

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



To listen gladly to Holy reading.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

Church Attendance:
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.



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

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

17th & 18th April 2021

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.

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.*

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.*

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.*

Communion Antiphon

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day
rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

Gospel reading for this Week**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.

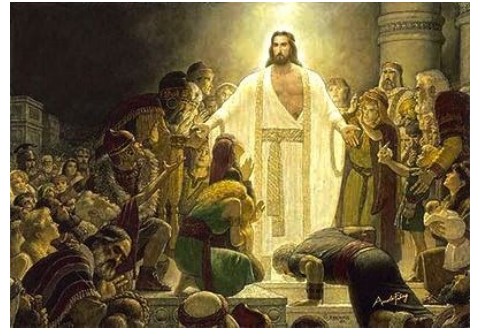
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

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.**

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION****Luke 24:35-48 (JB)**

"All of you are witnesses to everything that has happened." As witnesses, the early disciples were charged to tell others what they saw. Not only did Jesus command them, the Spirit impelled them to preach to all nations as the Father desired. Hence the missionary activity of the early disciples, as it is now in the Church, stemmed from the activity of the Trinity. As Father, Son, and Spirit are now working in the world, they desire that we, the Church, lead all people into union with the Godhead.

As the commentary above implied, we are called to share what we have seen, heard, and touched with others. We, like the early Christians, are to witness to God activity in his creation and among his people. Witness involves speaking the truth in love. Telling others God's truth about faith in Christ. Extending God's love (that we enjoy) to others. The cost of this endeavor is high for it leads to the cross. The reward is that much greater, for it leads to the resurrection.

How has your Christian experience change you? How have you had to change in the face of Christian witness?

Over the past two weeks, the Sunday gospels have recalled the confusion and fear caused by the Resurrection. They have also echoed Jesus' greeting of Shalom that soothed the emotions of the early followers. This Sunday added a new element to the disciples' vision experience: a context for understanding. This context would sustain the changes the Church would undergo in its first few generations of believers.

We, like most Christians, are tempted to take the context for granted. The Good News might become the old news. To shake off this inclination, let us place ourselves in the company of those who first heard the words of the two from Emmaus. Better yet, let us place ourselves in the company of those who evangelize others by word and deed. Let us walk with those who serve the poor and needy in the name of Christ. Let us walk with those who serve the children or those outsiders who seek Christ. In the mere process of being witness, the context comes alive. For Christ walks with us when we serve others.

Alleluia! Jesus truly is risen! Alleluia!

Reflect over your experience of the past Easter. If it hasn't sustained you, plan to seek out others who will help you rekindle the Easter fire. Spend some time with those friends. Listen to their Easter stories and their Christian passion. If your experience has sustained you, seek out others you can encourage and enlighten.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint George, Martyr

c. Late Third Century

Feast Day: April 23



Patron Saint of England, the nation of Georgia and scouting

Widely venerated, but historically elusive, his legacy is massive

Saint George suffered martyrdom in Palestine before the reign of Constantine. And that is all that can be said with certainty about Saint George. Yet where the documentary record is lacking, other traditions suffice. No one, after all, can document why we blow out candles on a birthday cake, where this nearly universal custom originated, or in what century it even began. Someone, somewhere, for some reason, thought it was a lovely thing to do, and started doing it, otherwise it would not be done today. But questions of where, when, and why fade when friends and family gather around their loved one in the dark, the simple joy on their faces captured in the flickering of the candlelight. Knowing the origin of a tradition matters, since it may reveal unappreciated depths to a common practice. But that a healthy tradition continues is more significant than knowing, or explaining, where it came from. Few Christians can explain the hypostatic union, but everyone loves to unwrap a gift on Christmas morning. No one can determine where and when Saint Valentine lived and died, but our lips broaden into a smile when we open a card on Saint Valentine's Day. A good tradition conveys meaning implicitly whether its origin is obscure or not.

If traditions age like wine, then the traditions surrounding Saint George are of the rarest vintage. Devotion to Saint George is so ancient, so deeply rooted, and so cross cultural that to argue that it rose like a chimera from the hot desert sands would be ridiculous. In the remote valleys of the Judean Desert east of Jerusalem, clinging to the copper-colored cliffs shooting straight up from a wadi, is an ancient monastery named Saint George. It was founded in the fifth century. And amid the stately Roman ruins of Jerash, in Jordan, are the remaining stone walls and mosaic floors of the Church of Saint George, built around 530 A.D. Official devotion to Saint George manifests itself, then, in some of the oldest Christian structures in the Holy Land.

The murky origins of these early buildings merged with written traditions from centuries after George's death until, over time, Saint George was known as a chivalrous knight who died for his faith under the Emperor Diocletian. The lore of a mounted warrior for Christ was immensely appealing to the Crusaders who populated the Holy Land in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. They transported the hagiography of Saint George back to Europe with them. Oral tradition and popular custom then did its slow work until the ancient Palestinian devotion to Saint George was revived in a new age for new people in new lands. From the Byzantine east to the Latin west, from the Mediterranean south to the Saxon north, few saints became as popular as Saint George. He was named the patron of an enormous number of castles, kingdoms, churches, abbeys, cities, and orders, and even of England itself, where his dragon-slaying exploits still resonate in that country's national mythology.

Traditions hold that Saint George was among the many soldier-martyrs of early Christianity who, instead of dying to protect the Emperor, were killed on the Emperor's orders for refusing to deny Christ. A loyal soldier obeys his master and is prepared to offer his life for a higher good. Roman soldiers were naturally prepared to die for the faith, and many did, killed by their fellows perhaps with some regret. Though the legends swirling around Saint George cannot be verified, they have been accepted by the faithful of many nations for many centuries. Acceptance of traditions is a cultural sieve straining chunks of absurdity from the liquid truth. Saint George has passed through that filter all the stronger. He died for the faith when many of his contemporaries did not—and only the greatest of men did that.

Saint George, you were a loyal soldier and humble Christian who gave your life for Christ. Inspire us to have your same loyalty, your same courage, and your same nobility to die for a mighty cause, whether all at once or bit by bit over time. 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, especially Camila Machado.

We pray for the sick of our Parish.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

In the first place, to love the Lord God with all one's heart, all one's soul, and all one's strength.

Then, one's neighbour as oneself.

APPEAL FOR TIMOR LESTE FLOOD VICTIMS

Under water, Dili devastated

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an appeal for victims of this week's devastating floods in Timor Leste, Australia's closest neighbour and the poorest country in South East Asia.

Intense rain and storms sent surging torrents of rain through towns and villages turning the streets of Dili into canals. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and deaths now exceed 100. Support is urgently needed as the schools are converted to evacuation centres.

Dili's population of more than 220,000 is currently in lockdown to tackle the nations rising COVID transmission. Catering for the victims in the aftermath of the floods presents new challenges in addition to the existing health crisis.

Don Bosco Training Centre Comoro is a major relief centre providing shelter and food for those who have lost their homes and possessions. The gymnasium and classrooms are being used for emergency accommodation by more than 3000 displaced persons.

Tina Newton (Director of Salesian Missions) said there is an urgent need for food, clean water and medicine.

Donations can be sent to:
Salesian Missions Australia
P O Box 264
ASCOT VALE Vic 3032

Made via:
Website : www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au
Givenow: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste>

Phone : 03 9377 6060

Email : salmiss@salesians.org.au

Donations are tax deductible.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers for making time to clean our beautiful church.

If you can spare an hour every month to help clean taking turns please join the awesome team of volunteers! How beautiful it is to work for the Lord Himself!

If you are interested in helping out please call the office on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays), or simply grab a broom!

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH



O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death.

Amen.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live.

Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Could you help support a religious sister?

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

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!

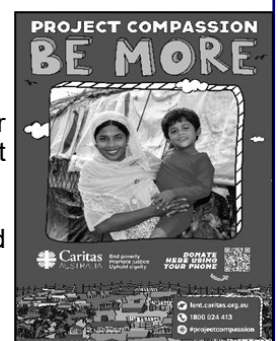
PROJECT COMPASSION



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

If you can all bring back your Project Compassion boxes that would be greatly appreciated.

God bless you all for your kind donations.



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. Training will be provided.

If you are interested to be added to the Reading Ministries please contact the office on 9653 2312 or see Father Bernard after Mass.

24/4/21 to 25/4/21

4th Sunday of Easter Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Margaret Bensley	Helen Facione
Reader2	Miriam Brown	Melanie Hume
Prayers	Maria Gambino	Nigel Morgan
TV		Cali Family
Music		Mark Quirk
Music		Theresa Neely
Music		Teresa Gambino

PLAYGROUP

Every Monday 10am to 12pm.

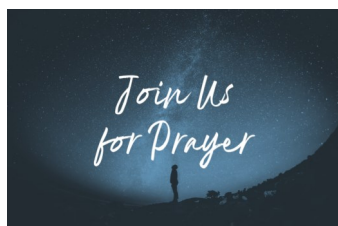
This is a gathering for parents and carers with children under school age. It's perfect for children to learn and develop through play and interaction with others. It's also great for parents and carers to chat, socialise and make new friends! We meet every Monday **during school terms** 10am to 12pm. 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

Term 2 starts this week with SRE (Scripture) classes resuming. Please keep our Catechists and the students that they teach in your prayers.

Catechist Vacancies:

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

Hillside PS Fridays 8:50am-9:45am

If you are available and 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

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A former parishioner, Tony Ephraums, would like to return from Brisbane to Sydney to our parish. He is looking for temporary accommodation in the area for rental. If you can help him out please call 0406 690 377.

Thank you,
Father David

COINS WANTED

If anyone has any old 1 cent and 2 cent coins they want to get rid of in exchange for notes please contact Father David on 0400 371 260.

FATHER BERNARD ON LEAVE

Father Bernard will be on leave from the 4th of April until the 30th of April 2021.

Father Hilarion will be the administrator of the Parish in Father Bernard's absence.

PARISH SWEET STALL

Thank you for all your support and donations for our parish stall.

The next Parish Sweet Stall will be held on the Anzac weekend. We will be selling Anzac biscuits only.



For any queries or donations please call Lila Bacha on 96521113 or 0418360024.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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



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 the website: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **1-2 May, 7-8 Aug, 13-14 Nov 2021; 19-20 Feb 2022**

DIVINE RENOVATION WEBINAR: INCREASING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR PARISH



Join in this Australian conversation on increasing the experience of the Holy Spirit in parishes to allow the power of the Spirit to animate our lives and impact our ministries.

Presented by Deacon Peter Pellicaan, Executive Director Evangelisation Brisbane, and Kevin Bailey AM, Regional Coordinator Divine Renovation Australasia.

Wednesday 21 April 2021, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Register at <https://divinerenovation.org/australasia>

BOOKS FOR PRISONERS NEEDED

I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Mt. 25:36)



I'm collecting books for Prisons in NSW. If you have unwanted books, and would like to donate, please pack them in a box, leave it by the kitchen in the parish and I will come and collect it. Please no Hardcover, or text books. Fiction and Lifestyle are preferred.

There are approximately 130 references to *Prison, Prisoner, Imprisonment* in the Bible. Jesus and some of the Apostles were in prison. It would be good if we can help today's prisoners.

DONATING MEN'S CLOTHING FOR SEAFARERS

I delivered the clothes this morning to Sr Mary Leahy from Stella Maris Apostleship of Seafarers. She is blown away by the generosity and good hearts of the community, and asks me to pass on *"Many Thanks to St Benedicts Parish at Arcadia, what wonderful people they are!"*.

Here is a photo of Sr Mary's car being loaded with the bags:

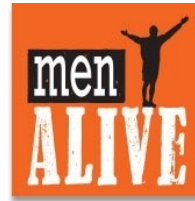
Stella Maris Seafarers, a Catholic organisation helping seafarers, would appreciate any donations of second hand men's clothing, as well as any personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste etc.

Please leave the items in the meeting room near the kitchen and they will be picked up weekly and taken to Sr Mary Leahy and I can tell you she will be most excited. Many Thanks for your kind Generosity.

(Sr Mary boards every ship that pulls into Botany Bay and checks on the welfare of the sailors, she is also a trained nurse and if she sees sick, injured or suspects abuse etc she is onto it.)

Cheers,





God is glorified when men are fully alive. St. Ignace

menALive

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU FELT FULLY ALIVE?

Sacred Heart Pymble Parish is running a **menALive weekend** on **1 and 2 May 2021** which all men over the age of 18 are warmly invited to attend.

Details:

Location: Sacred Heart Pymble Parish School Hall
2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble

Date: Saturday 1 May 2021 8.00am to 9.00pm
Sunday 2 May 2021 8.30am to 1.30pm

Cost: \$50 per person (concessions available)
Includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner on Saturday

RSVP date: 25 April, 2021

Buy tickets / register online:

www.eventbrite.com.au and search for 'MenAlive Pymble'

OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/menalive-pymble-tickets-91898289257>

Enquiries: Chris Greedy (m) 0401 384 785
Greg Curtis (m) 0457 521 496
Roman Pazniewski (m) 0414 497 558
Or email: menalive.pymble@gmail.com

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. The purpose of menALive is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

See website for more information: www.menalive.org.au

YOUTH - CYBB



**HOW TO DATE
WITH PASSION
AND PURPOSE**

6 WEEK COURSE · ST MARY'S, NSW

6:30PM - 9:30PM
TUE 13TH APR - TUE 17TH MAY
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST MARY'S 2760

Everyone needs a little TLC, but we also need a little TOB. Join Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries on a 6 week course on things every Catholic needs to know before their first date. For more information you can visit the [Fire Up Website](#).

When: Tuesday evenings,
13th April - 17th May, from 6:30 - 9:30pm

Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
St. Mary's 2760

RSVP: to [Fire Up Ministries](#)



A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time helping organise Easter at our Parish as well as volunteering during the rest of the year. You share your time without any compensation. We appreciate everything you do. There are too many names to mention here but you know who you are.

Our parish would not be able to fulfill its mission without the generosity of volunteers like you. You are such an important part of our parish and we pray you know that. Thank you so much for your dedication and hard work.

If you would like to help volunteer with anything in our parish, we would really appreciate it. Please contact the office on 9653 2312.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for
fundamental rights under dictatorships,
authoritarian regimes and
even in democracies in crisis.

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.

**Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays:
10.30am to 2.30pm**

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
Safeguarding Children matters
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Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

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Monastery: 9653 1159

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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