

# 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**

**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**

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

19 & 20 June 2021

### Entrance Procession

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them forever.

### First Reading

*Job 3:1.8-11 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Job  
*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (JB)*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*All things are made new.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

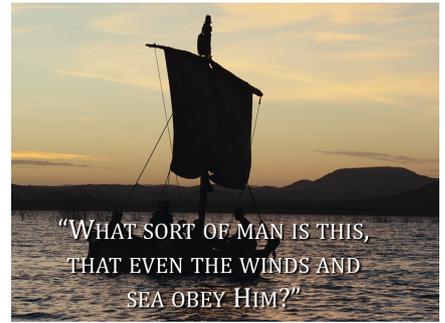
*Mark 4:35-41 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

### Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

## Gospel reading for this Week

**Mark 4:35-41 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

**Mark 4:35-41 (JB)**

**Calming Life's Storms**

This passage is what we may call a 'prophetic action' on the part of Jesus. His action of calming the storm is a way of speaking to us about our own lives.

The first thing to reflect upon is that Jesus was there in the centre of the storm. He was on the boat while the waves came crashing over. But the key is that He was there. This tells us that whenever we experience a 'storm' in our lives, Jesus is there in the midst of it. He is not far away; rather, He is right there.

But we also notice that He is asleep. One thing we can take from this is that Jesus awaits our prayer. He waits for us to turn to Him in the midst of the storm. That must be our first thought whenever we feel overwhelmed or challenged by life's circumstances.

Notice that the 'prayer' of the Apostles is similar to how we may pray at times, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' So often we turn to God saying, 'Lord, where are You? Why are You not helping?' But we should know that God is often silent as a way of calling us to Himself so that we turn to Him in trust and confidence. Jesus took their prayer and responded.

His response was simply to manifest His authority over the storm. He rebuked it and said 'Quiet! Be still!' With that, the storm had no ability to continue and all was calm.

We must know that Jesus did this so that we would have confidence that He can handle any hardship we face. There is no storm too great for Him. Nothing He cannot handle.

**Reflect, today, on what frightens you the most each day. What is it that shakes your faith?**

Turn to Jesus in the midst of that and know He is there ready to bring peace and calm.

*Lord, I invite You into my life and into my storm. I know You can do all things, so I beg for Your peace and calm in my heart. Help me to always turn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

**1568—1591**

***Feast Day: June 21***



The Jesuit Order, from its very founding, had a sharp sense of its educational superiority, its fidelity to the Holy Father, and its mission to educate and spiritually guide the elites among the courts and aristocracies of Europe. The Order did not, however, develop a strong community identity. There were, and are, common houses. But Jesuit communities built on common prayer, meals, and apostolates were rare. Much more common was the Jesuit alone, trekking under the canopy of a Canadian forest, riding the waves like a cork in a boat off the coast of India, or hiking the narrow mountain pathways in the mists of the high Andes. Where there was one Jesuit, there were all Jesuits. Each man embodied his entire Order. It was a community of many ones. Jesuits were united by their vows, their long education, and their common mission. Actually living, praying, eating, relaxing, and working together, so crucial to the common life of other Orders, did not play an equivalent role among the Jesuits

Jesuit superiors were aware of the dangers that isolation might pose to unity. So they encouraged, and even mandated, a means to sew into one fabric the patches of a thousand lives being lived across the globe. Letters! Jesuits were required to write letters to their superiors, giving regular accounts of their work. These letters had to be detailed, instructive, and inspiring. After they were reviewed, the most edifying were published and distributed to Jesuit houses. Through these letters, the Order was made one. Every Jesuit knew what at least some of his brothers were doing for God and the Church. These collections of letters, known as the Jesuit Relations, were eventually distributed beyond the confines of the Order. By the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the Relations were often exciting best sellers recounting the apostolic exploits of isolated Jesuits walking along the rim of Christendom.

It was just such an inspiring letter, or relation, from India that inspired today's saint, Aloysius Gonzaga, to become a Jesuit. Saint Aloysius was known to his family as Luigi, Aloysius being the Latinized version of his baptismal name. He was the eldest of seven children born into an aristocratic family from Northern Italy. Kings and Queens and Cardinals and Princes ate at the family table, were family themselves, or were at least friends or acquaintances. Young Luigi knew, and detested, the frivolous existence lived by so many in his aristocratic milieu. He also suffered from various physical infirmities, which produced that vulnerability and perspective which leads so clearly and directly to a deep dependence on God.

After receiving his First Communion at about the age of twelve, he came to personally know the great future saint Cardinal Charles Borromeo, who would later be his confessor and spiritual director. Borromeo was a Jesuit. His example, together with Aloysius' reading about the works of Jesuit missionaries, convinced him to enter the Jesuit Novitiate, against his family's wishes. So Aloysius went to Rome to begin his studies. And there he grew to embrace those of lesser education and refinement than himself. He volunteered to work bringing victims of a plague to a Jesuit hospital, despite his personal revulsion at the patients' decrepit physical conditions. After his own physical limitations restricted his participation in this corporal work of mercy, he still persevered and insisted on returning to the hospital over his superiors' objections.

While working in the hospital, Aloysius contracted the plague from a patient he personally cared for, was incapacitated shortly thereafter, and, a few months later, died on June 21, 1591. He was twenty-three. His reputation for purity, prayerfulness, and suffering led many to consider him a saint soon after his death. Aloysius was beatified just fourteen years later, in 1605, and canonized in 1726. He is buried in the Church of Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Rome. His contribution to the Jesuit canon was not a pagan tribe converted, a new ocean crossed, or an unknown language catalogued. His letter was his life, and it was to die young and to die holy.

***Saint Aloysius, you laid all your treasures, including your youth, on an altar to God. May your example of generosity, and your service to the sick and dying, inspire all Catholic youth to give God the gold of their early years, not just the silver of middle age or the bronze of their retirement. AMEN.***

## 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.*

#### REST IN PEACE

**Afifi El-Chaar, Jim Shipley and James Saliba**

Our condolences to family and friends.  
The funerals for Afifi and James were held last week.  
The funeral for Jim Shipley will be on Tuesday,  
22nd June at 11am at St Madeleine Sophie Barat  
at Kenhurst. 

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let the  
Perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace.*

#### 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.

#### CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

We really need help with more volunteers. This is only for an hour or two once a month.

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

#### TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE TWILIGHT REFLECTION EVENING

Every year people from the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Parramatta, gather to reflect on the Social Justice Statement issued by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference. The **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening**, to be held at **6.00pm** on the **30 June** at **Pennant Hills Bowling Club**, is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of social justice ministries across the dioceses and to consider how we as a church can respond to the issues addressed in the statement. This year's topic is mental health in Australia.

If you would like more information about the event or would like to attend, please contact Emma Baker on 8379 1630 or email at [emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au).

RSVP by 16 June 2021 is essential due to catering and COVID-19 requirements.

#### URGENT BUT HUMBLE REQUEST FROM FR HILARION

As I intend to rearrange and clean up the Sacristy, the parish office; meeting room, I request you to remove any personal items (acolyte and altar server clothes, books, instruments, tools, etc. etc.). Please take them home as we might misplace them.

**I do need your hands and advice please.**

Let us keep our parish church and premises as worthy residence for Jesus to live among us.

Thanks and God's blessings,  
Dom Hilarion OSB

#### SAVE THE DATE

**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 and cake.**

**If you would like to be involved in helping out on the day please contact the parish office.**

**Everyone Welcome!**

#### 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.

#### 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.

26/6/21 to 27/6/21  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am
<b>Acolyte</b>		Lorraine Dailey
<b>Reader1</b>	Margaret Bensley	Bernadette Watt
<b>Reader2</b>	Maria Gambino	Judy Horton
<b>Prayers</b>	Ann Lomas	Kath Moran
<b>TV</b>		Nigel Morgan
<b>Music</b>		Mark Quirk
<b>Music</b>		Melanie Hume
<b>Music</b>		Keith Wallace
<b>Music</b>		Teresa Gambino

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



IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF  
AFIFI ELCHAAR



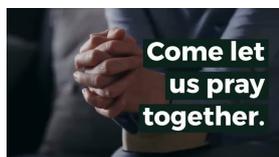
BORN  
17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1939  
BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE  
14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I give you my heart and  
my soul. Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph, assist me  
in my last agony. Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph, may  
I breathe forth my  
soul in peace with you.  
Amen.

يا يسوع ومريم ومار يوسف أنا  
أقدم لكم قلبي وروحي.  
يا يسوع ومريم ومار يوسف اترضع  
إليكم أن تكونوا معي في نزاعي  
الأخير.  
يا يسوع ومريم ومار يوسف  
ساعدوني حتى أسلم الروح بسلام  
بين أيديكم.  
آمين.

## 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

How quickly the term passes! Term 2 finishes this week and Term 3 will start on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, with SRE classes resuming in the first week. Please continue to keep our Catechists and the students that they teach, in your prayers as the term comes to an end.

There will be Classroom Management training 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

## PROFESSIONAL CHOIR PRACTICE

For the next few weeks we have a professional coming to train the choir. Choir practice is on Sunday from 3pm and Latin Mass at 4.30pm. It is a great opportunity for new people to learn. Everyone welcome.



## 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 18-20 June just in time for school holidays. Friday night 7pm, Saturday night 7pm, Sunday 7am Monastery, Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 4.30pm Latin Mass.

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 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.  
For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.



## THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE

### Pope Francis' Prayer intention for the month of June 2021

In the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family, which began on 19 March 2021, the Pope has dedicated his prayer intention for the month of June to the beauty of marriage. The Pope has issued a video celebrating the beauty of married love and reminding people that "God has a dream for us – love – and he asks us to make it his own". Although married life can be at times challenging, the Pope affirms that "it's worth making the effort" and that Jesus accompanies those walking this journey – married people do not do it alone!

Let's join with Pope Francis in praying for all married couples during the month of 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.**

Click here for a video link about the Pope's prayer intention that can be used for distribution via parish social media accounts or shared during Sunday Mass:

<https://thepopevideo.org/>



Information Seminar

### **Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney**

A free seminar for the Catholic community of Broken Bay, featuring an expert legal adviser to answer your questions about Wills and Elder Law topics.

Date: Saturday 17 July, 2021

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Venue : Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara, 2077

Catering: Light refreshments provided

Register: [www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ](http://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ)

or contact David Armstrong on 02 8379 1664 or [david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au)



“Come to me, all you that are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”  
*Matthew 11:28*

## JUNE PROGRAMS

**4th**  
Friday

**DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY**  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

**5th**  
Saturday

**ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT**  
10:00am - 2:30pm  
**DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY,**  
5.30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+  
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768

**11th-  
13th**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT (LIVE-IN)**  
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George  
Friday 6:00pm - Sunday 4:00pm  
For booking: 04 6848 6782, drcretreatrego@gmail.com

**27th**  
Sunday

**ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)**  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George  
• Praise And Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Way Of The Cross  
• Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

• **BOOKING REQUIRED • LIMITED NUMBERS**  
Pls contact 02 4372 1598, drcretreatrego@gmail.com

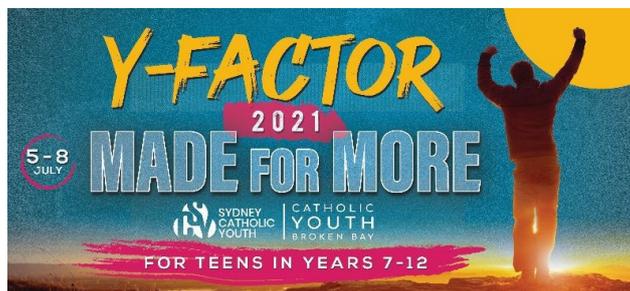
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## Y-FACTOR 2021



The July Y-Factor Camp registrations are open! Y-Factor is a youth camp run in the school holidays for young people in Years 7-12 and this year's theme is 'Made for More!' The camp is so big that this is the SECOND time it's being run this year, with the first being sold out. Come along for 4 days jam-packed with fun, sports, times for prayer, music, dramas, testimonies, workshops and talks with dynamic speakers, small group discussions and friendship! Don't miss out on an experience of a lifetime!

When: 5 – 8 July, 2021

Where: Benedict XVI, Grose Vale (a charter bus will leave from Hornsby Cathedral)

Registrations (Note: registrations for BROKEN BAY participants close on 12 June):

<https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor2021>

## FAMILY LIFE



When parents are blessed with more than one child, their children also are blessed with the interaction of siblings. The natural intention of God for siblings is similar to that of parents, minus the obedience part. Siblings offer each other the healthy opportunity to grow in mutual love and respect.

These family bonds offer a wonderful opportunity for children to learn many basic requirements of human relationships. For example, siblings are obliged to always work toward forgiveness of each other. While it's never good that siblings fight, it also seems to be inevitable. But God changes this into good in that He allows those moments of forgiveness and reconciliation within the family to be moments of mercy and healing. Siblings learn how to experience hurt from the sins of another and to then offer forgiveness and mercy. They also learn how to ask for forgiveness and how to receive it when they have hurt the others.

Siblings cannot disown each other in healthy families. Sure we've all heard stories of siblings who never speak to each other any longer. But especially in healthy families while growing up, it's not possible to ignore your sibling every day. And a good parent will help to foster reconciliation when needed. This offers a wonderful lesson for life. They learn, within the family, how to love, forgive and ask forgiveness. They learn what mercy is and what it means to have unconditional love. This is one of the natural blessings of family life as God intended it.

Source: [mycatholic.life](http://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 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.*

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10.30am to 2.30pm

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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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