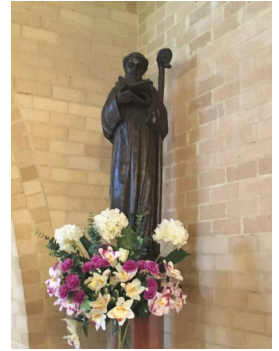


St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 & 13 February 2022
Year **C**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.**

"Our beloved sons, the laity, can do much to help this diffusion of Catholic social doctrine by studying it themselves and putting it into practice, and by zealously striving to make others understand it. They should be convinced that the best way of demonstrating the truth and efficacy of this teaching is to show that it can provide the solution to present-day difficulties. They will thus win those people who are opposed to it through ignorance of it. Who knows, but a ray of its light may one day enter their minds."

*Mater et Magistra ("Mother and Teacher")
Pope John XXIII, 1961 #224-225*

*I thank you, Father, for everything
that gives me happiness.
I ask you to purify my heart
so that I may know the blessing and grace
of putting the Beatitudes
and the Sermon on the Mount
into practice.*

First Reading**Jeremiah 17:5-8 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.'

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.****Second Reading****1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20 (JB)**

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Luke 6:17. 20-26 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now; you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke 6:17. 20-26

Blessed are you. (Luke 6:21)

Jesus' words to the crowd sounded innocent enough at first. Who wouldn't want the poor, the hungry, and the sorrowful to find blessing? Surely they've suffered enough!

But then Jesus went on: "Woe to you who are rich... Woe to you who are filled ... Woe to you who laugh" (Luke 6: 24,25)

Questions probably started swirling in the people's minds when they heard these words. Did Jesus really want people to be unhappy? Were the successful going to be judged harshly just because they had a good life? But Jesus wanted his hearers to ask a different question: Which group do I fit in? Why have I come here today?

The poor, the hungry, the sorrowful: these are the ones who know their need for Jesus. They know they have nothing on their own that can truly satisfy them. And so they come to Jesus so that he can fill the emptiness in their hearts.

The rich, the comfortable, the happy: these are the ones who don't feel much need for Jesus - at least not in the way the others do. Maybe they had come that day to see what all the fuss was about or to listen to an interesting speaker. They had not come to be filled - and certainly not to be challenged like this!

Of course, Jesus wasn't condemning out of hand anyone who fell into the 'rich' category. He was offering them a chance to change. He was asking them to make room in their hearts for him and his teaching.

You can ask yourself similar questions in Mass today: Why have I come here? Am I here to be fed and filled up? Are there areas of my life where I feel comfortable keeping Jesus at arm's length?

Jesus is waiting for you today. He wants to give you the riches of his mercy, the joy of his love, the Bread of eternal life. So come to Him hungry and empty. Come and let Him fill you.

Lord, help me to be humble before you. Let me hear you say to me, 'Blessed are you'.

(Source: Word Among Us, India, Daily Reflection)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday February 14, 2022: Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop - Patrons of Europe

Thursday February 17, 2022: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Source: Ordo 2022

A word on translation: Greek's exclamatory *makarios*, equivalent to Hebrew *'esher* that is found mostly in Psalms (e.g., Ps 1:1 and Ps 40[39]:5), mostly translates as *happy* or *blessed*, and also be *fortunate*, *lucky*, and *glad*, but none is without shortcomings. *Happy* is awkward for the oxymoronic "Happy are those who weep", but neither does *blessed* indicated having been blessed. The expansion of the final one (the plus one) in both Luke and Matthew may point in the right direction, for they switch to the imperative *Rejoice*. If we re-read the beatitudes then as beginning "Let the poor or hungry or weeping rejoice, for you will..." we see that it is not being poor or hungry or sad that is being praised, but the salvation this is coming, and is now being announced in the mission of Jesus. In the same way in Luke's woes it is the coming correction and not currently being rich or well-fed or happy that is a woe. It does not suggest that the coming good fortune or correction is to be in the hereafter. Indeed Christianity should never be considered like opium for the suffering, impoverished masses, that is, a sop to make oppression bearable; it demands making things right now. Nor is this contradicted in our second reading with Paul telling us that "If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people." While he affirms the future orientation, that is with fulfilment after death, he also rejects that idea that following Christ is merely to make us feel better in this life. This point is then emphasised in the final beatitude and woe: true prophets do not tell people how nice things will be in the future, but rather they call people to correction here and now, and for that they suffer rejection in the here and now. The mission to set the downtrodden free is active, not merely the uttering of platitudes.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

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

God bless you all!

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF PPC AND PFC

Tuesday 22nd February 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 1st March 7:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting

All parishioners are requested to contact (via email or writing) the PPC or PFC regarding any important matters for the growth of the Parish community.

PRAY FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit

www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific

or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

Prayer:

Lord, we pray for those in Tonga who grieve any loss of life; for the injured or traumatised; for those searching for family; for those whose property has been destroyed or livelihoods ruined. We ask for your healing presence in their lives. Amen.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Engaged Encounter are offering several weekends throughout 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

website www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Choose any of the coming Weekends in 2022:

Feb 19-20, Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13

Contact: 0408 162 038



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please see the attached flyer outlining details for an online course in social justice teachings facilitated by Dr Sandie Cornish at Broken Bay Institute starting **15 Feb 2022**.

The course runs over 16 weeks and is very reasonably priced at \$310 plus GST.

This course would be useful for anyone who works in, or has an interest in, social justice ministry.

If the fee presents a challenge, please contact Emma Baker at emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au.

Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering to contribute towards the cost of the course for those who have a desire to enrol but may not have the financial capacity at present.

[Download details here](#)

or call 9847 0030 for more information.

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, Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha)



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



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

19/2/2022 to 20/2/2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Miriam Brown	Paula El-Chaar
Reader2	Mary Cascun	Rebecca Raad
Prayers	Br. Peter	Anne Lomas
TV		Teresa Gambino
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Theresa Neely
Music		Marisa Quattrochi
Music		Helen Facione

ROSTER

Draft roster is now on the sacristy window. Please check as soon as possible and make any changes. If you would like to be added to the roster please put your name and number on the bottom of the draft roster.



HUGE THANK YOU!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Arcadia Vinnies sends a huge thank you to parishioners who supported the Christmas Appeal 2021.

We raised \$3,190 which is a stellar effort. We were able to provide hampers and gift vouchers to our clients as well as contributing to the Hornsby Region.

Please continue to use the Vinnies envelopes to donate to the Poor Box while we wait for new "tamper-proof" boxes to arrive. Envelopes are available at both doors.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights:

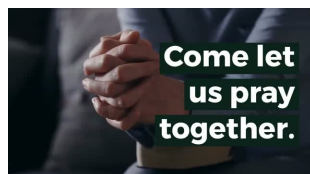
after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings:

after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



CATECHIST NEWS

SRE (Scripture) starting dates –

Middle Dural Public School – commenced last week
Glenorie Public School – this Wednesday 16th February
Galston Public School – Wednesday 23rd February
Arcadia Public School – Wednesday 2nd March
Hillside Public School – Friday 25th February

Catechist Needed - If you are free on Wednesday mornings and love being with children, why not consider joining this ministry. **A vacancy exists for a helper for Year 5 at Glenorie Public School on Wednesdays 10:10-10:50am.** Training, books and support are provided free. Please call the parish office, contact me or speak to Fr Hilarion if you are interested.

A big thanks to Sally Souma for offering to take the class at Hillside Public School!

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

LENT 2022

- Stations of the Cross
 - * Wednesdays 9:00am (before 9:30am Mass)
 - * Fridays 6:30pm (before 7:00pm Mass)
- Adoration and Benediction
 - * Saturdays from 10:00—11:00am
 Confession/Reconciliation available
- Confession / Reconciliation
 - * Wednesday after 9:30am Mass
 - * Friday after 7:00pm Mass
 - * Saturday from 10:00am—11:00am

LENTEN GROUPS

If Anyone is interested in forming Lenten Groups during Lent from Ash Wednesday until Easter please let Fr Hilarion know or email the parish:



arcadia.parish@bigpond.com.au

Let us do a bit more for the Lord who suffered and died to save us.

- Extra prayers (Station of the Cross and Adoration).
- Daily Mass (7am and 9.30am).
- Bit of prayer at home (reading the Bible and family)

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

Please join us for World Day of Prayer on **Friday 4th of March 2022 10am** at St Benedict's Parish Arcadia.

For more information contact Pauline Honor Ph: 0490 025 759.

Countries presenting are England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Christian ladies in those countries have prepared the service for World Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. 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 women 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.



Artist: Angie Fox

Angie is an Embroiderer and Vestment Designer from Derby, England.

She writes, 'Following the theme given, I have used several images to depict the key words as follows:

Freedom: an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista.

Justice: broken chains

God's Peace and Forgiveness: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement.

Over all: the rainbow represents the overreaching love of God.'

POPE FRANCIS ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



Pray for the Ukraine . . .

As the situation escalates in Europe over fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis has issued an urgent plea to all people of goodwill to pray for peace. "Please, no more war!" Pope Francis addressed these words to all political leaders on the Catholic Church's day of prayer for peace (26 January 2022) and asked the world to pray that "this land may see fraternity flourish and overcome wounds, fears, and divisions." (www.vaticannews.va)

Prayer for Peace:

"Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Thirteenth Century

Feast Day: February 17



Invoked to aid in the imitation of the charity and patience of Our Lady of Sorrows

Group dynamics encourage fidelity to individual good intentions

There are many reasons to join a group. To quilt, play soccer, learn chess, travel, or meet new friends. We accomplish personal goals in a group that we would never accomplish alone. Groups create positive peer pressure for their members to show up on time, read the book, do the exercise, or complete the task assigned. When we join a group we are freely creating obligations for ourselves, because we know, deep down, that accountability to others encourages fidelity to our own obligations.

The groups of the medieval world were called guilds. Craftsmen of similar skills and professions organized in guilds to learn, promote, and protect their trade. Guilds offered mutual assistance to their members that no individual could replicate. There was power in numbers. Today's feast commemorates seven young men who belonged to a merchant guild in Florence, Italy, in the 1200s. These seven men were serious Christians. They loved God and the Church. And in addition to protecting their commercial interests by joining a guild, they also protected their souls by joining a local spiritual guild called the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin, where their spiritual exercises were guided by a wise and educated priest who encouraged their devotion.

After the members of the Confraternity experienced mystical visions of the Virgin Mary, there was nothing left to do except abandon their worldly concerns, set aside money for their families to live without their help, and flee the busy city for a solitary life in the nearby mountains. The Seven fasted, prayed, and lived lives of such extreme austerity that a visiting cardinal admonished them to stop living like dogs. Over time they adopted a rule, accepted new recruits, elected leaders, and spread throughout Italy and beyond. They eventually took the name of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Servants of Mary, or Servites.

The Seven Holy Founders were especially devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, and the Servites were instrumental in the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows becoming part of the Church's calendar on September 15. The Sorrows of Mary, the sword that pierced her heart, the tears she shed when witnessing Our Lord's passion and death, motivated the Seven Holy Founders to promote devotion to Mary under this title. Mary was strong and stood at the foot of the cross. But she was also a mom who loved her boy. So she had a heavy heart that continually pondered what His suffering meant. We unite in joy at Christ's resurrection on Easter and join with Mary's sorrow just days before. The emotions of Scripture become the emotions of those who read it and those who live it in the liturgy and devotions of the Church.

The names of the Seven Holy Founders are known. But the Church celebrates them as a group, with their individuality ceding to their group identity. Together they accomplished more than seven men working separately could ever have accomplished. Their confraternity became an Order, and that Order still exists for the mutual spiritual benefit of all, a theological guild holding its members to high standards of spiritual perfection. Servite priests and brothers are still active in various countries around the world, hundreds of years after the Order's founding. This is a testament to the immovable, rock solid, foundation on which its Seven Holy Founders constructed their spiritual and theological home.

On your feast day, our thoughts and prayers turn to you, the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. Help us to find mutual support and assistance in loving God and Mary through a holy alliance with like-minded Christians. Through your intercession and example of group love of God, may our love for Him burn hotter and longer than a single flame.

SOURCE: mycatholic.life



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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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