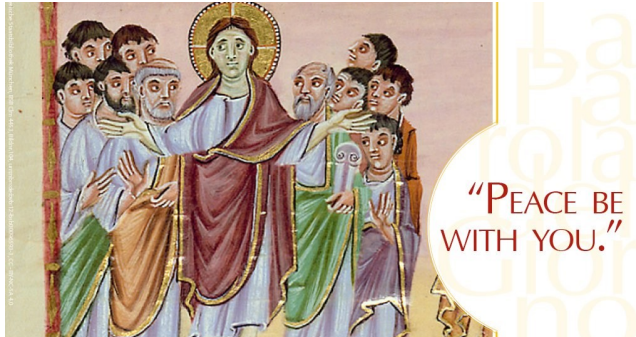


St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

13 & 14 APRIL 2024

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturdays 10:00am to 11:00am
Adoration & Confession (Reconciliation)



MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

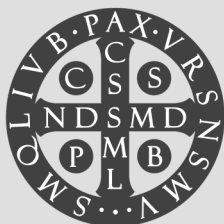
Sundays 7:00am

Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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.

SELF REFLECTION: UNITY

Sundays' Gospel, Luke 24:35-48, Jesus appears to his disciples. In our relationship with Jesus, we too are tempted to think of him as a ghost. But, as he tells the disciples, he has flesh and blood as we do. He knows of what we are made. He shares everything we experience and offers us a share in everything he experiences, including his resurrection. His resurrection breaks down all barriers, removes all divisions - within us, between us and others, between us and God.

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- *Who do I need to be reconciled with?*
- *Am I a source of unity or division for others?*
- *Do others encounter the power of his resurrection through me?*

STRONGER
together

Lord,

I know your Resurrection removes the wall between you and me. Help me to reconcile with those I need to. Help to remove barriers between others and myself. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

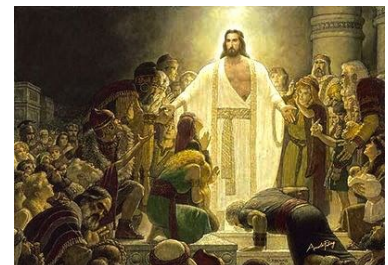
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, April 14
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48

He opened their minds. (Luke 24:45)

What a traumatic three days the disciples had just been through—from the Last Supper through Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' arrest, and Peter's denial, all the way up to Jesus' crucifixion! Everything they had staked their lives on had fallen to pieces—and they themselves had failed Jesus completely.

So it's no wonder that Jesus' first words when he appeared to the disciples were "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). How they needed that peace! Then, just as he had done for the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he "opened their minds" to help them make sense of all they had just been through (24:45). Walking them through the Scriptures, he showed them how his death had been part of God's plan all along. He helped them see that it was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of all their hopes, but the beginning of a glorious new future.

Have you ever felt the way the disciples did? Maybe you're in the midst of a painful situation right now that has you feeling confused, betrayed, or lost. Maybe a traumatic experience in the past still haunts you. Or maybe the guilt of some past sin continues to weigh you down.

Whatever your situation, Jesus longs to do for you what he did for his disciples. He longs to open your mind to his mercy so that you can be set free from guilt or shame. He longs to reveal his love so that you can see your past—especially the painful parts—through his eyes of love and compassion. He longs to give you new insight into his wisdom so that you can look to your future with hope and trust.

Quiet your heart today so that you can hear Jesus speak to you. Let him "open your mind" and show you how he looks at you. Let him give you his peace.

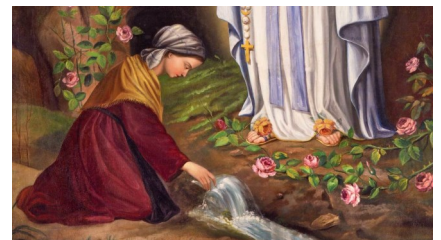
"Jesus, help me to see with your eyes, to hear with your ears, and to love with your heart."

Source: Word Among Us India

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

APRIL

- Monday 15 Readings: Acts 6:8-15. Jn 6:22-29.
R: Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord.
- Tuesday 16 Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1. Jn 6:30-35.
R: Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.
- Wednesday 17 Readings: Acts 8:1-8. Jn 6:35-40.
R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
- Thursday 18 Readings: Acts 8:26-40. Jn 6:44-51.
R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
- Friday 19 Readings: Acts 9:1-20. Jn 6:52-59.
R: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.
- Saturday 20 Readings: Acts 9:31-42. Jn 6:60-69.
R: What return can I make to the Lord for all that he gives to me?.



Pray for us, St Bernadette, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins.

Source: Ordo 2024



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024

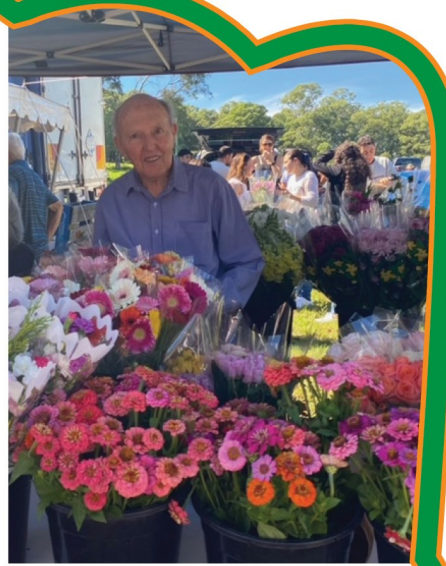
For the role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



ST BENEDICT'S





COUNTRY FETE '24



ST BENEDICT'S COUNTRY FETE

Wow what a day! It was fantastic to see that despite the muddy ground, people still enjoyed themselves and had a great time exploring the stalls. It's a testament to the resilience and spirit of our community. The perfect sunny day must have added to the positive atmosphere and made the event even more enjoyable for everyone involved. Events like these bring people together and create lasting memories. We are truly blessed! Here's to many more successful events in the future!

A big thank you to the organisers and helpers who played a crucial role in making the fete happen:
(in alphabetical order - apologies if we have missed anyone)

Amal Chahine and family
Andrew Sakkal and family
Andrea Winberg
Ann Gauci
Arcadia Fire Brigade
Bernadette Watt
Camilleri families
Charbel Raish and family
Daniel & Mandah Vella
Danny Kazzi and family
Dave Lister
David Camilleri and Family
Dominic Herring
Eddie & Delel Tooma and family
Eric Cooper
Fr Bernard McGrath
Gaitau family
Gebran Azzi and family
Glenice Lui
Guido and Angela Scotti
Jason Sakkal and family
Jessie Guiana
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Judy Horton
Kathy Raish
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Leonie Miller
Lila Bacha and family
Martine and Stephanie Musumeci
Mary Abood
Mary and Carol Muscat
Mary Macri
Melanie Hume
Mirko Jutrisa & Family
Nerida Woodbury and family
Nigel Morgan
Pam and Ray Galbraith
Patrick Sakkal and family
Paul and Mary Camilleri
Paul El-Chaar & Family
Paul Khoudeir
Peter Goodwin
Phil & Lorraine Dailey and family
Phillip Sakkal and family
Ramza Saliba and family
Robin Barbara and Caitlin
Rosie Sakkal for the prayers!
Sakkal families
Scott Kazzi and family
Sharon O'Connor and family
Silvana and Michael Calvi
Sister Wendy
Sophie Rebula
Tania Tassone
Teresa Gambino
Theresa Neely
Tom and Marinka Marinov

Thank you!

**THANK YOU TO FOLLOWING DONORS
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Tall ship Brunch Cruise with drinks
The Baytree Ardency (Hair & Beauty)
The cottage café
The Wiggles
Walker Meats Galston
Wildpear Café

VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK!

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE
YOUTH & CHILDREN
WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED
IN THE FETE
BY SETTING UP, PACKING UP,
HELPING US IN EVERY WAY.
YOU ARE OUR FUTURE GENERATION! WE
ARE GRATEFUL AND PROUD OF ALL THE
EFFORT YOU PUT IN TO IT.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

FETE PRIZE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

RAFFLE:

1st Prize: Matthew Wall
Crowne Plaza Terigal 2 nights

2nd Prize: David Lister
Dyson V15 Detect Absolute

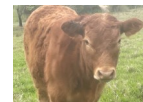
3rd Prize: Jordan Sakkal
Man Suit valued at \$600 from Hornsby Tailor

4th Prize: Monika Oberlechner (Leonardo)
Dyson Pure Cool TP00

5th Prize: Monika Mulder
Dyson Supersonic Origin Hair Dryer

6th Prize: George Torbey
Two tickets for a Tall Ship Brunch Cruise 2 hours

7th Prize: Rose Granata
\$200 Bunnings Gift Card



CALF:

Peter Chahine

FETE TOTAL NET INCOME

It's touching to commemorate the individuals who contributed significantly to our past Fete, such as **Charlie & Carmen Camilleri and Lyla Abood**. May their souls rest in peace, and may their memories continue to inspire and uplift those who were touched by their kindness and generosity. Also Gaston and Margaret Florian, and others who have retired. Their dedication and contributions have left a lasting impact on our community.

And congratulations on the successful outcome of our Fete! A net income of **\$48,585.85** is indeed a significant achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved. Thank you for the efforts of everyone who contributed to this success.



Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

20/4/2024 TO 21/4/2024
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

	Saturday 7.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader1	Maria G	Peter G	Matt W
Reader2	Mary C	Kath M	Gabrielle W
Prayers	Miriam B	Ann L	Peter B
TV		Jules O	Seb W
Music		Noelle T	Melanie H
Music		John T	Don R
Music		Karina	Christian R
Music			
Morning Tea		Mary A	
 FLOWERS	Gabe W		

PARISH E-BULLETIN

The parish is looking to make the parish bulletin available electronically. The print version will still remain.

If you are interested in receiving the parish bulletin via email, please provide your email address to the parish office via:

arcadia.parish@bbcatholic.org.au

Please note, the bulletin is always available every week on the parish website as well as Facebook.

CRAFT GROUP

The quilting group will meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.30am in the parish meeting room. Everyone welcome!

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every
Wednesday morning: after 9.30am Mass.
Everyone welcome.
Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!
For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.
Everyone welcome.
For more details call
Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.



Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it!
If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office.

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 Shansana 0437 884 233 - Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882 - Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

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