

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:

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Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

Third Sunday of LENT

19 & 20 March 2022

Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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.**

THE SORROWFUL WAY OF THE CROSS

Preparatory Prayer

O Jesus, my adorable Saviour, I seek Your forgiveness and mercy for myself and for my loved ones, for those hardened by sin, and all the faithful departed.

Wash away my sins those of the whole world through the infinite merits of Your Passion.

Give me the grace to enter more deeply into the mystery of Your Cross, so that sharing in Your suffering and death, I may experience a deep sorrow for my sins and be ready to embrace willingly, even with joy, all the sufferings and humiliations of this life and pilgrimage.



First Reading**Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 (Year C) (JB)**

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. The Lord is kind and merciful.****Second Reading****1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (Year C) (JB)**

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL**Luke 13:1-9 (Year C) (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, March 20 2022

Luke 13:1-9

Friends, today's Gospel includes the parable of a fig tree that bears no fruit.

This is a standard trope in the theological literature of Israel: the tree that bears no fruit is evocative of the moral person who bears no spiritual fruit. Every single person has a mission: to be a conduit of the divine grace into the world. Planted in God—think of Jesus' image of the vine and the branches—they are meant to bring forth the fruits of love, peace, compassion, justice, and nonviolence.

And notice that this should be effortless. The closer God gets, the more alive we become. But the mystery of sin is that we resist the invasion of God; we prefer to go our own way; we cling to our own prerogatives and our own narrow freedom. And the result is lifelessness. It feels like depression, like your life is going nowhere—in Dante's language, like being "lost in a dark wood."

In Jesus' parable, the one caring for the tree begs the owner for one more chance to "cultivate the ground around [the tree] and fertilize it," hoping to bring it back to life. But if no life comes, the tree will be cut down. This is the note of urgency that is struck over and over again in the Bible. We can run out of time. We can become so resistant to God's grace that our leaves dry up. This is not divine vengeance; it is spiritual physics.

So don't be afraid of God! Surrender to him.

REFLECT: *What does the lesson of the barren fig tree teach us about what is important in God's mind? Why is being morally upright not enough?*

(Source: BP ROBERT BARRON, LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTION PG. 56)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday March 23, 2022: St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Source: Ordo 2022



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4
To deny oneself, in order to follow Christ.

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

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BSB: 062 784

Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

As we are slowly becoming a cashless society we would like to remind you that we have a Tap N Go facility available. All you have to do is wave your credit or debit card on the scanner which are located close by to both entry doors. You are also welcome to create an automatic debit to help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

DISABILITY & NDIS SUPPORTS



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CATHOLICCARE'S COUNSELLING SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

CatholicCare, our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit. **We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages.**

At the heart of your journey with us, you and your best interests are the focus. We walk alongside you, providing a genuine and non-judgmental space. You can be assured our counsellors will meet you where you are at, go at your pace and we will not jump to conclusions. You can expect to receive kindness, empathy and compassion.

Accessing our counselling services is very simple. Simply call 1800 324 924 or

visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

We have Family Centres in Artarmon, Brookvale, Tuggerah and Waitara, and offer sessions in-person and online.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GREG LUCAS

There will be a memorial service held for Greg Lucas



on **Saturday 26th of March 2022**

10.30am

At the MONASTERY

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

CHRISM MASS 2022

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

If you are interested in attending please contact the office.



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, Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha's mum)*

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Greg Lucas.



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

26/3/2022 to 27/3/2022

3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Margaret Bensley	Kath Moran
Reader2	Mary Cascun	Peter Goodwin
Prayers	Ann Lomas	Judy Horton
TV		Tyrone El-Chaar
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Theresa Neely
Music		Michael Greenwell

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia.

Through your generosity you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

FIRST RECONCILIATION

For the children who have made their Confirmation last year, or Confirmed at Baptism and **enrolled**, classes have commenced on Monday 7th March 2022.

Classes are Monday 7th March 2022
until 28th March 2022 (Every Monday 4.15pm to 5.15pm)



First Reconciliation date on:
Saturday 2nd April - 10am

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

Ongoing free training for Catechists continues next Monday from 10am to 12:30pm via Zoom. This week's session, Monday 21st March is Classroom Management. The following week, Monday 28th March will be Introduction to the Bible. Please register via email on registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

If you are able to be available on Wednesday or Friday mornings and would like to be involved in this wonderful ministry please contact Fr Hilarion or myself.

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

PIETY STALL

We are holding the Piety stall on all Masses this weekend and next weekend, including:

Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night, Sunday Morning and Sunday afternoon (Latin Mass). Also Sunday 7am at Monastery Chapel.

All profits will go to the parish.

We will have puzzles, blankets, night lights, statues, prayer books, prayer cards, Rosaries etc. Please support our parish!

For any further information please call Lila Bacha on 0418 360 024.



LENTEN GROUP

Lenten Prayer Group are held at Benigna Cascun's home. The group leader will be Gebran Azzi.



Location: 726A Old Northern Rd
Dural 2158

Day/Time: Commencing Wednesday 9th March, 7:00pm

Contact: Benigna (phone or text) 0450 311 951

Everyone welcome.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.
For more details call Angela Egiziano.
Ph: 9653 2312.



CATHOLIC YOUTH BROKEN BAY



6 WEEK COURSE

HOW TO DATE WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE

Wednesday March 23rd to April 27th 2022

6.30 - 9.30pm

Cost: \$60

Enquiries: rachel.vala@bbcatholic.org.au

Fire Up Ministries bringing *The Dating Course* to Broken Bay

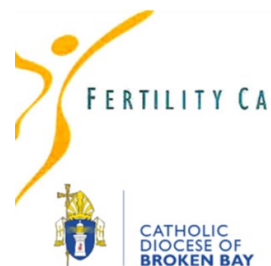
The Dating with Passion and Purpose course is coming to Broken Bay. Simon Carrington – Catholic marriage and dating speaker – begins week 1 of this 6-week course on 23 March in Pennant Hills.

These sessions for 18-35s can be life-changing so don't miss out! Registrations essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/867438>

SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH KATIE

FERTILITY CARE



There's still time to register!

'Saturday Sessions with Katie' is an opportunity for anyone curious about the FertilityCare System to find out more. Presented by Zoom these sessions are a convenient way for people to gain an understanding of their fertility all from the comfort of their home. Presented First session is on **Saturday 26th March at 10.30am.**

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



Saturday Sessions with Katie!

Fertility Awareness Education

- Identify and treat infertility with our doctors trained in restorative reproductive medicine
- Family plan with 99.5% effectiveness
- Relax & know the state of your fertility with precision

2022 Planner

Session time: 11:30am (Online)

Bookings are essential: Bookings provided

RSVP

Katie Fullilove
Fertilitycare Practitioner

RSVP:
katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au

26 March
28 May
30 July
24 Sep
26 Nov

FERTILITY CARE

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Feast Day: March 23

C. 1538—1606



Patron Saint of Latin American Bishops and native people's rights

A late vocation, he made up for lost time through ceaseless apostolic labors

Today's saint was the second Archbishop of the second most important city in Spain's Latin American empire in the 1500s. Lima, Peru, stood only behind Mexico City in importance to the Spanish Crown during the pinnacle of its colonial ambitions. So when Lima's first Archbishop died in 1575, the King of Spain, not the Pope, searched for a suitable candidate to send over sea and land to replace him. The King found his man close at hand, and he was more than suitable to the task. Turibius of Mogrovejo was a learned scholar of the law who held teaching and other posts in Spain's complex of Church and civil courts. Yet for all his learning, piety, faith, and energy, there was one huge obstacle to him being a bishop. Turibius was not a priest. He was not even a deacon. He was a very good, albeit unmarried, layman. The arrangement for centuries between Spain and the Holy See was that the Spanish Crown chose bishops while the Pope approved, or rejected, them. So after the Pope approved the appointment, over the candidate's fierce objections, Turibius received the four minor orders on four successive weeks, was ordained a deacon and then ordained a priest. He said his first Mass when he was over forty years old. About two years later, Turibius was consecrated as the new archbishop, and then sailed the ocean blue, arriving in Lima in May 1581.

Archbishop Turibius was extraordinarily dedicated to his episcopal responsibilities. He exhausted himself on years-long visits to the parishes of his vast territory, which included present day Peru and beyond. He acquainted himself with the priests and people under his care. He convoked synods (large Church meetings) to standardize sacramental, pastoral, and liturgical practice. He produced an important trilingual catechism in Spanish and two native dialects, learned to preach in these indigenous dialects himself, and encouraged his priests to be able to hear confessions and preach in them as well. Archbishop Turibius' life also providentially intersected with the lives of other saints active in Peru at the same time, including Martin de Porres, Francisco Solano, and Isabel Flores de Oliva, to whom Turibius gave the name Rose when he confirmed her. She was later canonized as Saint Rose of Lima, the first saint born in the New World. Saints know saints.

Archbishop Turibius was a fine example of a counter-reformation bishop, except that he did not serve in a counter-reformation place. That is, Peru was not split by the Catholic versus Protestant theological divisions wreaking such havoc in the Europe of that era. Saint Turibius implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, not to combat heretics, but to simply make the Church healthier and holier, Protestants or no Protestants. From this perspective, the reforms of Trent were not a cure but an antidote. If Turibius' energy and holiness were motivated by any one thing besides evangelical fervor, it was his desire to make the Spanish colonists of Peru recover the integrity of their own baptisms. The indigenous population needed authentic examples of Christian living to respect and emulate, and few Spanish colonialists provided such models of right living. Saint Turibius' greatest enemy, then, was simply original sin, which returns to the battlefield every time a baby is born.

After exhausting himself through total dedication to his responsibilities, Saint Turibius fell ill on the road and died at age sixty-seven in a small town far from home. His twenty-four years as Archbishop were a trial of strength. He had baptized and confirmed half a million souls, had trekked thousands of miles on narrow paths made for goats, had never neglected to say Mass, and did not accept any gifts in return for what he gave. Turibius was canonized in 1726 and named the Patron Saint of Latin American Bishops by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1983. Perhaps his unforeseen ordination explains his sustained fervor and drive. What came late was valued for having come at all. He bloomed late and bloomed beautifully, becoming the Spanish equivalent of his great contemporary, the Italian Saint Charles Borromeo.

If a visitor searches for the tomb of the saintly Archbishop in the Cathedral of Lima today, he will not find it. There are only fragments of bones in a reliquary. His reputation for holiness was immediate and his relics were distributed far and wide after his death. He is in death as widely shared as he was in life, all the faithful wanting just a piece of the great man. In January 2018, Pope Francis prayed before the relics of Saint Turibius in Lima and invoked his memory in a talk to Peru's bishops. Saint Turibius did not, Pope Francis said, shepherd his diocese from behind a desk, but was a "a bishop with shoes worn out by walking, by constant travel, by setting out to preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, and fear."

Saint Turibius, we invoke your intercession to inspire all who share the gospel, in whatever form, to do so with ardour, skill, and charity, using all the means at their disposal, as you so powerfully did in your own life and ministry.



Vinnies Flood Appeals

In response to the devastating floods impacting across NSW the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery. Donate at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal>

Catastrophic floods in particular have impacted Lismore and many towns across north-eastern NSW. To help those affected in the Diocese of Lismore from the unprecedented disaster, Bishop Greg Homeming OCD has launched a fundraising appeal for support.

More information and to donate at <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

EASTER MASS TIMES



Palm Sunday	April 10th 2022	7pm - Vigil Mass 7am - Monastery 9am & 10.30am - Parish Church
Holy Thursday	April 14th 2022	7.30pm Parish Church
Good Friday	April 15th 2022	10.30am - Stations of the Cross 3pm - Passion of the Lord
Easter Saturday	April 16th 2022	7.30pm - Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 17th 2022	7am - Monastery 9am - Parish Church

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.

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