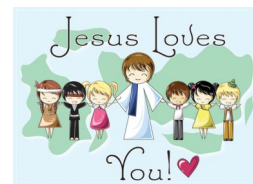
4 August National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was historically used to communally celebrate the birthdays of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken from their families at a young age, without knowing their birthday – the Stolen Generations.

In 1988, the first National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was established against the backdrop of protests led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters. Children can be celebrated any day, but this day is an opportunity for the wider community to participate in activities that build the strength and confidence of our children. If you would like to access resources such as fun activities, visit:

<https://www.aboriginalchildrensday.com.au/activities/>

**CHILDREN'S MASS**

**Next Sunday August 6 2023**  
**10.30am Mass**  
**Followed by morning tea**



**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL BOOKS**

Thank you to the people who donated the books we really appreciate your kindness.

**In Our Parish**

*(please let us know if you would like someone added here)*

**We welcome into God's family, all who were recently baptised.**

**We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Gina Volpato (John's mum), Brother Mario & Brother Terry, Koana Zouein (Rita Sarkis' mum) and Jenny Taylor.**



**We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Tony Takchi, Rosaria Cali, Carmen Camilleri and Karl Maurer, and Lyla Abood (first anniversary). May they rest in Peace.**



## THE ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry is now open for applications for 2023.  
Details below:

### ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice, and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website.

[pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship)

Closing Date 4 August 2023

## GOOD SAMS STUDY AND MENTORING PROGRAM

Applications are now invited for the 2024 Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Program offered by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, and open to women 30 years and over.

The program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study up to \$8000 per year.

### Sisters of the Good Samaritan



## Study and Mentoring Program

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR 2024

Since our foundation and throughout our 166 year history the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have been committed to the flourishing of women. We have educated girls and women from pre-school to tertiary levels, and have also been engaged in adult education and adult faith formation.

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8,000 per year.

The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification.

Core components of the program include opportunities for spiritual direction and mentoring. Invitations are also offered for participants to gather to share their experiences and to explore questions arising from their study in conversation with experienced women leaders in the Church.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 CLOSE ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION PACK PLEASE CONTACT:

[samleadership@goodsams.org.au](mailto:samleadership@goodsams.org.au)

#### SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN STUDY AND MENTORING (SAM) PROGRAM:

- Catholic woman 30 years and over
- an interest in the academic, spiritual and mentoring components of the program
- identification of current study being undertaken or a proposed course at a recognised theological institution
- evidence of leadership exercised in any context. Leadership experience in a not-for-profit organisation or a faith-based institution will be highly regarded
- special consideration will be given to women who are experiencing financial hardship or who live in isolated communities.

## CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every  
**Friday nights:** after 7pm Mass  
**Wednesday mornings:** after 9.30am Mass.



## CATECHISTS' NEWS

*The role played by catechists is one specific form of service among others within the Christian community. Catechists are called first to be expert in the pastoral service of transmitting the faith as it develops through its different stages from the initial proclamation of the kerygma to the instruction that presents our new life in Christ and prepares for the sacraments of Christian initiation, and then to the ongoing formation that can allow each person to give an accounting of the hope within them (cf. 1 Pet 3:15). At the same time, every catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church. Only through prayer, study, and direct participation in the life of the community can they grow in this identity and the integrity and responsibility that it entails (cf. Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Directory for Catechesis, 113). Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter 10 May 2021 Instituting the Ministry of Catechist*

Safeguarding Children training for all Catechists is being held on Thursday 3rd August 9:30am - 12:30pm at the parish.

If you would like to learn more about being a Catechist or a helper, please talk to myself, or one of our parish Catechists or any of our priests. Training, a Teacher's Manual and workbooks are provided free.

God bless,  
Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator



## DIOCESAN FUNDRAISER CATHOLICARE HOMELESSNESS 5 & 6 AUGUST

In August (coinciding with Homelessness Week and Mary MacKillop Feast Day) Bishop Anthony has again asked both Catholic Schools and Parishes to fundraise to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese. Envelopes will be in the pews next weekend.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

Thank you to everyone who helps out our parish making it into the beautiful community we have.

For the nomination this week we would like to thank:

### ANONYMOUS FAMILY

Thank you for the beautiful landscape you worked on last Monday at the front gate. We really appreciate it!

*(Is there someone you would like to nominate? Please mention it to Fr Shansana or Paula.)*

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

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



## SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

1811-1868

Feast Day August 2

Canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962



Peter Julian Eymard was born to devout parents and was the youngest of ten children, eight of whom died in infancy. His mother, especially devout, taught him the faith well. From an early age, Peter developed a profound devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Eucharist. His devotion to the Blessed Mother was intensified as a child when he made a pilgrimage to the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Laus, where the Blessed Mother had appeared to a young shepherd girl a century earlier. Peter's love for the Eucharist also began at a young age. One story relates that, at the age of five, Peter was missing from home. He was found in the local church standing next to the tabernacle. When his sister asked what he was doing, he reportedly said, "I am near Jesus and I am listening to him!" Another story relates that before Peter received his First Holy Communion, he would eagerly await his sister's return from Holy Communion and would place his head on her heart and say, "I can feel His presence!" Finally, when he received his First Holy Communion at the age of twelve, he promised Jesus he would become a priest. His love for our Eucharistic Lord was so intense that he could consider nothing else.

In his teenage years, Peter asked his father to allow him to become a priest, but his father initially refused. His father, an artisan who made cutlery, wanted Peter to work in the family business, especially since Peter was his only surviving son. As a result, Peter studied Latin in private to prepare himself for eventual theological studies. In 1827, when Peter was seventeen years old, his father finally consented and Peter began to study under a hospice chaplain near Grenoble, about twenty miles from his home. The following year, his mother died and Peter returned home, partly due to his mother's death, partly to help his father, and partly because the priest-chaplain did not teach him Latin as promised.

In 1829, at the age of nineteen, Peter moved about 150 miles south to Marseille, France, where he entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Five months later, Peter became seriously ill and had to return home again. In 1831, Peter's father died. Peter left the family business, traveled back to Grenoble, and was reluctantly admitted to the diocesan seminary. Though he was a bit behind in his education, his zeal got him through and he was ordained a diocesan priest on July 20, 1834, at the age of twenty-three.

As a newly ordained priest, Father Peter suffered from some health problems, but was eventually able to serve as a parish priest in the countryside. In 1839, after sensing a call to religious life, he joined the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) and a year later was assigned to the Marist College of Belley where he fulfilled the duties of preaching, religious instruction, administration of the sacraments, and acted as a liaison with pupils and parents. After four years, Father Peter was appointed Provincial of the Society of Mary and made Visitor-General. As Visitor-General, he traveled to various Marist houses to inspect their health and fidelity to the Marist mission. At the age of thirty-eight, during a visit to Paris in 1849, Father Peter came in contact with a group called the Association of Nocturnal Adorers, whose mission was to practice and promote perpetual adoration of Christ in the Eucharist. This was a life-changing experience for him and the beginning of the rest of his life's work. After some missteps, perhaps due to excess zeal, Father Peter was demoted from his position within the Marists and sent to the Marist College at La Seyne-Sur-Mer, where he served from 1851–1855. This was a period of prayerful discernment for him, and the desire began to grow within him to found an order dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. In 1856, despite initial strong resistance from his Marist superior, Father Peter received permission to leave the Marists and found the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, a new congregation dedicated to Eucharistic adoration and the fostering of this devotion.

Upon leaving the Marists, Father Peter was joined by another priest named Father Raymond de Cuers. They traveled to Paris where they sought the approval of the Archbishop of Paris. After a twelve-day hearing, conducted by the archbishop and two other bishops, the three unanimously offered their support, agreeing that his mission was the will of God. They encouraged Peter and his order not only to promote Eucharistic adoration but also to catechize adults and prepare them for Holy Communion. Before the end of the year, despite being dirt poor, Father Peter and Father de Cuers had moved into a run-down house they rented from the archdiocese, began raising money to build a chapel that he called a "cenacle," and welcomed two other priests and a novice as his congregation's first members.

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The congregation's purpose was the salvation of souls and fostering devotion to the Eucharist. Their works were preaching, offering retreats, and preparing people for their First Holy Communion through catechesis. By the beginning of 1857, they opened their chapel for adoration three days a week, and a few people came. However, within a few months, Father Peter became ill, the two priests and novice left, the archdiocese wanted the rented property back, and Father de Cuers left but returned a day later.

Though the establishment of this new congregation proved to have many difficulties, Father Peter pressed on, moved to a new location, and began again. This time he and Father de Cuers added catechesis to their ministry, exposed the Blessed Sacrament, invited the poor and the sinner to repent, adored Jesus, and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion. Over the next nine years until his death, Father Peter worked tirelessly on his God-given mission. As members joined, he opened up additional houses, began a contemplative branch of his order for women called the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, started the Priests' Eucharistic League, intended for diocesan clergy to help them grow in and spread a love for the Eucharist, and formed a lay organization to share their mission called the Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

When Father Peter began his work, he sensed the need to make reparation through adoration for sins committed against our Lord. As time went on, his focus included reparation but also expanded to adoration purely for the love of God and as a means to make a gift of oneself to God.

As we honor this great saint, ponder your own devotion to Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Saint Peter Eymard discovered the holiness of God, hidden behind the appearance of bread and wine. His devotion to adoration led him to catechesis about the Eucharist. Allow him to inspire you to renew your own commitment to learning more about the Blessed Sacrament, so that you will more fully give yourself to our Lord as a total gift of yourself, out of love for God, the reparation of sin, and the salvation of souls.

***Saint Peter Julian Eymard, God inspired within you, from an early age, a deep and unwavering love for His divine presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. You responded to that inspiration and fulfilled God's will by spreading devotion to the Holy Eucharist far and wide. Please pray for me, that I will more fully embark on a mission to understand God's divine presence in the Eucharist so that I will make a continually deepening gift of myself to Him. Saint Peter Julian Eymard, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.***

Source: mycatholic.life



**Sunday July 30 is *International Day of Friendship*** and is a timely reminder that if you are struggling, there are things you can do to find new friends.

Friendships can have a major impact on your health and well-being. Adults with strong social connections have a reduced risk of many significant health problems, including depression, high blood pressure and an unhealthy body mass index (BMI). In fact, studies have found that older adults who have meaningful relationships and social support are likely to live longer than their peers with fewer connections.

But developing and maintaining good friendships takes effort. And like most things in life quality counts more than quantity. While it may be good to cultivate a diverse network of friends, you may feel a greater sense of belonging and well-being by nurturing close, meaningful relationships that will support you through the good times and the not so good times.

Look for groups or clubs that gather around an interest or similar hobby. You may find these groups online, or they may be listed in the newspaper or on community bulletin boards. There are also many websites that help you connect with new friends in your neighbourhood or city.

Offer your time or talents at a hospital, parish, museum, community centre, charitable group or other organisation. You can form strong connections when you work with people who have mutual interests.

Invite a friend to join you for coffee or lunch. When you're invited to a social gathering, say yes. Contact someone who recently invited you to an activity and return the favour.

Take a university or community education course to meet people who have similar interests. Join a class at a local gym, senior centre or community fitness facility.

Grab your children or pet and head into the great outdoors. Chat with neighbours who are also out and about or head to a local park and strike up conversations with strangers.

**Above all, stay positive.**

Source: Majellan.media

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass


**ROSTER NOW AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY – PLEASE COLLECT**

**Your name is marked on your copy**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER**

**5/8/2023 to 6/8/2023**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Acolyte</b>		Nigel M	Paul E
<b>Reader1</b>	Kathryn S	Matt W	CHILDREN'S MASS
<b>Reader2</b>	Mary C	Rebecca R	CHILDREN'S MASS
<b>Prayers</b>	Sr Carol T	??	CHILDREN'S MASS
<b>TV</b>		Roderick R	Tyrone E
<b>Music</b>		Melanie H	Melanie H
<b>Music</b>		Keith W	Adam F
<b>Music</b>		Teresa G	Martina J
<b>Music</b>		Theresa N	
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Mary A	Robin B
 <b>FLOWERS</b>	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:

Fr Shansana 0437 884 233 - Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882 - Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mondays & Fridays:** 9.30am to 2.30pm

**Parish Office:** 02 9653 2312  
**Email:** arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

**Parish Priest:** Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB  
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**Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**