

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

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



### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

**One person per 2sqm**  
**Maximum 300 people**

### MASKS ARE COMPULSORY

**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 Hilarion for the following:

**BAPTISMS**  
**RECONCILIATION**  
**FOR THE SICK**  
**MARRIAGES**  
**FUNERALS**

**Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541**

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

26 & 27 June 2021

### Entrance Procession

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

### First Reading

*Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 (JB)*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*Your abundance should supply their want.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

### Communion Antiphon

O Father, I pray for them,  
that they may be one in us,  
that the world may believe that you have sent me,  
says the Lord.

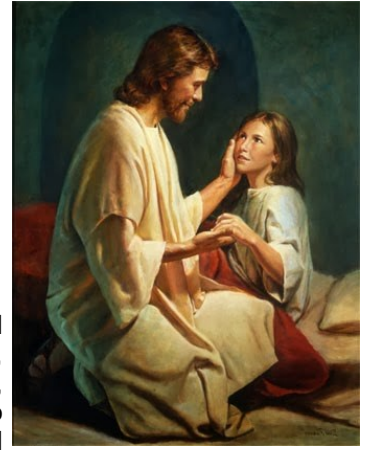
## Gospel reading for this Week

**Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.



Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION****Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (JB)**

In the ancient world, two kinds of physicians existed: the philosopher-physician and the folk healer. The former served the rich with advice and philosophic musings. The latter served the poor with herbal medicines, incantations, and rituals. Obviously, Jairus sought Jesus out as folk healer, one who would touch the child and heal.

With the high death rate among pre-teens in the ancient world, communal grieving was common place and had the markings of ritual (loud lamentation implied in 5:38b). Communal grieving gathered relatives and friends together with a common purpose. In fact, the crowd in 5:38-40a helped prepare the family for the worst and hastened the grieving process.

Jesus entered the scene opposing the inevitable. He interrupted the messenger with a proclamation of faith for Jairus and ejected the critical crowd from the leader's home. Then, he took the girl's relatives and his closest followers to see his miracle. Jesus raised the girl from death and restored her to her place in the family (the command to "give her something to eat" reflected the notion that place at the table symbolized a place in the family, and, by extension, a place in society).

This narrative reflected a common pattern in the ministry of Jesus: proclamation, opposition, restoration. We can even see his life, death, and resurrection as the model for this pattern. Jesus proclaimed the Good News, was opposed by the leaders unto death, and was restored to his rightful place as the only Son of the Father. He promises the same for us Christians. In spite of opposition to lives that proclaim the Good News, we, too, will see restoration as children of the Father.

***How has Jesus helped you proclaim the Good News, endure ridicule, and restored your brokenness?***

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ***Saint Josemaria Escriva, Priest***

**1902 - 1975**

***Feast Day: June 26***



When today's saint was a young priest, he was a rather well-known speaker in Madrid, Spain. Besides being an excellent homilist, he also preached retreats, gave parish missions, and taught classes. A young woman heard that Father Josemaria was scheduled to give some lectures nearby and, in light of his reputation, was eager to hear him. But first she went to one of his Masses. After that, the woman had no interest in hearing him lecture; instead she wanted to discover God's will for her life. Saint Josemaria's example of intense devotion and prayerfulness in saying Mass made her rethink her entire vocation. A good priest disappears into his vocation, submerges himself in Christ, and communicates a divine, not a personal, message. He makes people think of God, not him. At Mass the priest is not himself, yet is fully himself. He performs a sacrament because he *is* a sacrament. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is hidden behind the aspects of a man, the Holy Eucharist under the aspects of bread and wine.

It is the theology of the Church that every sacrament validly performed is efficacious, that it transmits sanctifying grace to the soul. But the fruitfulness of a sacrament for its recipient, either psychologically or spiritually, fluctuates. It can hinge on any number of factors, from the beauty of a Church, the quality of a homily, the sacredness of the music, or the intellectual preparation and ardor of the one receiving the sacrament. A holy, charitable, and educated priest infuses every sacrament he celebrates with a theological meaning that yields spiritual fruit that goes beyond efficaciousness. Saint Josemaria's writings, preaching, lectures, and talks were so rich, so chock-full of practical purpose and high meaning, that a great international family gathered around him, harvesting from his sustained example and insights an abundant banquet for their spiritual table.

Josemaria Escriva was born in a small town in rural Spain. He attended diocesan seminaries in the nearby city of Zaragoza and was ordained a priest in 1925. In 1928 he experienced a vision which spurred him to found Opus Dei, an institution that quickly spread to all the major Christian countries. Opus Dei consists primarily of married lay men and women, while some members are unmarried and consecrated celibates. A few members are priests. After two thousand years of Catholic spirituality, it might be asked what new insight warranted the foundation of a new Church institution? It is a sign of the Church's theological and spiritual fecundity that Saint Josemaria did offer a new, innovative approach to living as a disciple of Christ nineteen hundred years after Christ returned to the Father.

In a homily from 1967, Josemaria states his spirituality in clear terms: "...God is calling you to serve Him 'in and from' the ordinary, material, and secular activities of human life. He waits for us every day in the laboratory, in the operating room, in the army barracks, in the university, in the factory, in the workshop, in the fields, in the home and in the immense panorama of work. Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."

In other words, there is no need for a serious lay Catholic to abandon his work and routine, his family life, or his everyday relationships to fulfill God's will. God is found in and through ordinary life. Cardinal Albino Luciani, later Pope John Paul I, perceptively noted that Saint Josemaria was not teaching a 'spirituality for lay people,' as Francis de Sales taught, but a 'lay spirituality.' It is not a question of praying the rosary while sweeping the floor, or contemplating scripture while driving. It is about "materializing" holiness by converting ordinary, well-done work into a sacrifice and prayer to God. Ordinary work, then, is not just the context, but the raw material, for lay holiness. All jobs are important. Daily life is not a distraction from God's will for us. Daily life *is* God's will for us. When we get to work we get to God.

***Saint Josemaria, may your intercession help us to follow your teachings in making our daily labors divine labors. May our work, well done, mingle with Christ's work and sacrifice to form one perfect offering of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father.***

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## In Our Parish

**We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Afifi El-Chaar (Paul El-Chaar's mother), James Saliba and Jim Shipley.**

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

**We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially Brother Mario, Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha's mum) and all those we hold in the silence of our hearts.**

## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

### Chapter 4

*Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.*

#### MESSAGE FROM FR HILARION

Thank you for the volunteers that helped me clean up the sacristy. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks and God's blessings,  
Dom Hilarion OSB

#### PARISH WORKING BEE Saturday 3rd July 10am - 12noon

In preparation for the Feast of St Benedict and Fr Alberic's 60th Jubilee on 11th July, a parish working bee has been organised for Saturday 3rd July from 10am to 12noon to clean the church and tidy the gardens.

All are invited to assist. Please bring own tools and cleaning equipment.

#### NEEDED VOLUNTEER RCIA CO-ORDINATOR

We are looking for an RCIA Co-Ordinator. This position requires you to have a sound knowledge in liturgy and **adult catechesis**. Must be an effective communicator with managerial skills. Training will be provided. Contact Fr Hilarion on 0416 032 497.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St.Vincent De Paul is already seeing a rise in homelessness among people losing jobs with the withdrawal of the Jobkeeper Payment and Jobseeker supplement. Soaring house prices and fewer places to rent have naturally affected our most vulnerable citizens. The Winter Appeal is a great way to help these people and others who are struggling to make ends meet. Please give generously to our appeal.

#### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support towards the recent Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May appeal.

Donations to our CWF are gratefully received and help the pastoral works of the Church, supporting our Catechists, Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre.

On behalf of our Parish, thank you and God Bless you.

**Please note:** If you have donations to provide, please remember to give by **30 JUNE**, so you can claim tax-deductions if required (all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible).

Donations can be made through the CWF envelope, parish website, or at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give)

#### ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY FATHER ALBERIC'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**In July Father Alberic Jacovone will celebrate his 60 years of Ordination to the Priesthood.**

**Any of you who know Father Alberic will also know he has been part of the St Benedict's community for many years and has brought his compassion, kindness and spirit to many of us in so many ways.**

**Celebration will be held at our parish on  
Sunday July 11th 2021 - 10.30am Mass  
followed by barbecue, cake and jumping castle.**

**Please help us celebrate this special feast and our wonderful Fr Alberic's anniversary!**

**Everyone Welcome!**

#### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – 4 JULY 2021

On 4 July 2021, we join with many Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

By supporting this collection, you join with others across the world in supporting urgent projects including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by COVID, conflict, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity.

Last year, the Peter's Pence appeal was severely impact by COVID-19 and your support this year is gratefully received by the Holy See.

Please respond to the Peter's Pence collection occurring at Masses this weekend, or by donating online at the parish website using the reference "Peter's Pence".



#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm.

Enrolment forms will be available on the Parish Website and from the Sacristy from Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. All enrolment forms need to be returned by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

If you have any queries regarding enrolments please ring Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.



## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The new Roster is now available to be picked up from the sacristy.

### 3/7/21 TO 4/7/21 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
<b>Acolyte</b>		Paul El-Chaar
<b>Reader1</b>	Miriam Brown	Peter Goodwin
<b>Reader2</b>	Maria Gambino	Gebran Azzi
<b>Prayers</b>	Mary Cascun	Nigel Morgan
<b>TV</b>		Tyrone El-Chaar
<b>Music</b>		Mark Quirk
<b>Music</b>		Theresa Neely
<b>Music</b>		Marisa Quattrocchi
<b>Music</b>		

If you would like to help out in any of the ministries above please contact the Parish office on 9653 2312.

### Honouring the life of *James Christopher Shipley*



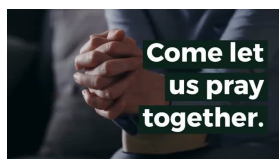
### *Beloved husband of Patrisha Shipley*

BORN 6TH FEBRUARY 1937 DIED 12TH JUNE 2021

## 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 finished this week. Term 3 will commence on the week of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July with SRE (Scripture) classes starting again in the first week. Wishing all our Catechists, the children that they teach and their families a safe and restful holiday. Please continue to keep all in your prayers over this holiday time.

**Classroom Management training** is being held during the school holidays from 10am – 12pm – Monday 5 July at Terrigal, Wednesday 7 July at St Ives and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July via Zoom. A session will also be held in our parish on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 10:30am – 12:30pm. This free training is open to all Catechists. Please RSVP to 8379 1643, or [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) or to myself, thanks.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)

Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

## LOST AND FOUND

There are hats, glasses, umbrellas, jumpers and a lovely Japanese hand fan in the lost and found box.

Please come and collect if it's yours otherwise it will be donated to St Vinnies by next week.

## PLAYGROUP



**Every Monday 10am to 12pm.**

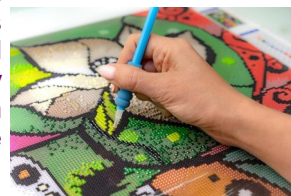
We meet every Monday **during school terms.**

No need to book just turn up. Everyone welcome!

## PARISH STALL

Our next stall will be next weekend 11th July just in time for school holidays, Sunday 10.30am for St Benedict's Feast day.

It will be a craft stall for children and adults. Some things we will be selling are diamond art, paint by numbers, all types of puzzles and more. We will also be selling beautiful holy puzzles and donating \$10 from every puzzle sold. You'll be able to buy activities to keep all age children and adults busy.



Thank you and God bless you all!  
Lila Bacha Ph: 96521113 or 0418360024.

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

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



## THE ALVIRAS: 7 SECRETS FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

**His parents are on path to sainthood. He says these are the secrets of their family life**

Rafael Alvira, son of Tomás and Paquita, lists 7 keys to his parents' happy marriage.

An article published in "Aleteia."



[Link to original article in Aleteia](#)

*Tomás and Paquita Alvira, two of the earliest married members of Opus Dei, strove to attain sanctity as a married couple and in their role as parents.*

Tomás Alvira was one of a group of young men who crossed the Pyrenees Mountains on foot with Saint Josemaría Escrivá during the Spanish Civil War, fleeing anti-Catholic persecution to escape to a zone where they could practice their faith. In 1939, Tomás married Paquita Dominguez, and together the couple sought to live their vocation to marriage to the full. They had nine children and were held in high esteem by those who knew them for their example of love and generosity. Their cause of canonization was opened in 2009.

In what follows, their son Rafael Alvira describes seven ways his parents cared for their marriage and educated their children through their example. This list of tips for married couples is adapted from a talk he gave at the University of Piura in Lima, Peru.

**1. Eagerness to love.** My parents preserved their eagerness to love one another right to the end of their lives. A friend of one of my sisters told her that she was envious of my parents, because she would see them walking in the street and could tell that they still loved each other like when they were dating. As the years went by, my parents had the same eagerness that they had the day they got married, and their love was always increasing.

**2. Attentiveness to others.** They had a great capacity to be attentive to others. For example, both of them would open the door for me when I arrived. My mother gave each of her children a kiss when we got home. We saw it as a normal thing.

**3. Teaching by example.** My parents were convinced that the decisive factor in education is the atmosphere in which it takes place, and that the best pedagogy is indirect. The good example they gave us was very influential. This is how they passed on the faith to us. For example, they went to Mass and we saw them taking part with a devotion that left a mark on us. They showed us what God's love means by winning us over with affection; they sacrificed themselves without saying anything in order to help us. And their spirit was contagious.

**4. Teaching the kids to love each other.** Both of them encouraged us to love each other a lot as brothers and sisters. This is something that continues being true today. I have one brother and six sisters (my oldest brother died when he was 5 years old).

**5. Having a big heart.** Both of my parents had a very big heart. Having a heart is not so easy. My father had a hard time correcting any of his children, but he realized that if he didn't do it, it would cause us harm. He corrected us without offending us. To really love, you have to have a heart. And the same happened with my father's students. They realized that he loved them; they felt loved and were grateful.

**6. Fostering friendship.** My parents had many family friends, and we became very much a part of these families. They also invited our friends to our house a lot. They knew all our friends. They brought them into our home and let them experience our family atmosphere. It is not enough for parents to raise their children well: they also need to get to know their children's friends. Otherwise, the good education they give can be ruined by bad friendships the children make.

**7. Respect for freedom.** My parents always had a great respect for our freedom. They never pushed us to make a specific decision. For example, at home my parents prayed the rosary every day. But they never forced us to pray it with them. They prayed it attentively, and although they invited us to join them, they never imposed it on us or insisted that we take part.

**Position Vacant**  
**Personal Assistant to the Vicar General**  
**Office of the Bishop**

- Permanent, full-time position

Pennant Hills based

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, serves the People of God in the northern regions of Sydney, North Shore, Northern Beaches and NSW Central Coast.

We are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General. In this role you will provide personal and administrative support to the Vicar General, including providing support for his dual role as Parish Priest.

Your prior experience with providing high level administrative support for a senior executive or similar, with responsibility for diary and event management combined with an understanding of the level of personal support required to assist the Vicar General in balancing his busy work and personal commitments will be crucial to your success.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to child abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated experience working with senior executives with similar level responsibilities
2. A thorough understanding of priorities and expectations of a senior member of the clergy
3. Excellent organisational skills and an ability to reprioritise and reorganise priorities
4. Experience and comfort with working with minimal supervision
5. The right to work in Australia with no limitations, and

Will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working with Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact

[recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). **Applications close Friday 9 July 2021.**

## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God, Our Father, loving and merciful,  
bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support.  
Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them,  
and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.  
Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.  
May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.



Source: mycatholic.life

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

### The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**AMEN.**



## COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

### 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 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.**

## 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: Mondays & Fridays:**  
10.30am to 2.30pm

**Parish Office: 9653 2312**

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**Monastery: 9653 1159**

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

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