

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 Hilarion for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Year C
16 & 17 April 2022



***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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

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.

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

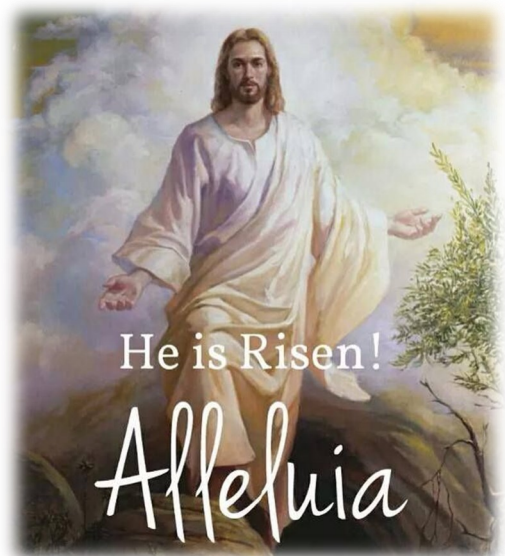
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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 OF THE RESURRECTION - Year C

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

Seek what is above. (Colossians 3:1)

For all the "Alleluias" we will sing at Mass today, there is an unsettling lack of finality in the Gospel reading. With Mary Magdalene, we discover an empty tomb. With Peter and John, we run to that tomb only to find burial cloths. And with them we come away with more questions than answers.

Where's the joy? Where are the Alleluias?

St. Paul gives us a clue in the second reading. "Seek what is above," he tells us (Colossians 3:1). We've already been raised with Jesus; now is the time to seek out a personal encounter with him. Don't just wait for the Lord to appear. Go and look for him.

Be like Mary Magdalene, who wouldn't rest until she found the One she was looking for (John 20:11-16). She was privileged to be the first person to see the risen Lord.

Be like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, who listened intently as Jesus spoke to them (Luke 24:27-29). Their hearts began to burn, and they recognized him as he broke bread with them.

Even be like Thomas, who insisted on having his own personal encounter with the Lord (John 20:25). He ended up proclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" (20:28, emphasis added).

Seek the Lord today. Cry out, "Glory to God!" with all your heart. As you renew your baptismal promises, proclaim, "I do!" with firm conviction. Pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed," trusting that Jesus really has saved you.

Christ is risen. He has defeated sin and conquered death. He has done everything that you could never do in order to rescue you. Now he asks you to do the one thing that he cannot do for you: seek him. He promises that if you do, you will find him. And finding him, you will join the angels and saints in their unending "Alleluia!"

"Jesus, fill me with your joy today!"

(Source: Word Among Us—India pg. 27)

FATHER HILARION WRITES

Dear friends,

Just to let your good selves know that I have travelled to Melbourne to celebrate Easter with the Sri Lankan Catholic Community (flock without a shepherd) with Sri Lankan Easter traditions. My superior in Sri Lanka, requested me to do so, as they have no Sri Lankan priest in Victoria.

I am happy and grateful to our Arcadia Monks' community for celebrating Easter with you. I wish you all a very happy and joyful Easter with the Risen Lord! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION
FOR APRIL 2022

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Daily in one's prayer, with tears and sighs, to confess one's past sins to God.

PARISH FUNDS

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**

As we are slowly becoming a cashless society we would like to remind you that we have a Tap N Go facility available. All you have to do is wave your credit or debit card on the scanner which are located close by to both entry doors. You are also welcome to create an automatic debit to help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

UKRAINE APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. While many remained in the country, millions have fled to shelter and safety in neighbouring countries. They all need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute below are some contacts:

<https://ukrainecrisisappeal.org>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine>

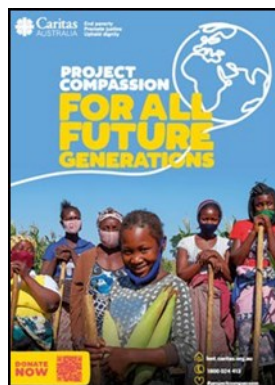
<https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/>



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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PLEASE BRING BACK PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES.



In Our Parish

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially *Lyla Abood, Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter)*

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



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

23/4/2022 to 24/4/2022

2nd Sunday of Easter Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Paul El-Chaar
Reader1	Mary Cascun	Kath Moran
Reader2	Ann Lomas	Teresa Gambino
Prayers	Miriam Brown	Lorraine Dailey
TV		Tyrone El-Chaar
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Helen Facione
Music		Nigel Morgan

PIETY STALL

We are selling Easter candles, and platters of sweets. Selling at Easter vigil mass and 9am Easter Sunday if stock available.

Please ring Lila Bacha:

Ph: 9652 1113 or 0418 360 024



HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday 15 April 2022.

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.

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face extreme hardship due to the effects of the global pandemic, persecution, conflict and reduction in pilgrims. Your contribution is gratefully received. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY LAND PROVIDED IN CHURCH.

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.



CATECHIST NEWS

Wishing everyone a very holy and blessed Easter!

Term 2 will recommence on Tuesday 26th April with SRE (Scripture) classes starting back the first week.

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

GALSTON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (GCEA)

TRIVIA NIGHT

The GCEA Executive would love to invite you all to the **GCEA Fundraiser Trivia Night**. It's a wonderful opportunity to support the work being done in Galston High School to support the scripture teacher and have a fun night to boot.

Here are the important details:

What: GCEA Fundraiser Trivia Night
When: **Saturday June 4th - 7pm to 9.30pm**
How much: \$20 / head or \$160 for a table of eight
RSVP: Sunday 29th May
Registration: Click [here](#) to register and pay for the event.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT AS IT HELPS PAY FOR THE ONLY SCRIPTURE TEACHER AT GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND ORGANISE A TABLE, OTHERWISE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO GET ADDED TO A TABLE WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS! GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Melanie Hume, for the Liturgy and for all the time spent organising Holy Week duties and rosters.

Guido Scotti, for supplying most of the palms and olive branches, as well as Mary Cascun and Gebran who supplied some too.

Josephine Cali for working on all the Powerpoint slides for Mass every week especially Holy week. It's a big job!

Lila Bacha for organising all the Piety Stalls!

Music, Choir, Acolytes, Readers, PowerPoint presenters etc.

Joe Gatt, Eamon and his son, and Robin Barbara for helping with the working bee.

Michael Lagos for helping sort out the sound system.

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO! GOD BLESS YOU!

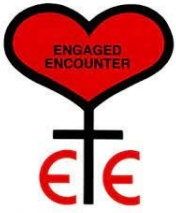
ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome. For more details call Angela Egiziano.



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Engaged Encounter are holding a retreat on the 30th April – 1 May 2022 for all couples preparing for marriage.



GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: **Apr 30 - May 01; Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If covid-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

WE NEED FOSTER CARERS

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay



(02) 4320 7777

www.catholiccareddb.org.au/can-you-help

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Tragically, there are many children and young people in our community who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own.

CatholicCare are looking for foster carers right across the Diocese. We are seeking families to provide essential support, care and stability for children and young people affected by family breakdown, to enable them to recover and thrive. Through our suite of services, and the dedication of our specialist support teams and foster carers, we are transforming the lives of children and young people to create positive futures.

Our priority is to ensure these children and young people have a safe, stable home. If you are interested in knowing more about fostering a child or young person,

please contact us on (02) 4320 7777

or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/can-you-help/.

OPPORTUNITY - EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EVANGELISATION BROKEN BAY

We have a wonderful opportunity within the Diocese for an Executive Officer, Evangelisation Broken Bay. This is a newly created permanent, full-time position providing executive and project management support to the Director Evangelisation Broken Bay, implementing the pastoral priorities of the Bishop. The role will also provide support to the Parish Renewal and Discipleship team in implementing strategies for the renewal of parish culture and support for special projects to the Chancellor & Executive Officer.

You'll need to:

- Have relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience in business administration and/or project management.
- Have a sound understanding of the Diocese of Broken Bay and the capacity to quickly understand the contextual differences within each of its geographical locations and faith communities.
- Demonstrate prior experience in a similar role providing executive level support and project management services and managing effective relationships with a range of complex internal and external stakeholders.
- Be able to act independently with sound judgement when to take issues to the next level and when to make decisions and take actions without guidance.
- Have highly developed written and verbal communication skills (especially in business writing and in conversations) including the ability to draft and format briefing papers, reports, executive level correspondence and other communications.
- Demonstrate previous experience managing a team to achieve successful outcomes on time and on budget.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

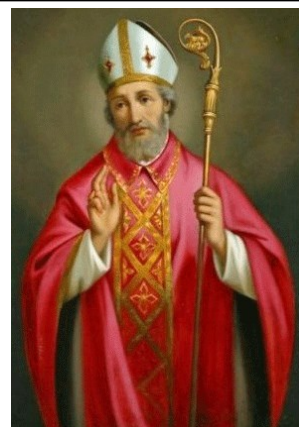
If you are interested in applying for this position, please apply submit your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required via email to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close **Thursday 14 April 2022**.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Feast Day: April 21

C. 1033 - 1109



His pen pierced the blue sheet above to see God

Few bishops have been canonized as saints since the Catholic Counter-Reformation of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The earlier history of the Church is, however, replete with saintly bishops. In the patristic era, in the first few centuries after Christ, a vast constellation of saintly bishops shined on the Church. Today's saint was a scholar bishop in the mold of the educated churchmen of an earlier time. Saint Anselm was a world-class thinker, a politically aware defender of the Church's rights, a contemplative monk, a faithful son of the pope, and the greatest philosopher of the eleventh century.

Saint Anselm entered the Monastery of Bec in Normandy, France, as a young man and quickly impressed his superiors with his character and incisive mind. He was elected prior, then abbot, at a young age. He was a deeply prayerful abbot who was close to his monks and who hated to be away from the cloister. The monastery had many dealings with England due to its close proximity to that country, however, so Anselm travelled there regularly. These visits eventually led to his appointment as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Anselm spent many years as archbishop in conflict with English civil power over who had the authority to "invest," or empower, a bishop with the symbols of office at his installation Mass. The lay investiture controversy was a long simmering dispute throughout Europe. It was eventually resolved in favor of the Church's right to invest its own bishops with crozier, miter, and ring.

Much more than his role as a pastor in church-state conflicts, Saint Anselm's most enduring legacy is as a philosopher and theologian. Thinking was his avocation even as the monastery was his vocation. Anselm's famous definition of theology as "Faith seeking understanding" has guided centuries of Christian thinkers. Anselm was a working intellectual who produced erudite works on a range of complex subjects. He is the originator, in particular, of the ontological argument for the existence of God. The argument is ontological (or just "logical") in that it is not empirical (scientifically verifiable). It does not argue from outward in, starting with external, observable evidence and then moving toward internal conclusions. The argument is powered, instead, by the raw strength of reason itself. As an example of a reason-driven argument, no one needs to search the world over for square circles to conclude that square circles don't exist. Circles are round, by definition. And no one needs to interview every single bachelor to know that a bachelor is male. A bachelor is, by definition, male. Similarly, the very definition of God, Anselm's holds, is proof that God exists.

Anselm argued that God is a being than which none greater can be imagined. Supposing that the mind can imagine nothing greater than God, and further supposing that what exists in reality is greater than what exists only in the mind, then God must exist in reality. God's non-existence is, then, logically impossible. This argument assumes that the maximum, or upper limit, to what the mind can attribute to God is self-contained in the meaning of the word God. No such upper limit exists in defining pain, temperature, length, or numbers, for example. A longer line can always be drawn, a greater number imagined, a sharper pain experienced, or a hotter temperature described. But to imagine a being greater than God would just be to imagine God more fully. As long as the mind's concept of God is rational, then the argument is convincing. Anselm's nuanced argument has provoked centuries of sophisticated commentary.

Anselm's life began among the Alps of today's Northern Italy, a land of jagged, snow-encrusted mountains which stand over the green valleys below. One night the boy Anselm, asleep in his remote valley home, had a vision. He was called to the court of God on a high summit. Ascending to the very peak of a mountain, he entered the presence of the royal court and sat at the feet of the Master. God asked the boy who he was and where he came from. Anselm answered well and was rewarded with sweet bread from heaven. And then he woke up. Anselm never forgot this dream. He recounted it, in detail, many decades later, to the fellow monk who wrote his first biography. Saint Anselm's mind never really came down from that high court he first visited in a childhood dream. He walked in the highest ranges, above the clouds, hiking from summit to summit, his pen piercing the blue sky to gaze directly into the realm above.

We ask your intercession, Saint Anselm, to help our faith to understand its object. You did not leave man's sense of wonder unchallenged but sought to organize human thought to meet the challenge of God. Help all thinkers to be open to finding as much as searching.



Vinnies Flood Appeals

In response to the devastating floods impacting across NSW the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery. Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>

Catastrophic floods in particular have impacted Lismore and many towns across north-eastern NSW. To help those affected in the Diocese of Lismore from the unprecedented disaster, Bishop Greg Homering OCD has launched a fundraising appeal for support.

More information and to donate at <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

Alleluia
He is
Risen

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.

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