

St Benedict's Parish

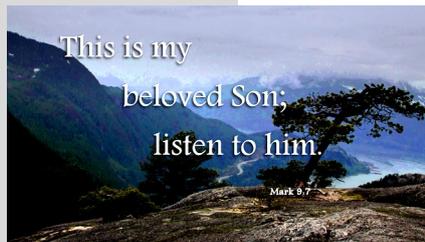
Arcadia



To listen gladly to Holy reading.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

Church Attendance:
One person per 2sqm,
maximum 300 people.



**Please use QR CODE provided or
write your name and phone number when you
enter Church after sanitizing.
Contact Paula on 0423 078 282.**

PARISH MASSES

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am
Sunday Latin 4.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession
First Friday of the month 6.30pm Adoration

MONASTERY CHAPEL Mass

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Bernard: 0416 032 497

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

27 & 28 February 2021

Entrance Antiphon

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis
*I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters
shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Gospel reading for this Week**Mark 9:2-10 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**Mark 9:2-10 (JB)**

The Transfiguration was a revelation of the Trinity. The voice from heaven proclaimed the words of the Father. The Son stood transformed in his glory. And the Spirit overshadowed the scene as the cloud. The scene hearkens back to the Baptism, the Father's voice from heaven, the Son rising from the water, and the Spirit descending upon the Son. The difference between the two events, however, lies in the reception of the revelation. In the Baptism, Jesus received the revelation with others as witnesses. In the Transfiguration, the followers received the revelation.

Notice the revelation was in context as confirmation and foreshadowing. The event confirmed Peter's confession. Jesus was the Messiah. But it also foreshadowed the mission of the Messiah, death on the cross to enter glory. The Transfiguration was a look backward and a look forward.

For us, the Transfiguration reminds us of our Baptism when the Trinity revealed themselves to us. And, it is a look ahead to our death and resurrection. Yes, we, too, will be like Christ in glory. But the road to that glory leads down the mountain into the mundane affairs and sufferings of life.

As you look forward to Easter, what expectations do you have? Have your Lenten exercises helped you to anticipate the resurrection? How?

The message of this gospel is clear. To see, we need to look. To hear, we need to listen. To experience, we need to open our minds and hearts to the possibility of God's voice. Look at the Son. Listen to his words. Open your mind and heart to his presence. We don't need to be on the top of a mountain to experience God's fullness. Just shake off rote and routine. And he will be there.

Take a few moments to reread the gospel.

Imagine you're before the Lord as he speaks to you in his glory.

What is his word to you?

How will that word help you this week on your Lenten journey?

Source of Content: www.word-sunday.com

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Bruce Neely.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Casimir, King



Feast Day: March 4

1458–1484

Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania

He lived not long, but well, a prince crowned with humility

Saint Casimir searched for God as a child and youth, as all children do. But his search unearthed a treasure very early on. What Casimir sought, Poland provided. Casimir imbued so totally what his Catholic birthplace offered that he is considered an emblematic Polish prince: pious, just, chaste, poor, and strong. A country, similar to a religion, is a carrier of meaning. It absorbs and refines, over time, millions of individual searches until it responds to its people's searches in the form of heroes, flags, hymns, holidays, and statues. A patriot loves his country in the same way that a religious man loves his religion and God. His love is specific. He loves a country, a religion, and a God—and Casimir was no exception.

It is said that behind every great man is a great woman. Saint Casimir never married and preserved his chastity until death, despite offers of marriage. What was behind him was not a great woman but a great nation. Poland was his mistress. The faith and thick traditions of Poland developed over many centuries in response to man's search for meaning in that great nation. The Polish nation did not understand Poland's past as an anchor, an imposition, or a burden. Poles understood their nation's cultural riches as a common inheritance of their ancestors. And Poles were eager to honor their forefathers by faithfully accepting, with gratitude, what they handed down.

The fullness of these ancient traditions was imparted to today's saint from a young age by his teachers, especially by holy and learned priests who were like second fathers to him. Casimir learned to love the Lord's Passion, the Sacraments, the Virgin Mary, and the Church. These loves deepened as he grew into adulthood and personally experienced the harshness and venality of life at court and on the march. He did not see the need to become a priest or a religious in order to live his faith. He remained a layman his entire brief life. In this he presaged the emphasis on lay vocations the Church would promote in the twentieth century. He was a layman, a prince, and a saint. Anything is possible in the Church for those who love God first and foremost.

Saint Casimir, we ask your intercession to aid all leaders of governments, churches, and families to emulate your virtues; to be poor in spirit, just, pure, and faithful. With your aid, may leaders guide those under their authority to love and serve their country and their God with greater fervor. Amen.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

In the first place, to love the Lord God with all one's heart, all one's soul, and all one's strength.

Then, one's neighbour as oneself.

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten groups will be meeting in homes or at Church for about an hour reading and reflecting together on the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent.

Miriam Brown:

Wednesdays 1pm at the Parish, commencing 24th of February.



Benigna Cascun with Gebran Azzi:

Friday nights 6pm

commencing 19th of February.

Address: 726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house).

If you are interested in hosting a Lenten Group at home or Church during Lent please contact the office for more information and for booklets on: 9653 2312.

If you cannot attend a Lenten Group, booklets are available in Church for your own reflection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 6.30pm during Lent

During Lent, commencing Friday 19th of February 2021, we will be holding the Stations of the Cross in our Parish on Friday nights at 6.30pm and take a few moments at each station to pray or meditate. This tradition continues until Good Friday. Mass will be afterwards at 7pm as usual every Friday night followed by Reconciliation.

PRAY FOR VANUATU

World Day of Prayer Service 2021

Date: Friday 5th March 2021

Time: 10.30am

Location: Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston.

Contact: Pauline Honor 0490025759



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Please join us for this service, everyone welcome.

ST BENEDICT'S LENTEN RETREAT

The 15 Stations of the Cross

and What It Means to Me

RETREAT DAY:

Date: Saturday 20th of March 2021

Where: St Benedict's Parish

Time: 9am to 2pm

Morning tea and light lunch provided.

Cost: FREE

Please join us for a day of prayer and reflection. Together with Fr Hilarion, we will explore each of the 15 stations of the cross and what it means to us in our daily life. Booking for this event is essential.

Seats are limited so please book early through:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOTXG>

For more information or to book, you can also call Glenice on 0428 859 568 or parish office.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Copy of the complete roster is available in the sacristy.

6/3/21 to 7/3/21

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Miriam Brown	Kath Moran
Reader2		Peter Goodwin
Prayers		Helen Facione
Music		Karina Takchi
Music		Takchi Family
Music		Takchi Family

**We really need an Acolyte for Saturday night Masses
Please contact the office if you can help out.**

CATECHIST NEWS

Our next **Catechist meeting** will be held next **Wednesday 3rd March at 12:30pm.**

All are invited. This week's Free Ministry induction training (Lesson Planning) is full but further training continues on the following Monday (Development of the Child and Adolescent 8th March) as a morning course 10am-12pm OR an afternoon course 1pm-3pm via Zoom. The CCD is also offering a Zoom training session on Safeguarding Children on Monday 8th March 10am - 12pm. Please contact me for further information.

Catechist Vacancies:

Helper for Glenorie PS Wednesdays 10:10am – 10:50am
Hillside PS Fridays 8:50am-9:45am

If you are available and interested to know more, please give me a call. Training and manual will be provided.

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

GCEA MEETING

(Galston Christian Education Association)

With term 1 now in full swing, we'll be having our first GCEA Committee Meeting for the year.

After a difficult year last year, we're hopeful 2021 will provide more opportunities to continue to serve, in partnership with one another, to see the gospel go forth in our local community, and in particular, at Galston High School.

Details:

What: GCEA Committee Meeting for term 1

When: Monday 1st March @ 7.30pm

Where: Galston Uniting Church - 11 School Rd, Galston

Please RSVP for planning and catering purposes.

Grace and peace,
Roger Hokin
Youth and Young Adults Minister
Dural District Anglican Churches
GCEA Secretary
roger@duralanglican.org.au
0413 067 770

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup at St Benedict's is back on!

Every Monday 10am to 12pm.

This is a gathering for parents and carers with children under school age. It's perfect for children to learn and develop through play and interaction with others. It's also great for parents and carers to chat, socialize and make new friends! We usually meet regularly every Monday during school terms 10am to 12pm. No need to book just turn up. Everyone welcome!

PARISH LENTEN STALL

Next weekend the monthly stall is open from the **5th to the 7th March 2021** (after Mass on Friday 7pm, Saturday 7pm, Sunday 7am Chapel, 9am and 10.30am, and 4.30pm Latin Mass).



There will be savoury food, cakes, flowers, Holy Candles, fruit boxes, books and DVDs. Come and support our Church. Thank you to everyone who has been donating items to the stall.

Please feel free to bring items for sale to help the parish. For any queries or donations please call Lila Bacha on 96521113 or 0418360024.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights:

after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings:

after 9.30am Mass.



Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.



For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.

In Our Parish

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

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Parish Secretary, Pymble Catholic Parish – Part Time

Pymble Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary (32 hours per week). This key role provides support in general administration, parish financial and bookkeeping processes, visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements. The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office and MYOB skills, and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be essential.

For the full position description, see the [Parish website](#).

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a current CV and cover letter outlining your previous experience and suitability for the role to info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au. Applications close: Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

Parish Secretary, Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish – Full Time

Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a full time Parish Secretary. This key role provides support in visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, financial processes, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office skills and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be well regarded.

For further details, see the Diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant. Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

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.

(That's Sr Mary in the yellow helmet and one of the crew. She boards every ship that pulls into Botany Bay and checks on the welfare of the sailors, she is also a trained nurse and if she sees sick, injured or suspects abuse etc she is onto it.)

Cheers,
Cathy Holling
Ph: 0403 062 255





LITANY OF HUMILITY

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*

From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

Amen.

St Leo's Catholic College
WAHROONGA **OPEN DAY & Expo**



Come and see what all the **BUZZ** is about!

All welcome!



Tuesday 16 March, 4-7pm
Register at: stleos.nsw.edu.au

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We pray for women who are victims of violence,
that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings
considered and heeded.

AMEN



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

**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 sanitize 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.**

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.

Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays:
10.30am to 2.30pm
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Monastery: 9653 1159
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
Safeguarding Children matters
Contact:** Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.

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