

# 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)

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### MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am  
Daily 7:00am

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Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

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

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C  
25 & 26 June 2022



#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them  
with honey from the rock.

#### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

*Let us pray:*

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.  
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 CALL OF ELISHA

*To what has God called you?  
What has He laid on your heart to accomplish?  
Whatever it is, are you all in?*

Learn from Elisha what it means to be all in and what it can mean  
for your life.



**First Reading****1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 (JB)**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**The word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.****Second Reading****Galatians 5:1, 13-18 (JB)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL****Luke 9:51-62 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

**1 Kings 19:16, 19-21**  
**Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11**  
**Galatians 5:1, 13-18**  
**Luke 9:51-62**

*Beware. (Galatians 5:15)*

Trouble was brewing among the believers in Galatia. Many of them, influenced by outsiders, began to believe that Gentiles had to observe the whole Jewish Law if they wanted to follow Jesus. They were turning away from Paul's teaching that faith, Baptism, and the gift of the Spirit were the only requirements for entry into the body of Christ.

In response, Paul wrote a passionate letter. He gave voice to his heartbreak and grief over the way these brothers and sisters had begun to turn against each other—and against the gospel he had proclaimed to them.

Paul saw that the Galatians' acceptance of a false gospel was bringing about real-world results. Dissension, rivalry, selfishness, and envy were cropping up in place of the peace, the joy, and the love they had once known (5:20, 21, 22). It had become so bad that Paul warned them that they risked "devouring one another" (5:15). All because they had stopped living by the Spirit, the One who unites God's people in love and humility. (3:3-4).

This passage tells us something extremely important: the Holy Spirit matters! He is more than a sentence in our Creed and more than the Person we name when we touch our shoulders in the Sign of the Cross. He is the love of God poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5). He is the voice of God who convinces us that we are children of God (Galatians 4:6). He is the power of God who softens our hearts and teaches us to love one another (5:13).

So, follow Paul's advice and "beware" (Galatians 5:15). Don't fall into the trap of trying to live out your faith without the help and grace of the Holy Spirit. Invite the Spirit to be with you as you worship at Mass today. Listen for his voice throughout the day. Follow his promptings. Let him teach you how to live in love with the people around you.

***"Holy Spirit, come and fill me!"***

*(Source: Word Among Us India Pg26)*

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	June 27, 2022:	<i>St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor</i> Readings: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16. Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	June 28, 2022	<i>St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr</i> Readings: Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12. Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	June 29, 2022	<i>Sts Peter &amp; Paul, apostles</i> Readings: Acts 3:1-10. Gal 1:11-20. Jn 21:15-19
Thursday	June 30, 2022	<i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> Readings: Amos 7:10-17. Mt 9:1-8
Friday	July 1, 2022	Readings: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12. Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	July 2, 2022	Readings: Amos 9:11-15. Mt 9:14-17

*Source: Ordo 2022*

### ***Sts Peter & Paul***



# THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4  
To love the young.

## 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

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

## ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY

### SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Benedict's feast day is quickly approaching. As discussed in the last meeting, we need to be engaging in the community, the Feast will be held on:

**Sunday 10th of July 10.30am Mass**

followed by a sausage sizzling time!

Robyn has also been kind enough to confirm that she will bring doughnuts, yummy!

If there is any suggestions please respond to all on this page so we can move forward. Feel free to bring a dish!

We will not be having the traditional jumping castle this year unfortunately.

We welcome any suggestions, just contact the parish office.

Have a great Sunday!

Regards,  
Paul El-Chaar  
Parish Council Chairperson



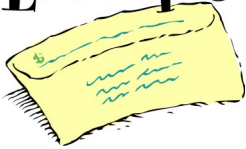
## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you for everyone who helps our parish by using the planned giving envelopes. This helps us with our budgets.

The planned giving envelopes for 2022/2023 are now available for collecting in church entrance. These will be labelled alphabetically with your envelope number for easy access. Please collect your envelopes as soon as possible otherwise they will be posted which adds to the cost. We really appreciate it!

## Offering Envelopes

If you are interested in planned giving envelopes please contact the office as we would really appreciate it.



We thank you for your continued support to the Parish!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR SHANSANA!



Please keep Fr Shansana in your prayers as he celebrated his birthday this week. Many happy returns Father!



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives.

Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world?

Visit : [www.aidtochurch.org/bibles](http://www.aidtochurch.org/bibles)



## WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

<https://bbwyd.org.au/>

## 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, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter), and Mary Camilleri.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially: John Chedid and Patricia Foote...may they Rest in Peace.



## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

2/7/22 to 3/7/22

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
Acolyte		Lorraine Dailey
Reader1	Miriam Brown	<b>CHILDREN'S</b>
Reader2	Sr Carol Tomlinson	<b>MASS</b>
Prayers	Mary Cascun	
TV		Rebecca Raad
Music		Melanie Hume
Music		Keith Wallace
Music		Theresa Neely
Music		Robin Barbara
MT		Sophie Rebula

**CHILDREN'S MASS**  
**NEXT SUNDAY 3RD OF JULY 9AM**  
**FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. What a special day!

A special thanks also to Nerida and Gebran for teaching the children throughout the program. A big thank you to all who helped including Paul and Glenice.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022/2023

Enrolments for the next Sacramental Program has now commenced. It's still not too late! Please email the parish for a copy of the enrolment form: [arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com) or pick up a copy from the sacristy. You can also find the form online:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia/sacraments/confirmation>

**Please keep the children in your prayers.**

For more information please contact Paula on 9653 2312

## CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

**Friday nights:** after 7pm Mass

**Wednesday mornings:** after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome. **Come and meet new people.**

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



## CATECHIST NEWS

Pope Francis' message concludes 'The more that Jesus is the center of our lives, the more he teaches us to go out of ourselves, Francis said, adding that we are then "decentralized" and able to be close to others.

"This dynamism of love is like the movement of the heart," and Jesus himself gives us an example of how to live this when he retreats to pray, and then "immediately goes to the encounter of those who are hungry and thirsty for God in order to heal and save them."

This week is the final week for Term 2 with Term 3 commencing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. SRE (Scripture) classes will re-commence the first week of term.

Wishing all our Catechists, students and families a restful, enjoyable and safe holiday time!

God bless,  
Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)  
Parish Catechist Coordinator

## GCEA MEETING

The GCEA Executive has decided to call an **Extraordinary Meeting of the GCEA Committee** to present a proposal for a strategic way forward regarding ongoing outreach at Galston High School and in our local community.

The Executive would very much appreciate your attendance to garnish interest, feedback and support for the proposal.

**What:** GCEA Extraordinary Meeting  
**When:** Thursday 30th June @ 7.30pm  
**Where:** Galston Uniting Church - 11 School Rd, Galston

**Please reply letting me know if you can make it.**

Roger Hokin  
Youth and Young Adults Minister  
Dural District Anglican Churches  
GCEA Secretary [roger@duralanglican.org.au](mailto:roger@duralanglican.org.au)  
0413 067 770

## LAYING A MISSIONARY FOUNDATION COURSE

To effectively live out our evangelising mission today in our parishes and communities requires a reorientation towards a missionary mindset where we focus on taking the Good News outwards from our parishes through both word and action. This six session Diocesan Course will lay a foundation for such a missionary mindset, by equipping participants with effective knowledge and skills to be fruitful in this mission.

For further information, please contact Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, on [0432 682 239](tel:0432682239) or [pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au)

## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

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





Monday 20 June 2022

Dear Fathers, Deacons, my sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Broken Bay,

Through my term as Bishop, I have been provided with insight into the character and potential of our local Church. We have developed a range of initiatives and projects over this time. At the heart of the Diocese, however, is our Cathedral, the most important symbol of our identity. It is here that our whole local Church is brought together under the unity of the Bishop, together with my clergy, and the entire people of God entrusted to my care. It is the first church amongst others, the one from which the life of the Diocese radiates and returns.

The Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in the Parish of Hornsby was created the Cathedral of our Diocese on 10 February 2008. As you appreciate, our current Cathedral was translated from the Parish of St Ives which had been designated as the Cathedral Parish by my predecessor, Bishop Patrick Murphy upon the establishment of the Diocese in 1986.

After multiple conversations and suggestions from both the laity and the clergy, I have thought that now is the time to envisage how we might best develop our identity as the Cathedral Parish in the years to come. This will take time: it will involve consideration of our Cathedral parish community and its pastoral life, our Cathedral church and its suitability, the precinct and its potential. Yet, through our journey together I am confident that we might develop an opportunity both for the Cathedral parish community itself and also for our entire Diocese. Through this I wish to develop our Cathedral as a genuine and living statement of our identity and mission.

To begin this journey, I am to spend time in the coming weeks attending to the experience of the Cathedral parish community itself, listening to its history and its hopes. In due time, I wish to broaden the discussion to include our clergy and all our communities of faith that comprise our Diocese and for whom the Cathedral church has such significance.

I ask that you pray that this endeavor as it unfolds in various stages over the coming weeks and months will be the source of new blessing for our Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ Anthony Randazzo'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### *Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

**Feast Day: June 28**

**C. 125-200**

**Patron Saint of apologists and catechists**

***The Church was explicitly Catholic from the start***



The iconic opening words of Julius Caesar's *Gallic War* are "All Gaul is divided into three parts." The chieftains of these three regions of Roman Gaul (France) met yearly in the southern city of Lugdunum, known today as Lyon. These rough noblemen and their large retinues trekked to Lyon in 12 B.C. for the dedication of the Sanctuary of the Three Gauls on the slope of Lyon's hill of the Croix Rousse. The inauguration ceremony was an elaborate reinforcement of Rome's military, religious, and commercial dominance. Pagan priests performed pagan rites on pagan altars to pagan gods, asking those gods to favor the new sanctuary, the tribes present, and the city. This important sanctuary remained a focal point of Lyon's civic and religious life for centuries. And in the sand and dirt of this Sanctuary of the Three Gauls, in 177 A.D., the blood of the first Christian martyrs of Gaul was spilled. Here they were abused, tortured, and executed. Killed for their faith were about fifty Christians, including the Bishop of Lyon, Pothinus, and a slave woman named Blandine. While they were imprisoned and awaiting their fate, these future martyrs wrote a letter to the Pope and gave it to a priest of Lyon to carry to Rome. That priest was today's saint, Irenaeus.

With the dead bishop Pothinus' mutilated remains tossed into the river, Irenaeus was chosen as his replacement. He would remain the Bishop of Lyon until his death. It was in this way that the tragic end of some raised others to prominence. As the first generation of Christians in Gaul retreated from history, the great Saint Irenaeus, the most important theologian of the late second century, emerged. Copies of Saint Irenaeus' most important works survived through the ages, likely due to their fame and importance, and are now irreplaceable texts for understanding the mind of an early Church thinker on a number of matters.

Irenaeus was from Asia Minor and a disciple of Saint Polycarp, a martyr-bishop of Smyrna, who was himself a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist. The voice of Saint Irenaeus is, then, the very last, remote echo of the age of the Apostles. Similar to those of Saint Justin Martyr, Irenaeus' writings astonish in proving just how early the Church developed a fully Catholic theology.

In keeping with other theologians of the patristic era, Irenaeus focused more on the mystery of the Incarnation, and Christ as the "New Adam," than on a theology of the Cross. He also called Mary the "New Eve" whose obedience undoes Eve's disobedience. Irenaeus' writings primarily critique Gnosticism, which held that Christianity's truths were a form of secret knowledge confined to a select few. The only true knowledge is knowledge of Christ, Irenaeus argued, and this knowledge is accessible, public, and communicated by the broader Church, not secret societies. Irenaeus fought schismatics and heretics, showing just how early the connection between correct theology and Church unity was understood. His main work is even entitled "Against Heresies."

He promoted apostolic authority as the only true guide to the correct interpretation of Scripture and, in a classic statement of theology, Irenaeus explicitly cited the Bishop of Rome as the primary example of unbroken Church authority. Like Saint Cyprian fifty years after him, Irenaeus described the Church as the mother of all Christians: "... one must cling to the Church, be brought up within her womb and feed there on the Lord's Scripture." This theology notes a beautiful paradox. While in the physical order a child leaves his mother's womb and grows ever more apart from her as he matures, the Church's motherhood exercises an opposite pull on her children. Once she gives us new life through baptism, our bonds with Mother Church grow ever stronger and tighter as we mature. We become more dependent on her sacraments, more intimate with her life and knowledge, as we grow into adulthood. The Church becomes more our mother, not less, as we age.

On Pope Saint John Paul II's third pastoral visit to France, in October 1986, his very first stop was the Sanctuary of the Three Gauls in Lyon. Excavated and opened to the public in the mid-twentieth century, it rests largely unknown, a ruin, in a residential neighborhood. Before dignitaries and a large crowd, the Pope prostrated himself and kissed the site where the many martyrs of Lyon died so many centuries before. Saint Irenaeus may have been looking on from the stone benches that fateful day in 177 A.D. when his co-religionists were murdered. The blood of those forgotten martyrs watered the seed that later flowered into the great saint we commemorate today.

*Saint Irenaeus, may your intercession strengthen our wills, enlighten our minds, and deepen our trust. Like you, we want to be loyal sons and daughters of God, and loyal, educated, and faithful members of His Church. Help us to fulfill our loftiest and our most noble goals. Amen.*

## YOUNG ADULTS BUSH WALK

Young Adults are invited to join the Catholic Youth Broken Bay team for a bush walk on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. We will be walking part of the Crosslands to Berowra Waters track, following 10:00am Mass at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.



This return walk starts from the Crosslands Reserve and follows the Great North Walk along Berowra creek, a beautiful place of natural flora and fauna. The walk is relatively flat, with the final part of the hike leading to Naa Badu Lookout, offering magnificent views over Berowra Creek, as well as Sams and Calna Creeks.

Bring your own snacks/lunch and water for the hike, as well as a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Contact Jen for more information: [jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jen.healey@bbcatholic.org.au).



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

### FAMILIES

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

### 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.*

### 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 Shansana 0437 884 233, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.*

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**Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB**

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Arcadia NSW 2159**

#### Monastery:

**9653 1159**

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**BSB: 062 784**

**Acct: 100002141 (NEW BANK DETAILS)**

**Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:**

**CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

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