

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

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

Year C

23 & 24 April 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins, and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer:

+ Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

St Faustina—Diary 950

First Reading**Acts 5:12-16 (JB)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.****Second Reading****Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 (JB)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 20:19-31 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C
Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands . . . (John 20:25)

You might expect Jesus to be disappointed in Thomas' attitude. Annoyed, even. Instead of taking the other apostles' word for it that Jesus was risen from the dead, Thomas said he wouldn't believe unless he saw for himself.

But Jesus wasn't upset. Instead, he showed *mercy* to Thomas. He was compassionate and made sure to return when Thomas was present. He was patient with Thomas' weakness, and went up to him, offering his hands for Thomas to probe the nail marks. This astonishing mercy drew forth from Thomas a profound profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

That's what mercy does: it leads us from unbelief to belief. It draws us to deeper faith in the Lord. Why? Because, like Thomas, it surprises us. It undercuts our defenses and sweeps us off our feet. We come face to face with a God who doesn't simply forgive our sins from afar, but who comes close to us. Confronted by our weakness, he doesn't get annoyed or angry. When he sees our failings, he is full of compassion. He shows us the mercy that "endures forever" (Psalm 118:2).

St. Faustina, apostle of Divine Mercy, heard Jesus tell her, "I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (*Diary*, 1588). Isn't this just what Jesus did for Thomas? And isn't it just what he wants to do for us?

As you celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today, spend some time thinking about the ways you've experienced mercy from God. Let the memory of these experiences fill your heart with greater love for Jesus—who is Mercy incarnate—and draw you to a deeper faith.

"Jesus, I trust in you! Thank you for your mercy. Increase my faith."

(Source: Word Among Us—India pg. 25)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	April 25, 2022:	ANZAC Day
Tuesday	April 26, 2022:	St Mark, evangelist
Wednesday	April 27, 2022:	St Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest
Thursday	April 28, 2022:	St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
Friday	April 29, 2022:	St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

Source: Ordo 2022



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
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:

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

TRAINING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online Training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Classes start April 27.

For further information see our website

<http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training>
or contact the Centre on

(02) 9701 4751 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

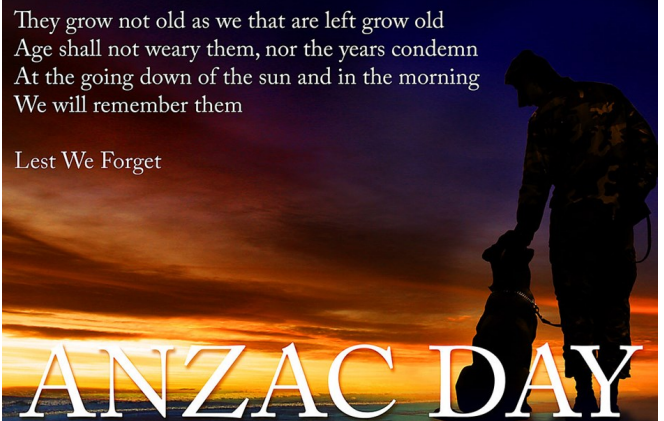
Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need.

Can you give hope to Christian refugees today?

www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

ANZAC DAY

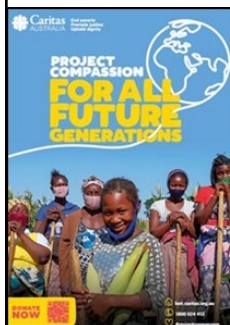
**Mass for ANZAC Day will be held on
Monday 25th April 9.30am at the Parish.**



Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROJECT COMPASSION

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION
BOXES TO THE CHURCH.**



**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.**



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:
Sam Barbagallo and George Dominello...may they Rest in Peace.**



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

30/4/2022 to 1/5/2022
3RD Sunday of EASTER Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Mary Cascun	CHILDRENS MASS
Reader2	Miriam Brown	CHILDRENS MASS
Prayers	Margaret Bens-	CHILDRENS MASS
TV		Rebecca Raad
Music		Noelle Takchi
Music		Takchi family

DRAFT ROSTER NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW

PIETY STALL

This weekend we will be having the Piety Stall with a few Mother's Day gifts and ANZAC biscuits at all the Masses.

Please call Lila Bacha:

Ph: 9652 1113 or 0418 360 024



1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Holy Communion classes will commence for the children that are currently enrolled on the following dates.

Classes begin on Mondays:
From the 9th of May 2022 until 30th of May 2022.
4.15pm to 5.15pm.

1st Holy Communion date:
Sunday 19th June 2022 10.30am

For more information contact Paula on
9653 2312.



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

Term 2 starts this week and SRE (Scripture) classes will also be resuming. I hope all have had a restful and enjoyable holiday!

Please continue to keep in your prayers all our Catechists and the children they teach, as schools return.

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:



**SAM BARBAGALLO
AND
GEORGE DOMINELLO**



*Eternal Rest grant to them Oh Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon them,
May they Rest in Peace.
Amen*

**Our prayers and thoughts are with the
Barbagallo and Dominello families.**

XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

Are you or a family member blind or visually impaired? Xavier Society for the Blind in New York City have been providing free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired Catholics worldwide since 1900, including many people in Australia. One of the biggest lines of service is the Mass Propers - the readings, prayers, and responses to the Mass on Sundays and special Feast days. These are available in braille, audio, and large print.

[See attached flyer.](#)

Click [here](#) for more information.

THANK YOU TO MORE PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Gebran Azzi and his sons, who were a great help!

Sophie Rebula for helping with flowers and cleaning.

Paul El-Chaar, for all his help with organising the sound system outside and all his time spent organising the Easter Masses and supplying some flowers.

There are so many others that have helped, too many to name here.

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO! GOD BLESS YOU!

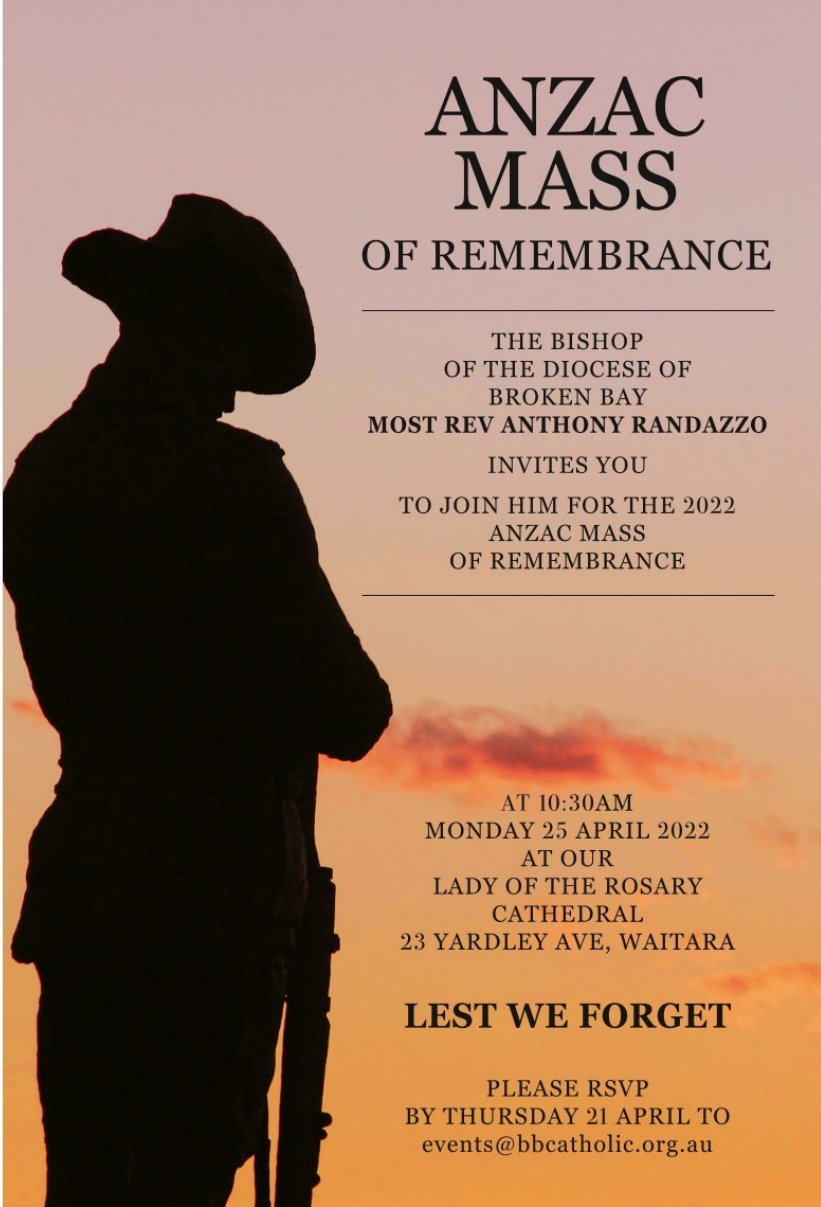
ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.





ANZAC MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE BISHOP
OF THE DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY
MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO
INVITES YOU
TO JOIN HIM FOR THE 2022
ANZAC MASS
OF REMEMBRANCE

AT 10:30AM
MONDAY 25 APRIL 2022
AT OUR
LADY OF THE ROSARY
CATHEDRAL
23 YARDLEY AVE, WAITARA

LEST WE FORGET

PLEASE RSVP
BY THURSDAY 21 APRIL TO
events@bbcatholic.org.au



PRAISEFEST:
World Youth Day
LAUNCH

WYD LISBON 2023

FRIDAY
APRIL 29
6 - 9 PM

CATHEDRAL PARISH
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST CENTRE

CATHOLIC
YOUTH
BROKEN BAY
glorious

WORLD YOUTH DAY LAUNCH

Calling all Youth & Young Adults to a night of festivities, cultural food, praise & art, with times of fun and times to receive via testimony and a message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo as we launch the upcoming World Youth Day 2023 pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal.

When: 6-9 pm, 29 April

Where: Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

Who: Anyone 15-35

Cost: Free. The event is fully catered.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Feast Day: April 29

C. 1347 - 1380

Patron Saint of Italy and Europe



She desired to go to heaven and for the popes to return to Rome

Saint Peter was not martyred in Frankfurt, Germany; Alexandria, Egypt; or Jerusalem. He could have been. God, in His Providence, wanted Saint Peter's blood to spill on Roman soil, so that His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church would drop anchor in the then capital of the world. This does not mean that Catholicism is bound to St. Peter's Basilica and Rome in the same way that Judaism was bound to the temple and Jerusalem. Rome does not have the same theological significance for Catholics as Jerusalem does for Jews, nor is Rome the successor of Jerusalem. Rome is not a holy city like Mecca is for the Muslims. That the primacy of the Pope over the universal Church is rooted in his being the successor of Saint Peter is an indisputable theological and historical fact. However, the Petrine ministry is one thing, and where it is exercised is another. The location of the Petrine ministry has never had the same theological weight as the ministry itself. Peter, yes. Always. Rome, yes. So far. Mostly.

Today's saint was a Third Order Dominican, a mystic, a contemplative, and an ascetic who used secretaries to compose her letters, because she could not read or write until the last few years of her life. Yet for all of her interior distance from the world and its concerns, Saint Catherine of Siena threw herself at the feet of the Pope, then reigning in Avignon, and begged him to return to Rome. The "Babylonian Captivity" of the papacy in Avignon had gone on for almost seven decades and caused grave scandal. The move to Avignon was not due to an irreversible cultural shift such as a Muslim conquest or a decimating plague. The popes did not abandon Rome because it was a carcass. The transfer of the papal court to Avignon, a city within the Papal States, was the result of politics.

It is not often that a single person can affect the course of history as much as a battle, a treaty, or a Council does. Incredibly, though, Saint Catherine of Siena's efforts to return the papacy to Rome were successful. She wrote so powerfully, spoke so passionately, and exuded such intense holiness that the Pope was overwhelmed. She also seemed to have prophetic powers, even knowing what the Pope was thinking or had previously thought. She was frighteningly intense. Saint Catherine could not be ignored. Thus, sixty-seven years of seven French Popes ruling far from Rome ended. In 1376 Pope Gregory XI abandoned Avignon and followed in the footsteps of so many medievals—he went on pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Peter. And he stayed. The eternal city was a widow no longer.

Saint Catherine was born the twenty-fourth of twenty-five children in a pious family imbued with the love of God. She eagerly drank in all that her parents poured out. She went for true "gold" early in life. She practiced extreme penances, eating only bread and raw vegetables and drinking only water for her entire adult life. She conversed with God, experienced ecstasies and visions, and dictated hundreds of letters and books and reflections filled with the most profound spiritual and theological insights. In 1370 she was the first layperson, and first woman, to be made a Doctor of the Church, in recognition of her profound mystical theology. Catherine died at the age of thirty-three, worn out by penances, travel, and the burden of her involvement in so many pressing ecclesial affairs. She was canonized in 1461. Her body lies under the main altar of the Dominican Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome. Her mummified head is found in her native Siena.

Saint Catherine of Siena, your love of God was expressed in so many vibrant ways and in a fervent love of His Church. From your exalted place in heaven, we seek your powerful intercession to make all Catholics more ardent in their love of the Trinity, of the Passion, and of the Papacy. Amen.



HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY
THE RECENT RAIN & FLOODS?

Our emergency relief program
may be able to help you

1800 324 924

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

CATHOLIC CARE FLOOD RELIEF

Many of our communities have experienced damage to their homes and belongings as a result of the recent rain and floods.

Our emergency relief program may be able to assist. We can support with food and clothing vouchers, replacement of whitegoods and bill payments to help you recover.

We can also assist you to access a range of other supports if needed.

To find out more or to apply, call us today on [1800 324 924](tel:1800324924).

Alleluia
He is
Risen

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 Hilarion 0478 909 541, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 83791605.

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Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

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Safeguarding Children matters Contact:
Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**