

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:

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Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

YEAR A

8 & 9 APRIL 2023



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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.**

***Blessing of the Risen Lord be with you
and all your dear family!***

Dear Lord,

***May we realise today what Your death and
resurrection mean for us. Forgiveness,
freedom, and the ability to walk with You
through this fallen world into eternity. May
we always find our satisfaction in You and
Your willingness to offer Yourself to us.***



Amen.

First Reading**Acts 10:34, 37-43 (JB)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (JB)**

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

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

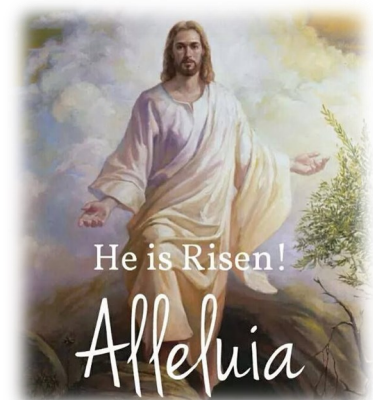
Alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 20:1-9 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

He had to rise from the dead. (John 20:9)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And that changes everything.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus *had to* rise from the dead (John 20:9). But why? Wasn't it enough that he became a man? Wasn't it enough that he died for us? Actually, no. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

By rising from the dead, Jesus proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he has power over sin and death. Everything he said about himself is true. He is more than the victim of an unjust condemnation. He is more than an inspiring teacher or philosopher, or the founder of a new movement. He is more, even, than a healer and wonder worker. He is the Son of God, the One whom death could not hold in its grasp (Romans 1:4).

By rising, Jesus did more than just vindicate himself. He also opened the way into new life for each one of us. He overcame the sin that was keeping us separated from our Father in heaven! Because of that, we who believe in him and are baptized can now "live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Now we can hope in our own resurrection. We can experience power over sin and freedom from the fear of death that so often binds us up. We can count ourselves "dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus" (6:11). We now know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that love is stronger than death.

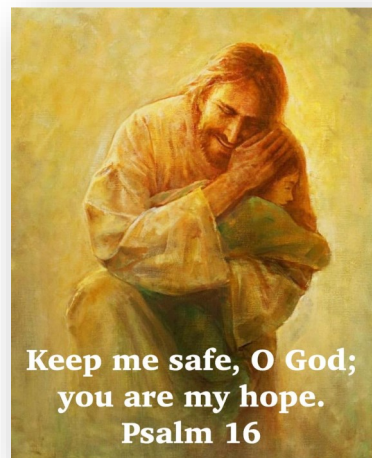
It's easy to understand why, when the apostles proclaimed the good news, Jesus' resurrection was always front and center. You can see it in Peter's sermon from today's first reading. And you'll see it throughout the Book of Acts this Easter season. The apostles' preaching hinges on the resurrection of Jesus. Because the resurrection changes everything!

"Jesus, Risen Lord, I rejoice in you!"

Source: Word Among Us India Apr-May23 pg.9

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

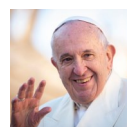
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| Monday 10 | Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33. Mt 28:8-15.
R: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope. |
| Tuesday 11 | Readings: Acts 2:36-41. Jn 20:11-18.
R: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. |
| Wednesday 12 | Readings: Acts 3:1-10. Lk 24:13-35.
R: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice. |
| Thursday 13 | Readings: Acts 3:11-26. Lk 24:35-48.
R: O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! |
| Friday 14 | Readings: Acts 4:1-12. Jn 21:1-14.
R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone. |
| Saturday 15 | Readings: Acts 4:13-21. Mk 16:9-15.
R: I praise you, Lord, for you have answered me. |



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2023

FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To reverence the old.

PARISH FUNDS

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

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784 Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

CATHOLIC CARE PARENTING PROGRAM

Before we become parents, most of us expect to face some tough times. But the overwhelm and the strange mix of love, worry, anger, frustration, fun and defeat that comes with raising children is not something anyone can prepare us for. It can be a tough gig!

CatholicCare's Family Support program have trained caseworkers who offer a range of parenting programs, many free, which can support and guide you through any difficulties you are facing with your children and young people.

For more information call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/family-youth-children/parenting-programs/.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion –past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PLEASE BRING BACK PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE



Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.

Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

**DID YOU
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In Our Parish

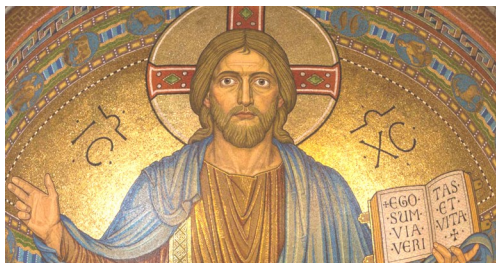
(please let us know if you would like someone added here)

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Tony Takchi, Brother Mario & Brother Terry and Koana Zouein (Rita Sarkis' mum).

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





BE WITH ME ALWAYS

Be with Me always and let My peace fill you.
Look to Me for your strength,
as I will provide this for you.

What do you seek and search for?
Am I not enough as I AM and do I not provide for you?
Search for Me in all that you do
and trust that I will be present.

Look always to Me for your strength,
as I will be present to you.

You are My children,
and I will care for you in all ways.

What concerns then should you have?
What fear should you possess?

Come to Me with all that you are.
Let go of your fears,
as fear will not set you upon My path.

Let go of what you think you should be.
I accept you in all ways.
I AM your Lord and Master.

Let Me come into your life and set you free.
Let Me surround your life and give you life abundantly.
Let Me bring peace to your heart.

Treasure this time with Me.

Source: mycatholic.life

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

OUR NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM will be announced in May, commencing with Confirmation (child must be in year 3 or above, this year). Confirmation classes will be held in August 2023.

Please email the parish if you would like your child to be added to the list.

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.



CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every
Friday nights: after 7pm Mass
Wednesday mornings: after 9.30am Mass.
Everyone welcome. **Come and meet new people.**
For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



CATECHISTS' NEWS

Term 1 finishes this week. Term 2 SRE (Scripture) will recommence Wednesday 26th April and Friday 28th April.

Wishing all a very holy and blessed Easter!

Free training continues (to register email:

registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) –

- For all Catechists there will be a Classroom Management training unit being held during the April school holidays on Monday 17 April 6.30 - 8.30pm via Zoom and on Wednesday 19 April 10am - 12.30pm at Pennant Hills.
- Also for all Catechists Level 1 Training is available starting in May. The first session will be 'Prayer in the Classroom'.

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist or helper and joining this ministry of bringing God's love and Word to children in our local schools, talk to myself, one of our Catechists or any of our priests. Training, a Teacher's Manual and workbooks are provided free.

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Coordinator



HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, and housing. It is also used to maintain Churches and Holy Places associated with the life of Jesus.

Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges, many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians. Over recent years, their difficulties have been greatly magnified by the Covid-19 Pandemic, not only on the health of the people but through the severe economic consequences that have disproportionately affected the most vulnerable.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY LAND PROVIDED IN CHURCH.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 1

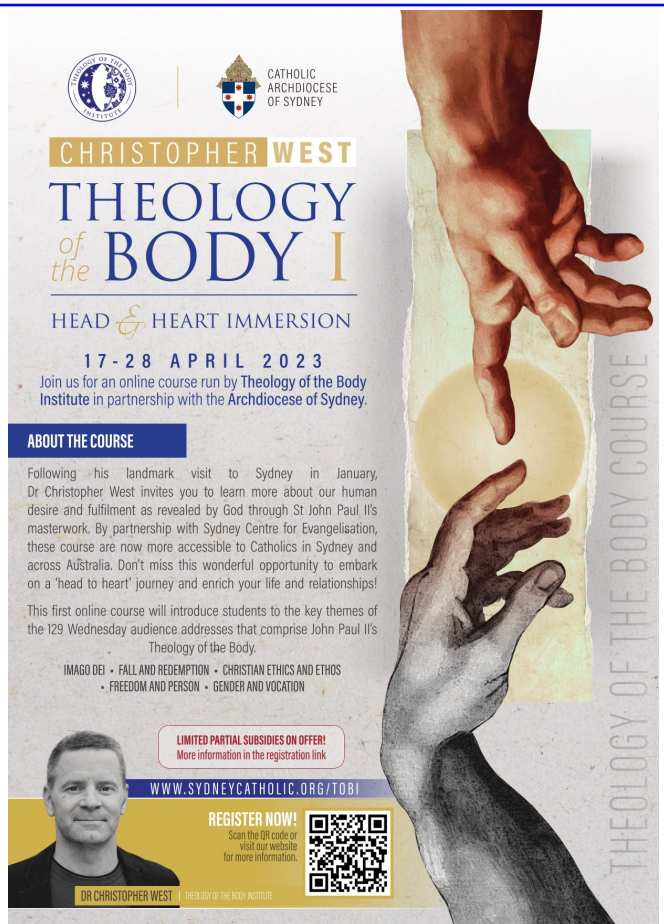
HEAD & HEART IMMERSION Course (Online)

This offering is an opportunity to study Pope St John Paul II's Theology of the Body in an online format. The course will take place over a 2-week period, via video content and supported by live engagement with the instructors and fellow students within our Australian timeframes. **Completing this course can count towards Certification.**

Offered by the Theology of the Body Institute in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Date: 17-28 April 2023

Ph: 0403 062 255



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE

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HEAD & HEART IMMERSION

17-28 APRIL 2023

Join us for an online course run by Theology of the Body Institute in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Following his landmark visit to Sydney in January, Dr Christopher West invites you to learn more about our human desire and fulfillment as revealed by God through St John Paul II's masterwork. By partnership with Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, these course are now more accessible to Catholics in Sydney and across Australia. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to embark on a 'head to heart' journey and enrich your life and relationships!

This first online course will introduce students to the key themes of the 129 Wednesday audience addresses that comprise John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

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FREEDOM AND PERSON • GENDER AND VOCATION

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DR CHRISTOPHER WEST

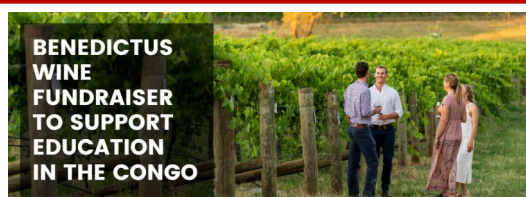
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE

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.

Cheers, Cathy Holling Ph: 0403 062 255



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FATHER MICHAEL KELLY'S BENEDICTUS FUNDRAISER

BenedictUs is a charity set up by Fr Michael while based in Rome as Abbot General.

Its aim is to support projects of our monasteries in India, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Congo.

The present project is to extend a school run by the Benedictine monastery at Butembo, Congo (DRC). The school includes technical skills so students will have a better chance of finding work. Butembo is in the troubled North Kivu province where locals are subjected to guerrilla warfare and have also suffered bouts of Ebola virus.

The offer by Grove Estate of discounted wine is an opportunity to stock up for Easter and help these kids at the same time.

Your help would be appreciated!

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Priest

C. 1651–1719
Feast Day April 7

Patron Saint of educators



Saint John Baptist de La Salle died on Good Friday, perhaps as a divine sign of the sacrificial life he had lived for the salvation of souls. This wasn't his first death. His first death was of the life he had lived and the renunciation of the world for the sake of the unexpected mission God had given him.

The Reims Cathedral in France was founded in the fifth century. The first Frankish king to be baptized was baptized there by Saint Remigius, leading to the baptism of many others and the Christianization of the kingdom. After that time, the cathedral became the place where most French kings were crowned throughout the centuries. Since the thirteenth-century reconstruction, it has become one of the most ornate and beautiful Gothic cathedrals in France.

Today's saint was born into an upper class family in Reims, and from his youth enjoyed a life of honor and social prestige, as well as an excellent and expensive education. His parents were also very devout. When John was eleven, he received tonsure, and he and his parents made a promise of his lifelong service to the Church. At the age of sixteen, he became a canon of the Reims Cathedral. Canons acted as caretakers of the cathedral and advisors to the archbishop. John was then sent to complete his education at some of the finest schools in France. Shortly after beginning his studies of theology at age twenty-one, his parents both died and he had to return home to care for his six younger siblings and to oversee the family estate. Over the next five years, he completed his theological studies and was ordained a priest at the age of twenty-six. After ordination, he completed his doctorate of theology and immersed himself in the life of a young and well-respected priest.

Father de La Salle's spiritual director, Father Nicolas Roland, was a saintly man who had a heart for the poor and the education of children. He helped found a new religious order called the Sisters of the Child Jesus whose mission was to care for the sick and educate poor girls. Father de La Salle became their chaplain and confessor and assisted them with their work. When Father Roland was dying, he exhorted Father de La Salle to continue the work of educating the poor youth. Father de La Salle reluctantly agreed, not realizing what he was getting himself into. Soon after, Father de La Salle came in contact with a layman, Adrian Nyel, whom he assisted to found a school for poor boys in Reims, followed by a second one.

Father de La Salle found himself in a dilemma. Naturally speaking, he did not feel drawn to the work of establishing schools for the poor, but he found it difficult to resist the sisters and Adrian who were so passionate about this work, and divine inspiration tugged on his heart. He tried to withdraw but later continued to assist them. Little did he know that he had just begun what would become his life's work, and a transforming legacy within the Church.

As time went on, Father de La Salle saw a need to better educate the teachers. He himself had received such an excellent education that he was well aware of the teachers' lack of skills and their poor personal formation. The children that these men were teaching were often very poorly brought up and were "far from salvation," he would later recount. In response, Father de La Salle began inviting the teachers into his own home, sharing meals with them, and teaching them how to be better teachers and men of God. Eventually, he invited them to live with him in his family home so that he could devote even more time to them. This didn't sit well with some of his proud relatives who disdained the idea of him so closely associating himself with the lower social class.

Father de La Salle began to experience resistance and criticism. His social peers accused him of trying to make a name for himself as a founder. Some said he was ambitious. They wondered why he was not interested in maintaining the family's good name, by associating with the peasants. What about his canonry? Would he abandon that prestigious position in favor of educating poor boys and working with simple and poorly educated teachers? Even the bishop raised similar concerns. These criticisms weighed heavily on Father de La Salle, but he worked through it and prayerfully continued to follow divine inspiration. He resigned as a canon of the cathedral and devoted himself to the full-time work of the education of the poor.

When his parents had died, Father de La Salle had inherited a small fortune. Though he considered using that money to found new schools, he decided instead to give it to the poor who were suffering from a famine in another city, and to rely completely on divine providence for the founding of more schools. Soon after, he founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The brothers lived in common but did not pursue ordination to the priesthood. Instead, they devoted themselves exclusively to the education of poor young boys.

To better assist the brothers, Father de La Salle began to write and organize so as to form the brothers in the art of education. He developed a clear system and classroom structure which was new, ordered, and effective. Teaching poor boys from poorly formed families was challenging. Therefore, the teachers had to become true masters of teaching, not only of academics, but also of forming the boys in virtue and ordered living. Father de La Salle believed that every poor child should be educated for free. He also believed that the youth should learn to read and study in French, rather than in Latin. This was a new approach to education. Though he faced much resistance within and outside of the Church, he pressed on. He opened schools for teachers and his methods and institute grew rapidly.

Father de La Salle remarked later in life that if he had known what God would ask of him from the beginning, he would have never said "Yes." But God, in His perfect wisdom, led him one step at a time, and Father de La Salle only had to respond to one gentle prompting of grace at a time. Ponder the way God wants to work with you in the same way. He will most likely not reveal His entire plan for your life all at once. Instead, He will lead you and guide you today, giving you the grace you need to respond to His unfolding plan each moment. Say "Yes" today, tomorrow, and every day thereafter, and at the end of your life you will be amazed at how far God has brought you.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, God led you one step at a time throughout your life. Your generosity to the promptings of grace in your heart led you down a path you could have never imagined. Please pray for me, that I will always be open to the plan God has for my life and will generously respond to that plan no matter what. Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholic.life


Please join us for supper after the Vigil Mass

NEW ROSTER NOW AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK UP A COPY.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

15/4/23 to 16/4/23

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E / Jerry L	
Reader1	Miriam B	Lorraine D	Matt W
Reader2	Mary C	Rebecca R	Lorna B
Prayers	Margaret B	Nigel M	Leon J
TV		Roderick R	Xavier F
Music		Karina S	Melanie H
Music		Noelle T	Marisa Q
Music			Adam F
Music			David Y
Morning Tea		Sophie R	
 FLOWERS	Hannah A		

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:

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Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

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