

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 & 23 January 2022

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY



O God,
powerful and gentle,

you love this southern land

and all its peoples, old and new.

As the Cross shines in our heavens
so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.

Amen.

GOD'S HEALING HAND

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.

We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. **Amen.**

First Reading**Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.****Second Reading****1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 (JB)**

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

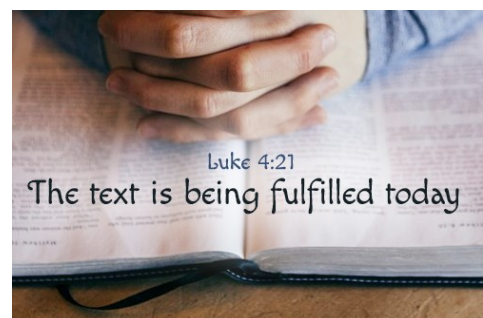
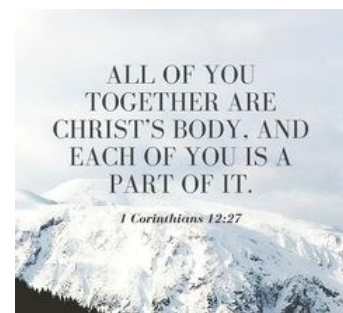
Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Nehemiah 8:1-6, 8-10 Psalm 19:8-10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. (1 Corinthians 12:15)

When we read St. Paul's words here about the body of Christ, we often think of the Church as a whole. We think of a beautiful, complex ensemble made of many different parts.

At the same time, though, you might feel that you're an insignificant part—a foot rather than a hand, as St. Paul would say (1 Corinthians 12:15). So many people seem to be more vital to the functioning of the body of Christ than yourself. There's the mom of six kids, on the parish council, who has a son in seminary. Or the successful businessman who generously gave thousands of dollars to fix the church's bell tower. Or the widow who leads a Bible study and never misses daily Mass. Or the popular preacher who has a million followers on YouTube. Are you really as important as these members?

Absolutely yes! Remember, "God placed the parts, *each one of them*, in the body as he intended" (1 Corinthians 15:18, emphasis added). Each member is essential to the proper functioning of the whole body. That includes you. He intended you to be an important part of his body.

How can you be sure? Jesus called you and made you part of his body through Baptism. He knows why he called you—and it's not so that you would be exactly like someone else. He loves you in a way that he loves no one else. That means you are just as dear to his heart as the people who might look like superstars to you.

So, try seeing the body of Christ—and yourself—the way God does. Each person has a role to play, and if everyone were the same, the Church wouldn't be all that God wants it to be. God made you exactly as you are to help make his body, the Church, whole.

"Thank you, Lord, that even I am an essential member of your body!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Daily Gospel Reflection pg.40)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	January 24, 2022:	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Tuesday	January 25, 2022:	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Wednesday	January 26, 2022:	Australia Day
Thursday	January 27, 2022:	St Angela Merici, virgin Sts Timothy and Titus
Friday	January 28, 2022:	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

Saint Angela Merici, virgin

c. 1474-1540

Feast Day: January 27

Patron Saint of disabled and physically challenged people and illnesses
A holy woman tries to change the world one girl at a time



Living in the first part of the 16th century, St. Angela was far ahead of her time. Teaching orders of nuns became normative in the Church throughout the centuries, staffing Catholic schools throughout the world. But nuns did not always do this. It had to start with someone, and that someone was today's saint. Bonds of faith, love of God, and a common purpose knitted her followers together into a religious family that served the spiritual and physical welfare of those who no one else cared about. Women make homes. Men just live in them. Saint Angela sought to change society one woman at a time by infusing every home with Christian virtue emanating from the heart of the woman who ran it. She trained future wives, mothers, and educators in their youth, when they were still able to be formed.

The Papal Bull of Pope Paul III in 1544 which recognized her community stated of St. Angela Merici: "She had such a thirst and hunger for the salvation and good of her neighbor that she was disposed and most ready to give not one, but a thousand lives, if she had had so many, for the salvation even of the least... with maternal love, she embraced all creatures... Her words... were spoken with such unheard of effectiveness that everyone felt compelled to say: 'Here is God.'"

St. Angela Merici, infuse in our hearts that same love for which you left worldly joys to seek out the vulnerable and the forgotten. Help us to educate the ignorant and to share with the less fortunate, not only for their spiritual and material benefit but for our everlasting salvation. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

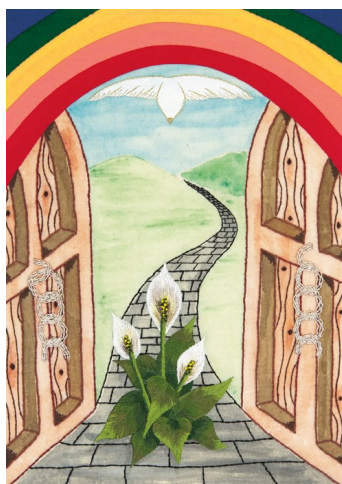
Please join us for World Day of Prayer on **Friday 4th of March 2022 10am** at St Benedict's Parish Arcadia.

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.'

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.

Office Hours: **FRIDAYS ONLY DURING JANUARY**

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

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