

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
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FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Year C
21 & 22 May 2022

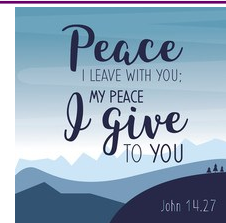
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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.**



INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

The promise of Jesus to send the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, was fulfilled as the Spirit of the Risen Lord, the Gift of Peace, transformed the apostles and their lives. We too have been blessed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit who is our Peace in the comfort, grace, forgiveness, strength and courage he provides us to live our Christian life to the full. We open our hearts to acknowledge our need for the Spirit of Peace, the Gift of the Spirit of forgiveness in our lives.

FIRST READING (ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29)

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

SECOND READING (REV 21:10-14, 22-23)

The vision of the splendour of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

GOSPEL READING (JOHN 14:23-29)

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

THEME: The Holy Spirit, The Paraclete, The Gift of Peace.

(Source: Breaking the Word—India pg.47)

First Reading**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (JB)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. O God, let all the nations praise you!****Second Reading****Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 (7 EASTER C) (JB)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Come, Lord Jesus!

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'. Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come'. Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 14:23-29 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

The holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. (Revelation 21:10)

Radiant heavenly cities. Countless angels and saints worshipping. Mysterious scrolls and the occasional bizarre "living creature." We've been reading from the Book of Revelation every Sunday since Easter. Some of its images are inspirational while others might leave us scratching our heads. And that's okay. Because, as apocalyptic literature, Revelation is not meant to be interpreted literally; its symbolism is meant to give us a vision of God's plan coming to fulfillment.

For example, in today's reading, "the holy city Jerusalem" descends from heaven (Revelation 21:10). Gleaming like a jewel, it is protected by a high wall with twelve gates bearing the names of the tribes of Israel, and twelve foundation stones bearing the names of the Apostles. God himself is its Temple and its light.

Using images like these, John is giving us a sense of the glory that we'll experience in heaven. But he's also showing us the Church, the bride of Christ that we are part of even today (see Revelation 21:9). Redeemed by Jesus, this Church is beautiful. It is holy, set apart for God. It is built on the foundation of the apostles and God's chosen people. And as we gather as his Church, we become that radiant bride, shining with the brightness of his love. It's glorious!

But the truth is, we're not fully there. At least not yet. But let John's images lift your heart and fill you with hope. Let them inspire both gratitude and intercession in you. Gratitude for God's promise of heavenly glory. And intercession that this promise will be fulfilled in your own life and the lives of all your brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Jesus, thank you for the glory of your Church. Help each of us come closer to that glory today!"

(Source: Bible Alive—UK pg. 46)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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| Tuesday | May 24, 2022: | OUR LAYD, HELP of CHRISTIANS. |
| Wednesday | May 25, 2022: | St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor. St Gregory VII, pope. St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin. |
| Thursday | May 26, 2022: | St Philip Neri, priest. |
| Friday | May 27, 2022: | St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop. |

Source: Ordo 2022

PERFECT FAMILIES DO NOT EXIST

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"There is no perfect family. We have no perfect parents, we are not perfect, do not get married to a perfect person, neither do we have perfect children.

We have complaints about each other. We are disappointed by one another. Therefore, there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. Without forgiveness the family becomes a theater of conflict and a bastion of grievances. Without forgiveness the family becomes sick.

Forgiveness is the sterilization of the soul, cleansing the mind and the liberation of the heart.

Anyone who does not forgive has no peace of soul and communion with God. Pain is a poison that intoxicates and kills. Maintaining a wound of the heart is a self-destructive action. It is an autophagy.

He who does not forgive sickens physically, emotionally and spiritually. That is why the family must be a place of life and not of death; an enclave of cure not of disease; a stage of forgiveness and not of guilt.

Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow produced pain; and healing, where pain caused disease."

(Source: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5595/stories/pope-francis-39-s-message-about-the-family>)

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

MONTH OF MAY

Devotion to Mary, Our Mother

Let us try our best to recite daily Rosary as a family.

Mary will always be there for you, to take you to her son, Jesus!



Fr Hilarion.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has appointed

Fr. Shansana Samarasinghe

as Administrator of the Parish of Arcadia.

His appointment will begin on June 3rd 2022.

We rejoice at this appointment and pray that his leadership will sustain the life of our Parish .

Fr David Orr

SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH KATIE



'Saturday Sessions with Katie' is an opportunity for anyone curious about the FertilityCare System to find out more. Presented via zoom, these sessions are a convenient way for people to gain an understanding of their fertility, all from the comfort of their home.

The next session is on Saturday 28th May at 10.30am.

Please RSVP katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au for details and/or zoom link.

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:

Sid Kelly
on Monday 16th of May 2022



*Eternal Rest grant to him O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon him,
May he Rest in Peace.
Amen*

Our prayers and thoughts are with Sid's family.

***Funeral will be held Monday 23rd May at
St Matthew's Windsor 11am.***

SAVE THE DATE!!!

26 June 2pm

After being postponed for a year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to celebrate the 10th World Meeting of Families locally, making it possible for every family to participate. While Rome will be the main venue for the event, each diocese will promote local events for its own families and communities based on the theme:

"Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness.

All families are invited to celebrate with:

**Bishop Anthony Randazzo
Mass on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the
Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm.**

This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids. More details to come!

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:

Sid Kelly, Rosario Scavo, Lee Rubino, Sam Barbagallo,
Letizia Dominello...may they Rest in Peace.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

21/5/2022 to 22/5/2022

6th Sunday of EASTER Year C

| | Saturday 7pm | Sunday 9am |
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| Acolyte | | Nigel Morgan |
| Reader1 | Sr Carol Tomlinson | Judy Horton |
| Reader2 | Margaret Bensley | Peter Goodwin |
| Prayers | Miriam Brown | Bernadette Watt |
| TV | | Joshua Azzi |
| Music | | Mark Quirk |
| Music | | Keith Wallace |
| Music | | Robin Barbara |
| Music | | Teresa Gambino |
| Morning Tea | | Mary Abood |

PLEASE PICK UP NEW ROSTER FROM SACRISTY

Morning tea resumes 22nd of May 2022

Volunteers needed please.

HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

The Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, would like to sincerely thank the St Benedict's Arcadia Catholic Parish for their generous contribution of **\$2,755 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2022.**

Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers.

Fr Mario Debattista OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Holy Communion classes have commenced for the children that are currently enrolled on the following dates.

Classes on Mondays:

From the 9th of May 2022 until 30th of May 2022.

4.15pm to 5.15pm.

Wednesdays 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

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

"This quest to make Jesus known as supreme beauty leads us to find new signs and ways of transmitting the faith," Pope Francis said, noting that while the means might be different, what's important is to imitate "the style of Jesus, who adapted to the people he had before him in order to make them close to the love of God. To change and adapt oneself in order to make the message closer to the people is necessary, he said, but stressed that at the same time, the message being transmitted is "always the same, because God doesn't change, but renews all things in him."

Free training to all Catechists continues this week. This week's session on Monday 23rd May 10am – 12:30pm will be Miracles and Parables via Zoom. Next week's session will be on Listening and Questioning. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

Please keep in your prayers all our Catechists and the children they teach.

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00pm Monday 23rd May 2022

in the Parish Meeting Room

All are welcome!

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**

Where: Galston Uniting Church

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.



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.





MEDIA RELEASE

19 May 2022

State Assisted Suicide – Bishop Expresses Disappointment as Bill Passes Upper House

Broken Bay Bishop Most Rev Anthony Randazzo has expressed his disappointment after a marathon debate in the Upper House of the NSW Parliament effectively legalised voluntary assisted dying in this state.

The Bishop joined other church leaders, religious healthcare providers and pro-life groups in expressing his concern, saying it was an extremely disappointing situation when we accepted the sanction of the state to determine who lives and who dies.

“Assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering,” Bishop Randazzo said.

“A genuinely human society is not how we decide to eliminate those who suffer, but how we care for them.

“While deeply moved by many comments aired during the years of this debate, it is clear the social mood and the narrative has evolved in a way that the language of personal rights now dominates our concern for the common good.

“We should be considering and caring for the rights of all citizens to be well, to have the care they need, and not lost to the margins.

“We now have to consider what this means to our health care and aged care, the vulnerable and confused.

“Now more than ever we must ensure members of our family, friends, those who are alone, the vulnerable in our community know and understand that they are loved, that we will be with them in their journey, and that they are not a burden.”

NSW State MPs voted down a voluntary assisted dying bill in 2017.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2021) was introduced into the NSW Parliament by Independent MP Alex Greenwich.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Rita of Cascia

Wife, Mother, Widow, Religious

Feast Day: May 22

C. 1386-1457



Patron Saint of abuse victims, sterility, difficult marriages, and impossible causes

She suffered for two spouses

Rita Lotti gave birth to her first son at the age of twelve. Fortunately the child was not born out of wedlock. Rita's husband had been chosen for her by her parents, and they married when she was twelve. Throughout eighteen years of marriage, Rita endured her husband's insults, physical abuse, and infidelity until the loathful man was stabbed to death by one of his many enemies. Rita pardoned her husband's killers and impeded her two sons from avenging their father's death. Marriage ends with death, so Rita was free after her husband's passing to satisfy a holy desire of her youth and entered an Augustinian convent. The leadership of the local Augustinians was reluctant to admit Rita, however, because she was not a virgin. Despite wide precedence for widows entering religious life, Rita was compelled to wait a number of years before receiving the habit.

Rita was a model nun who lived to the fullest the spiritual requirements of her age. She was obedient, generously served the sick of the convent, and shared her wisdom of human nature, especially regarding marital distress, with the lay women who sought her out. Sister Rita was also devoted to prayer and meditated so deeply on the Passion of our Lord that she experienced a mini-stigmata. Instead of open wounds in her hands oozing blood, as Saint Francis and Saint Padre Pio displayed, a small wound appeared on Rita's forehead. It was as if a thorn from Christ's crown had penetrated the tightly wrapped flesh on her skull. There was no thorn visible, of course, just as no nails or spears pierced the bodies of other stigmatists. Rita's wound refused to heal for a number of years. The unique statue, or image, showing a nun with a thorn stuck in her forehead is Saint Rita, making her one of the most easily identifiable people on the calendar of Catholic saints.

After Saint Rita died of natural causes, her body did not deteriorate. She was placed in an ornate tomb, her extraordinary holiness was attested to in writing, and healing miracles were petitioned for and soon granted through her intercession. These many cures led to Rita's beatification in 1626 and her canonization in 1900. Leathery black skin still covers Saint Rita's habited body as she peacefully reposes in a glass coffin in her shrine in Cascia, Italy. She is invoked as a kind of female Saint Jude, a patroness of impossible causes, particularly those related to the difficult vocation of marriage.

Saint Rita was both a physical and a spiritual mother. She was a spouse of Christ—a perfect man, and of her husband—a flawed man. She knew intimately the vocation both to religious and to married life, giving her a certain status, or credibility, with both consecrated and married women, which few other saints enjoy. Rita's dual vocation has given her a dual attraction, which is likely the cause of her fame and the continued devotion to her so many centuries after her death. In many ways, her life in the convent was not remarkable, except for the stigmata. There were surely many other nuns in Rita's era and region whose virtue and prayerfulness stood out. Yet for reasons known to God alone and which are therefore sufficient, this nun, among so many others who brimmed with holiness, is still visited in her shrine, still invoked, and still thanked for the favors that she continues to rain down from her place in heaven.

Saint Rita, through your intercession, aid all women in difficult marriages and abusive situations. Help women in distress to think rationally, to be faithful to their husbands if possible, to be devoted to their vows if they are able, and yet to flee if they are in danger. Amen.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FAMILY CONNECT & SUPPORT SERVICE?



1800 066 757
www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a statewide voluntary service for children, young people and families who need support to maintain a safe and positive family environment. It helps families who may be experiencing vulnerability or who require some level of support before issues escalate. It works on a networking model, connecting families to local services with expertise in areas such as:

Parenting challenges, Financial stress, Substance use, Family breakdown, Housing issues, Mental health, Domestic and family violence ... and more.

We stay connected with you until you're matched to the right services or support. To access this service please call [1800 066 757](tel:1800066757) or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

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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