

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To fulfil God's commandments daily in one's deeds.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

**Masks to be worn this weekend
and no singing.**

**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.**



Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

8th & 9th May 2021

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.

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out
upon the gentiles also.*

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading

1 John 4,11-16 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St John
If we love one another God will live in us.

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 15:9-17 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*No one can have greater love than to
lay down his life for his friends.*

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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:

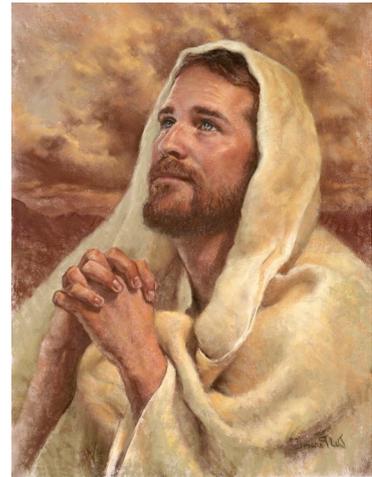
**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Bernard: 0416 032 497

Gospel reading for this Week**John 17:11-19 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
May they be one as we are.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
 'Holy Father,
 keep those you have given me true to your name,
 so that they may be one like us.
 While I was with them,
 I kept those you had given me true to your name.
 I have watched over them and not one is lost
 except the one who chose to be lost,
 and this was to fulfil the scriptures.
 But now I am coming to you
 and while still in the world I say these things
 to share my joy with them to the full.
 I passed your word on to them,
 and the world hated them,
 because they belong to the world
 no more than I belong to the world.
 I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
 but to protect them from the evil one.
 They do not belong to the world
 any more than I belong to the world.
 Consecrate them in the truth;
 your word is truth.
 As you sent me into the world,
 I have sent them into the world,
 and for their sake I consecrate myself
 so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**John 17:11-19 (JB)**

Jesus chose his followers to carry out God's plan of salvation. He chooses us today to do the same. By allowing us to participate, he gives us a personal stake in the coming Kingdom. "God ...enables men to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete the work of creation, to perfect its harmony for their own good and that of their neighbors...they then fully become "God's fellow workers" and co-workers for his kingdom." (CCC 307) Love is the best way to become his "co-worker," since it reveals the reason he made the cosmos to others and affirms our friendship with the Creator.

When have you felt the love of God? When have you past that love onto others? How did your efforts effect those you loved?

Love changes everything it touches. It denies our "bragging rights." Yet, it enhances our reputation. It denies the power of our leader positions. But it raises us up as true leaders. It might take away the advantage of our personal initiative. It, however, connects us in ways unimaginable.

Divine love transcends mere emotion. It becomes the lifeline to God. And it forms the basis of real community. It is inexplicable in theory, yet easily seen in action.

Wherever God loves, he acts. Wherever he acts, he is. HE IS with us. Simply because he loves us.

Take a few moments to thank God for his love and the love of those around you.

Plan this week to return that love. And plan to reach out to one stranger this week with God's love.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, Priest

c. 1840 - 1889

Feast Day: May 10

Patron Saint of those suffering leprosy



Young Jozef De Veuster (Damien was his religious name), growing up in a large family in rural Belgium, could never have imagined where and how his life would end. He was most likely going to follow the path of most other young men of his time and place—get married, have a family, go to Mass on Sunday, and take over the family farm. But an older brother was a priest, and two sisters were nuns, so a religious vocation was always a possibility. Damien eventually responded to the Lord's call and his own impulse toward religious life and entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, just as his brother did before him. But just as his brother, Father Pamphile, was slated to leave for Hawai'i as a missionary, he had to abandon his voyage for health reasons. And thus a decision had to be made. A pivot point had arrived. Was Damien to replace his brother and go to Hawai'i or not? Leave family forever or stay home? Be a foreign missionary or stay among his own? Brother Damien walked the long plank upward and boarded the ship. He arrived in Honolulu in March 1864 and was ordained a priest in May. He would live his entire priestly life in Hawai'i. He never left the Hawai'ian islands again.

Father Damien served in parishes for several years, learning to love his parishioners and being loved by them in return. Then, in 1873, the bishop asked for volunteers to go to an isolated leper colony on the island of Moloka'i. Father Damien volunteered. For the next sixteen years, he dedicated himself without reserve to this exiled community. He carried out more than a "ministry of accompaniment." He accompanied, yes, but he also led, taught, inspired, and died to self. Father Damien's robust health and farm background made hard work natural. He enlarged a chapel and built a rectory, a road, a dock, and numerous cottages for the lepers. He showed the people how to farm, to raise cattle, and to sing (despite his diseased vocal cords), and to play instruments (despite his missing fingers).

He was a vital force walking in a living graveyard. Life on an isolated leper colony was psychologically difficult for everyone, even the priest. But Father Damien brought faith and human dignity to a depressed population alienated from family and society. He treated the sick and the dying—and everyone was sick and dying—with the dignity of children of God. A proper cemetery was organized, funeral Masses were said with the accompaniment of a choir, and solemn processions bore everyone to their final resting place. This was a far cry from the inhuman chaos that preceded his arrival.

Father Damien carried out all of his pastoral work with fatherly concern. He was there, after all, because he was a celibate priest. No married Protestant minister would have dared to place himself, his wife, and his children in such a dangerous situation, and none ever did. Like all good fathers, Father Damien was both joyful and demanding. He was open. He smiled. He cared. He scolded. His source of strength was not merely his solid foundation in human virtue but primarily his Catholic faith.

Father Damien's love for the Mass, the Holy Eucharist, and the Virgin Mary deepened through the years. His greatest non-physical sufferings were the lack of a priest companion with whom he could converse and to whom he could confess his sins.

Father Damien contracted leprosy after eleven years in the colony. He personally never wrote to his mother with the news. But when the old widow in Belgium learned of her son's illness, she died of a broken heart. Father Damien lived five years with leprosy, continuing his priestly work, and died in 1889 at the age of forty-nine. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 after two medical miracles were attributed to his divine intervention.

Saint Damien of Moloka'i, intercede on behalf of all fathers to make them ever more generous in serving without reserve the families they head, making your life not only a source of inspiration, but also of emulation, to all who know of your heroic generosity. AMEN.

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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, especially Brother Mario.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Daily in one's prayer, with tears and sighs, to confess one's past sins to God.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION & RENEWAL DAY

Sunday 16 May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's **Monastery** on Sunday, 16 May.

Arrival from 10.00am, QR code in use, 10:30am start, Presentations, Introduction to Meditation, period of Meditation for ongoing meditators, BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments, Mass, conclusion at 3.00pm. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome.

Enquires Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas: atlomas@bigpond.com or 9653 2637.

Peace,
Fr Michael Kelly osb : mkelly@silvestrini.org



This Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day. This is an important day to remember the important role that our mother and mother-figures play in our lives. From aunts to grandmothers to friends to Godmothers, we all have many women in our lives that we can look up to.

Our Blessed Mother Mary has a special place in our Catholic faith. She is the Mother of God, yet still one of us. When Mary said "yes" to God, following that in our lives every day is so important. The importance of the role a mother plays in their child's life is shown by Mary, even if that child is the Son of God. Saying "yes" is the greatest choice we can make.

As this weekend we spend celebrating the mothers in our lives, please remember the special place that the Blessed Mother has in our faith. Mary can help us say "yes" to God's calling in our own lives.

***Wishing all Mothers a Blessed and
Happy Mothers' Day
May Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ
and our Mother, be a comfort to us all.
AMEN.***



WANTED



Could anyone help out with operating the PowerPoint on the TV screen at the 9am Sunday Mass? The PowerPoint will be already created (courtesy of Josephine Cali), so all that will be

required of the operator will be to:

- Be at church by 8.30 to set up the laptop (Parish laptop and instructions sheet provided)
- Check in with the musicians
- Sit beside the laptop and forward the slides at the appropriate moment (guide sheet provided)

Josephine has been doing this job ever since we first installed the screens. Thank you Josephine!! It is now time for other parish members to be on a roster (so you won't be needed every week).

Josephine has kindly offered to help with training and she will continue to create the weekly PowerPoint.

Please consider this request. Minimal basic IT skills required and a keenness to participate in this important ministry.

If you are interested, please contact the office on 9653 2312 or see Josephine after Mass.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign.

Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit www.aidtochurch.org/africa.

FRESH FLOWERS

Thank you for the volunteers bringing in the fresh flowers for our altar. If anyone can bring **fresh** flowers from their garden for the Church altar it would be greatly appreciated. God bless you!

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Roster is now available for pick up in the Sacristy. Please collect your copy.

NEEDED—ACOLYTES - for Saturday 7pm Mass.
Our Priests need YOUR help.

15/5/21 to 16/5/21 Ascension of the Lord Year B		
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Teresa Gambino	Mark Quirk
Reader2	Mary Cascun	Peter Bellew
Prayers	Maria Gambino	Rebecca Raad
TV		Cali Family
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Liz Wallace
Music		

Training will be provided. Please contact the office on 9653 2312 or see Father Bernard after Mass.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. They are available in the front of the church alphabetical order by surname. Thank you for your kind contribution.

PLAYGROUP

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, socialise and make new friends! We meet every Monday **during school terms** 10am to 12pm. No need to book just turn up.
Everyone welcome!

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

A very happy Mother's Day to all mothers this weekend!

I have a few people to thank this week. Firstly thanks to all those involved in the Children's Mass last weekend. It is lovely to be able to offer our young people an opportunity to be involved in the Mass.

Also thanks to those who were able to attend the Catechist meeting, and thanks to Bernadette, Paula and Lyla for providing lunch for us to share.

And finally a big thanks to Barbara Tannous for helping to fill in at Hillside last term and Arcadia this term. Wishing Barbara all the best with her prac!

This year celebrates 200 years of formal Catholic Education in Australia, as such there will be a celebration throughout Australia on Monday 24th May, on the Feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. Mass will be held in our parish at 9:30am, all are invited to attend.

Classroom Vacancies:

Arcadia PS Wednesdays 11:30am – 12:05pm – a class of 7 students in Years 3&4.

Helper for Glenorie PS Wednesdays 10:10am – 10:50am

If you love working with children, have the time available and are interested to know more, please talk to Fr Bernard or give me a call or send me an email. Training, support and a Teacher's Manual are provided.

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



PARISH STALL—Mother's Day gifts!

APOLOGIES THERE WILL NOT BE A MOTHER'S DAY STALL DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.

Thank you God bless you all!
Lila Bacha Ph: 96521113 or 0418360024.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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



**MAY CELEBRATION
IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY
TO INTERCEDE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD
AND
THE WELFARE OF AUSTRALIA
The World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocesan Committee)**



**INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
AT
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
(Main Altar)**

Saturday May 15th - 11.30am – 1.00pm

Our Spiritual Director - Fr. Peter Joseph

(Will be Principal Celebrant and preach the homily)

Mass will be preceded by

Entrance Procession (in the Cathedral) with the

Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

(with the Immaculate Heart)

Rosary, Litany of Loreto

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.

St Lucy's School – serving primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch a heart-warming 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;

Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;

Or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.

VOX POPULI - THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Month of May is the Month of the Blessed Mother Mary

By Sr Jennifer Canillas (an Augustinian Sister of Our Lady of Consolation)

"When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27)

One of the earliest memories of my childhood is of seeing my mother kneeling in front of her small altar with a beautiful statue of a lady. One night I asked her about the lady to whom she was praying and she patiently explained to me, "This is the Blessed Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, my mother and yours, too." I had heaps of questions for my mum and towards the end of our conversation she taught me how to pray the "Hail Mary." And every night afterwards I would join my mother in praying to Our Lady, her Mother and mine, too.

The month of May is devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary. In the Philippines, we have a tradition called "Flores de Mayo", wherein for the entire month of May the children of every parish gather every afternoon for a Catechism class where they learn about Mary and Jesus. They pray the Holy Rosary and offer a flower to the Blessed Mother. The parents and Catechists then serve afternoon tea to the children. They are being nourished physically, socially, and spiritually. Gradually, these children grow in their faith to God and their devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary for as the Scriptures says, "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."(Matthew 4:4)

"Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ... In this sense Mary, Mother of the Church, is also the Church's model. Indeed, as Pope Paul VI hopes and asks, the Church must draw "from the Virgin Mother of God the most authentic form of perfect imitation of Christ" (Redemptoris Mater, 47). She is indeed the perfect model for all generations. Through her, individuals who have gone astray from their faith are led to her Son, Jesus.

I admire the parish where I presently belong as after every Mass, the parishioners stay and pray the Holy Rosary. How wonderful it is to see parishioners spend a little more time to pray and offer intentions to Jesus and to Mary. Likewise, the role of my mum in my life has had a great impact when it comes to my faith journey and values.

Despite her being a working mum, she would always make sure that every Sunday we attended Holy Mass as a family. She taught me the difference between good and poor choices. She is my consoler, my adviser, my helper, my supporter, my first teacher, my first Catechist. With her I learned to pray. And, this is where I developed and found my vocation that led me to religious life and to join the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation. Our Lady of Consolation is one of the Augustinian Marian titles, which we celebrate every 4 September.

This Mother's Day, I express my gratefulness to my mum for she chose "life" for me. I give honour to my Blessed Mother Mary for she chose "life" too for the Word to be fleshed and to dwell among us. Our Church is blessed to have a Mother who protects her children.

I remember a priest friend who told me jokingly, "If Jesus won't listen to your prayer go to Mary, surely He will listen to His mum."

ST JOSEPH

Guardian of the Redeemer and Patron of the Catholic Church Year of St. Joseph and the Family (2020-2021)

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a special Year of St. Joseph to run through December 8, 2021. This marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX. Pope Francis began the year with a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart).

The Holy Father reflected that Covid-19 "has helped us see more clearly the importance of ordinary people who, though far from the limelight exercise patience and offer hope every day". St. Joseph is the epitome of the quiet, ordinary person moving behind the scenes - and yet he shapes all of human history with his quiet guidance, protection, holiness, and acceptance of God's will.

The Holy Father's Prayer to St. Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*





NATIONAL MASS

TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

MONDAY 24TH MAY

9.30AM

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION

AT

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH ARCADIA



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY

THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work
With governments to regulate the financial sphere and
Protect citizens from its dangers.

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.

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10.30am to 2.30pm

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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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