

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.



Third Sunday of Lent Year B

6 & 7 March 2021

**Please use QR CODE provided or
write your name and phone number when you
enter Church after sanitizing.
Contact Paula on 0423 078 282.**

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

Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17 (Year B) (JB)
A reading from the book of Exodus
The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (Year B) (JB)
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to
those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25 (Year B) (JB)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Gospel reading for this Week

John 2:13-25 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

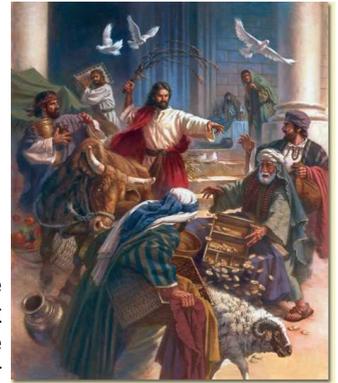
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Jerusalem Bible translation of Scripture is used in the Australian Lectionary for Mass, Vols I, II and III (London: Collins Liturgical, 1981). Acknowledgement: The Scripture Readings are

GOSPEL REFLECTION

John 2:13-25 (JB)

Jesus had the deepest respect for the Temple and its traditions. According to John, Jesus went to the Temple to celebrate various holy day festivals (John 2:13-14; 5:1, 14; 7:1, 10, 14; 10:22-23). He even cleansed the Temple courtyard out of respect for what the Temple meant: God's dwelling place on earth.

However, Jesus saw beyond the Temple and the nation it represented. The parochial interests of the Jewish leadership would soon lead to the destruction of the Jerusalem and its Temple. But, the message of Judaism was too important to keep to the nation itself. The God of Israel was truly the God of all.

There was, however, another reason to predict the destruction of the Temple (Matthew 24:1-2). The destruction of the Temple was another sign for the coming of the end time, which began with the death of Christ on the cross. His Risen Body replaced Temple and became a home for all believers, a safe haven for all who awaited the Day of Yahweh.

What reasons do you have for being a Christian? How do your reasons compare to others? When do you run out of reasons?

God gives us signs as anchors of faith. But, at some point, we must trust the Lord enough to cut ourselves from our anchors and allow him to guide us through rough currents. Like a deep and abiding love, this is trust that simply runs out of reasons.

Faith will always cause scandal. Do we waver in the face of scandal? Or, do we redouble our efforts in faith? In the end, a faith that survives scandal is the toughest faith of all.

Pray for those who are scandalized by the cross. Treat them with respect and love. And trust God for their welfare. He will not disappoint.

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In Our Parish

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We welcome into God's family to all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Dominic Savio

Feast Day: March 9

1842-1857

Patron Saint of Choir boys, falsely accused, and juvenile



Dominic Savio was born on April 2, 1842 in the village of Riva in northern Italy. His father was a blacksmith and his mother a seamstress. He had nine brothers and sisters. His family was poor but hardworking. They were devout and pious Catholics.

Dominic attended Church regularly with his mother and was often seen kneeling before the Tabernacle in prayer. He even prayed outside the Church building. It did not matter to Dominic if the ground was covered with mud or snow, he knelt and prayed anyway.

Dominic was quickly recognized as an exceptional student who studied hard and performed well in school. He became an altar server. He also attended daily Mass and went to confession regularly. He asked to receive his first communion at the age of seven. This was not the practice in the Church of Italy at the time. Normally, children received their first holy communion at the age of twelve. Dominic's priest was so impressed with his intelligence concerning the faith, his love for the Lord and his piety that he made an exception. Dominic said that the day of his First Communion was the happiest day of his life.

Although he was young, Dominic was clearly different than his peers. When two boys stuffed a school heating stove with snow and rubbish. The boys were known troublemakers and were likely to face expulsion if caught, so they blamed Dominic for the misdeed. Dominic did not deny the accusation and he was scolded before the class. However, a day later the teacher learned the truth. He asked Dominic why he did not defend himself while being scolded for something he did not do. Dominic mentioned he was imitating Jesus who remained silent when unjustly accused.

Dominic's teacher spoke well of him and brought him to the attention of Fr. John Bosco, who was renowned for looking after hundreds of boys, many of them orphaned and poor. In October 1854, Dominic was personally introduced to Fr. Bosco - along with his father.

At the meeting, Bosco wanted to test Dominic's intelligence and understanding of the Catholic faith. He gave Dominic a copy of *The Catholic Readings*, which was a pamphlet that dealt with apologetics. He expected Dominic to provide a report the next day, but just ten minutes later Dominic recited the text and provided a full explanation of its significance. This solidified Bosco's high opinion of Dominic.

Dominic expressed an interest in becoming a priest and asked to go to Turin to attend the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales. Fr. Bosco agreed to take him.

At the Oratory, Dominic studied directly under Fr. Bosco. He worked diligently and always asked questions when he did not understand something. He renewed his First Communion promises that he wrote in his little book at the age of seven.

At the same time Dominic was developing his reputation as a fantastic student, his health began to fail. He started to lose his appetite and Fr. Bosco became concerned. Dominic was taken to the doctor who recommended that he be sent home to his family to recover. Dominic wanted to stay at the oratory, but Fr. Bosco insisted he go home. Everybody expected Dominic to recover, except for Dominic himself who insisted he was dying. Before he departed, Dominic made the Exercise of a Happy Death and predicted this would be his final devotion.

After four days at home, Dominic's health worsened. Dominic was sure of his impending death. He implored his parents to bring the parish priest so he could make a last confession. They obliged him and Dominic made a confession and was given the Anointing of the Sick. He asked his father to read him the prayers for the Exercise of a Happy Death. Then he fell asleep. Hours later he awoke and said to his father: "Goodbye, Dad, goodbye ... Oh what wonderful things I see!" Dominic fell asleep and died within minutes. It was March 9, 1857 and Dominic was merely 14 year of age. Dominic Savio was declared venerable in 1933 by Pope Pius XI, beatified in 1950, then canonized in 1954 by Pope Pius XII.

Dear Saint Dominic, you spent your short life totally for love of Jesus and His Mother. Help youth today to realize the importance of God in their lives. Enlighten parents and children to the importance of frequent confession and Holy Communion. We desperately need your intercession to protect today's children from the snares of the world. Watch over them and lead them on the narrow road to Heaven. Ask God to give us the grace to sanctify our daily duties by performing them perfectly out of love for Him. Remind us of the necessity of practicing virtue especially in times of trial. Saint Dominic Savio, you who preserved your baptismal innocence of heart, pray for us. AMEN.

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.*

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten groups will be meeting in homes or at Church for about an hour reading and reflecting together on the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent.

Miriam Brown:

Wednesdays 1pm at the Parish,
commencing 24th of February.

Benigna Cascun with Gebran Azzi:

Friday nights 6pm

commencing 19th of February.

Address: 726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house).

If you cannot attend a Lenten Group, booklets are available in Church for your own reflection.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 6.30pm during Lent

During Lent, commencing Friday 19th of February 2021, we will be holding the Stations of the Cross in our Parish on Friday nights at 6.30pm and take a few moments at each station to pray or meditate. This tradition continues until Good Friday. Mass will be afterwards at 7pm as usual every Friday night followed by Reconciliation.

ST VINNIES

Vinnies is proud to announce the 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time.

For more information please go to

<https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools January 2021 Newsletter:**

https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/School-Newsletter_Metro_Term-1-2021.pdf

ST BENEDICT'S LENTEN RETREAT

The 15 Stations of the Cross

and What It Means to Me

RETREAT DAY:

Date: Saturday 20th of March 2021

Where: St Benedict's Parish

Time: 9am to 2pm

Morning tea and light lunch provided.

Cost: FREE

Please join us for a day of prayer and reflection. Together with Fr Hilarion, we will explore each of the 15 stations of the cross and what it means to us in our daily life. Booking for this event is essential.

Seats are limited so please book early through:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOTXG>

For more information or to book, you can also call Glenice on 0428 859 568 or parish office.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.



Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Copy of the complete roster is available in the sacristy.

13/3/21 to 14/3/21

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte	Need help	Nigel Morgan
Reader1	Maria Gambino	Judy Horton
Reader2	Mary Cascun	Gebran Azzi
Prayers	Margaret Bensley	Kath Moran
Music		Karina Takchi
Music		Takchi Family
Music		Takchi Family

HELP NEEDED:

ACOLYTES - for Saturday 7pm Mass and especially Sunday 10.30am Mass. Our Priests need help.

READERS - for all Masses.

If you can help out please contact parish office on 9653 2312.

PARISH LENTEN STALL

This weekend the monthly stall is open from the **5th to the 7th March 2021** (after Mass on Friday 7pm, Saturday 7pm, Sunday 7am Chapel, 9am and 10.30am, and 4.30pm Latin Mass).



There will be savoury food, cakes, flowers, Holy Candles, fruit boxes, books and DVDs. Come and support our Church. Thank you to everyone who has been donating items to the stall.

Please feel free to bring items for sale to help the parish. For any queries or donations please call Lila Bacha on 96521113 or 0418360024.

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

Welcome to all families attending our first Children's Mass for the year!

As our Catechists begin another year of teaching Special Religious Education (Scripture) in the local public schools of the parish, let us give thanks for this ministry and pray that it will bear fruit in the hearts and minds of the children and their families.

This year our Catechists and helpers are:

At **Arcadia PS** – Lyla Abood, Rose Granata, Lucy Sorbello, Virginia Tanna and Miriam Brown

At **Galston PS** – Paula El-Chaar, Bernadette Watt, Pauline Honor, Gebran Azzi, Paul El-Chaar and Tony Jasprizza

At **Glenorie PS** – Mary Abood, Violet Boumerhe, Glenice Lui, Natalie Kazzi, Delel Touma, Rita Sarkis, Gebran Azzi, Colleen Appino, Lisa Welsman and Miriam Brown

At **Hillside PS** – Marinka Marinov and Barbara Tannous

At **Middle Dural PS** – Josephine Letteri and Delel Touma

Our Reserve Catechists are Leonie Miller and Teresa Gambino.

This week's Free Ministry induction training continues on Monday 8th March (Development of the Child and Adolescent) as a morning course 10am-12pm OR an afternoon course 1pm-3pm via Zoom. The following week will be on Classroom Management. The CCD is also offering a Zoom training session on Safeguarding Children on Monday 8th March 10am -12pm. Please contact me for further information.

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 give me a call or send me an email.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

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 usually meet regularly every Monday during school terms 10am to 12pm. No need to book just turn up. Everyone welcome!

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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

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TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on **9307 8309** or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

Two Schools: One Family



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OPEN DAY

Saturday 13th March 2021



Includes:

Presentation by Principal / Headmaster and guided school tours.

Session 1: 10am - 12pm
Session 2: 1pm - 3pm

TANGARA School for Girls

77-97 Franklin Rd, Cherrybrook

Tangara is co-ed from Preparatory to Year 1 & Girls only from Year 2-12.

www.tangara.nsw.edu.au
enrol@tangara.nsw.edu.au
(02) 9651 0360

Session 1: 10:00am - 12:30pm
Session 2: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

REDFIELD College

855 Old Northern Rd, Dural

Redfield is Prep-Yr 12. Preparatory to Year 1 attend classes on Tangara Campus

www.redfield.nsw.edu.au
enrol@redfield.nsw.edu.au
(02) 9651 0381

**DUE TO COVID-SAFETY MEASURES YOU MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE TO ATTEND
PLEASE CONTACT EACH SCHOOL**

DONATING MEN'S CLOTHING FOR SEAFARERS

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.

(That's Sr Mary in the yellow helmet and one of the crew. She 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,
Cathy Holling
Ph: 0403 062 255



**DECLARATION ON
THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS
NOSTRA AETATE
PROCLAIMED BY HIS HOLINESS
POPE PAUL VI
ON OCTOBER 28, 1965**

4. As the sacred synod searches into the mystery of the Church, it remembers the bond that spiritually ties the people of the New Covenant to Abraham's stock.

Thus the Church of Christ acknowledges that, according to God's saving design, the beginnings of her faith and her election are found already among the Patriarchs, Moses and the prophets. She professes that all who believe in Christ-Abraham's sons according to faith (6)-are included in the same Patriarch's call, and likewise that the salvation of the Church is mysteriously foreshadowed by the chosen people's exodus from the land of bondage. The Church, therefore, cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament through the people with whom God in His inexpressible mercy concluded the Ancient Covenant. Nor can she forget that she draws sustenance from the root of that well-cultivated olive tree onto which have been grafted the wild shoots, the Gentiles.(7) Indeed, the Church believes that by His cross Christ, Our Peace, reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in Himself.(8)

The Church keeps ever in mind the words of the Apostle about his kinsmen: "theirs is the sonship and the glory and the covenants and the law and the worship and the promises; theirs are the fathers and from them is the Christ according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:4-5), the Son of the Virgin Mary. She also recalls that the Apostles, the Church's main-stay and pillars, as well as most of the early disciples who proclaimed Christ's Gospel to the world, sprang from the Jewish people.

As Holy Scripture testifies, Jerusalem did not recognize the time of her visitation,(9) nor did the Jews in large number, accept the Gospel; indeed not a few opposed its spreading.(10) Nevertheless, God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers; He does not repent of the gifts He makes or of the calls He issues-such is the witness of the Apostle.(11) In company with the Prophets and the same Apostle, the Church awaits that day, known to God alone, on which all peoples will address the Lord in a single voice and "serve him shoulder to shoulder" (Soph. 3:9).(12)

Since the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is thus so great, this sacred synod wants to foster and recommend that mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues.

True, the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ;(13) still, what happened in His passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today. Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. All should see to it, then, that in catechetical work or in the preaching of the word of God they do not teach anything that does not conform to the truth of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ.

Furthermore, in her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.

Besides, as the Church has always held and holds now, Christ underwent His passion and death freely, because of the sins of men and out of infinite love, in order that all may reach salvation. It is, therefore, the burden of the Church's preaching to proclaim the cross of Christ as the sign of God's all-embracing love and as the fountain from which every grace flows.

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
And my entire will,
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.

Amen.

Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

EASTER WEEKEND MASS TIMES



Holy Thursday	April 1st 2021	7.30pm Parish Church
Good Friday	April 2nd 2021	10.30am - Stations of the Cross 3pm - Passion of the Lord
Easter Saturday	April 3rd 2021	7.30pm - Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 4th 2021	7am - Monastery 9am - Parish Church 10.30am - Latin Mass

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Let us pray that we may experience the
sacrament of reconciliation
with renewed depth,
to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

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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Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath OSB

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
Safeguarding Children matters
Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

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Arcadia 2159**

Monastery: 9653 1159

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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