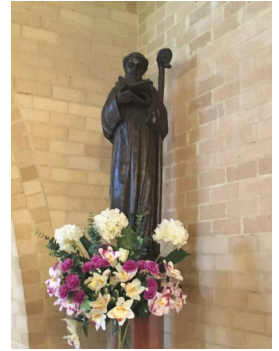


St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



COVID-19 SAFETY RULES UPDATE From BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO:

- Welcome to all Masses.
- Masks are required.
- Please sign in using QR CODE provided.

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 & 9 January 2022
Year C



SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

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.

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!

EPIPHANYTIDE

From ancient times the gospel readings at Epiphany, for the Baptism of the Lord, and today, along with most weekdays in between, formed a thematically coherent series of manifestations – they form the Epiphany cycle or season that we could call Epiphanytide.

Today's gospel reading, the wedding at Cana, is unique to John; he calls it the "first sign given by Jesus" and observes that Jesus "manifested his glory" (clearly labelling it an epiphany) and "his disciples believed in him".

When the scenes of the wedding and the well, and the Baptist's interlude, are read in conjunction we find a typically creative Johannine exposition of Jesus as the eschatological bridegroom, the promised of the ages, and none other than God himself who weds the newly redeemed bride.

Source: Liturgia Brisbane 2022

First Reading**Isaiah 62:1-5 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

Responsorial Psalm:**R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.**

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (JB)**

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

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****John 2:1-11 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

Jesus . . . revealed his glory. (John 2:11)

Why was Mary so insistent that Jesus do something about the shortage of wine at the wedding at Cana? Perhaps she was a close friend of the bridegroom's family. If that was the case, of course she would have cared that they not be embarrassed about the wine running out.

In this very personal, familial setting, Jesus performs his first sign by turning water into the finest wine. But the miracle didn't just save face for parents of the bridegroom. Jesus was revealing his glory. He was showing his disciples that he was no ordinary rabbi. He had come as the promised Messiah, to be the "new wine" that would save the world (Isaiah 25:6; Matthew 9:17).

From the personal to the prophetic. From the specific circumstance to the universal truth. So often this is how Jesus works. Just look at some of the "signs" in John's Gospel. He takes five loaves and two fish and feeds five thousand, revealing how he intends to feed and nourish us for all time in the Eucharist (6:5-14). Lazarus dies, but Jesus raises him, showing us that he came to defeat death once and for all (11:1-45).

Isn't this the case for all of us? We ask Jesus to come into a specific situation, as Mary did at the wedding at Cana. And when we see him acting—whether that's through answering our prayer or reassuring us of his presence—he reveals something about himself. That he loves us. That he cares for us. That he has come to save us. That he will be with us always.

Is there some situation in your life that you want the Lord to enter into? As you pray, remember that he wants to do more than just resolve the immediate problem you are facing. He wants you to know who he is and why he came. He wants to reveal his glory to you.

"Jesus, open my eyes to your glory in my life!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Daily Gospel Reflection pg.36).

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	January 18, 2022:	St Anthony, abbot
Thursday	January 20, 2022:	St Fabian, pope, martyr
		St Sebastian, martyr
Friday	January 21, 2022:	St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Saturday	January 22, 2022:	St Vincent, deacon, martyr

Source: Ordo 2021

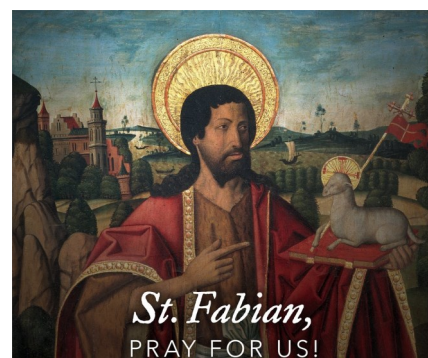
Saint Fabian

Pope and Martyr

c. 200–250

Feast Day: January 20

Patron Saint of Rome



According to Eusebius of Caesarea, who wrote a detailed history of the Church about fifty years after Pope Fabian's time, Fabian was a layman who went to Rome after the prior Pope's death. He was elected Bishop of Rome due to a miraculous sign. In other words, Fabian did not strive to his high office. He did not seek to be important. He accepted his role in the full knowledge that it could lead to big trouble for him. And that trouble eventually found him. Pope Fabian's martyrdom shows why the Church survived its early and vicious persecutions—it had leaders who knew how to die. Great deaths don't follow shallow lives. The early popes didn't give up or give in. They didn't renounce the faith. They were fearless. They felt the cold metal of a sharp knife against their neck and still persevered. A religious society with such models of courage in its highest ranks had to survive. And it did survive. We are living proof of that.

St. Fabian, your papal death proved to the faithful that their leaders personally accepted what they demanded of others. Slaves, prisoners, women, outcasts, and popes all died for the faith. Help us, Fabian, to be further links in the Church's long chain of Christian witnesses. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

FATHER ALBERIC'S BIRTHDAY



Father Alberic's birthday was celebrated on Wednesday morning with Mass and cutting of cake with the prayer group.

Dear Father Alberic, Our Lord has blessed us with a wonderful priest in you. You are a mentor, a guide and you touch the lives of so many. Each of your sermons speak to us and have such a profound impact on us.

May God continue to watch over you with love, today and each day to come.

Happy birthday Father Alberic!

SPECIAL DONATION



A big thank you to Arianna Nirello and her cousins for donating money to our parish which they had collected.

Christmas day dinner Arianna and her cousins wanted to raise some money for their parishes. They decided on St Benedict's parish. They put on a reenactment of the nativity scene at Rooty Hill. All family members made a contribution to the reenactment. They raised around \$100 for St Benedict's as they have all visited St Benedict's at some time in their life, either baptisms or Christmas or Easter. St Benedict's belongs to their heart.

God bless you Arianna for doing such a wonderful thing for our parish!

COVID 19 SAFETY RULES

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

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 sanitise 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 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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