

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



PARISH Masses

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
Fridays 6.30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)
Saturdays 10am to 11am
Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
13 & 14 August 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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.**

DIVISION - REFLECTION

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, "Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided" Luke 12:49.

- What is the message Jesus is trying to communicate to us?
- Is he trying to frighten us?
- Or is he simply hoping to awaken us?
- Is Jesus trying to motivate us to live peacefully, lovingly, cooperatively and respectfully with each and every person on earth, even the individuals we may not like or agree with?



Dear Lord,

Help me to realise that every person on earth was created from your loving heart. Help me forgive and accept those with whom I have had a struggle with. Help me live peacefully and lovingly with everyone.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, August 14
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm 40:2-4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! (Luke 12:49)

Jesus' words about setting the earth on fire can be confusing—even frightening. It might remind us of a forest fire that consumes everything in its path. It's true that fire in Scripture often symbolizes the purifying presence and judgment of God. But fire also represents the Holy Spirit, particularly in the Gospel of Luke and Acts.

In Luke, John the Baptist prophesies that the Messiah will come to "baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire" (3:18). And Jesus does just that. Just before his ascension, he tells his disciples, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you" so they "will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5). He then fulfills that promise on Pentecost when the Spirit comes upon them like "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:3).

Jesus longed with all his heart for the Holy Spirit to fill his disciples—and the whole earth! He couldn't wait to see the fire of the Spirit blazing forth and bringing light to every dark corner of the world. This was why he came; it was the goal of his entire mission. It's why he would endure the "baptism" of his passion and death (Luke 23:50).

Jesus' heart burns with love for us, and he wants his Spirit to fill us with that love. Like fire, the Spirit changes everything he touches. His fire will warm our hearts so they burn with love for him and the people around us. His fire will purify our hearts so we will want to live holy lives that please the Lord. And his fire will enflame our hearts with a passion to tell everyone about the love of Jesus.

Jesus wants that transforming power to blaze in each of us until it fills the whole earth. So together let's pray,

"Come, Holy Spirit! Set my heart on fire."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg14)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday Readings: Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10. 1 Cor 15:20-26. Lk 1:39-56.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday Readings: Ezek 28:10:1-10, Mt 19:23-30.

St Stephen of Hungary.

Wednesday Readings: Ezek 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16.

Thursday Readings: Ezek 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14.

Friday Readings: Ezek 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40.

St John Eudes, priest.

Saturday Readings: Ezek 43:1-7, Mt 23:1-12.

St Bernard, abbot, doctor.



Source: Ordo 2022

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2022

SMALL BUSINESSES

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.

PARISH FUNDS

Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

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**Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:
CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

ORDINATION JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

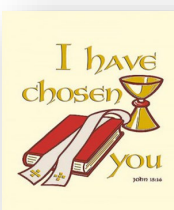
FATHER DAVID ORR

19th August 1972

50 YEARS JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and best wishes on your Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood!

Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate Father David's 50th year Jubilee.



Date: Sunday 21st August 2022

Time: 9am Mass

We will celebrate after Mass with cake and morning tea.



DIOCESE OF BROOME

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** **Placements** are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org



Men of God:
Discovering Christian
Masculinity

A Retreat Day for Young Men
@ Holy Name Parish
Wahroonga

Sunday 21st August
9:15am - 4pm

With Special Guest Speaker
PETER HOLMES
Senior Lecturer of Theology at Notre Dame
& Host of "This Catholic Life" Podcast

On Sunday August 21st Holy Name Parish Wahroonga is hosting a Day Retreat for Young Men on Discovering Christian Masculinity. The retreat will be facilitated by Peter Holmes, Senior Lecturer of Theology at Notre Dame and host of "This Catholic Life" podcast. It will be an opportunity for reflection, silence and prayer for all young men to listen deeper to voice of Christ in their life. All young men are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Sunday August 21st

9:15am – Mass

10:30am – Spiritual Input

4:00pm - Finish

In Our Parish

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially *Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter) and Mary Camilleri*.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially:
Lyla Abood...may they Rest in Peace.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The holy day is observed every August 15th.



Monday August 15th 2022

MASS TIMES:
7am in the Monastery
9.30am in the Parish
7pm in the parish

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MEETING

Monday 15 August at 7:45pm
after the Assumption Mass
in the Parish Meeting Room.
All are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Congratulations on the children who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday night. It was such a beautiful service with Bishop Anthony Randazzo celebrating. The children were dressed so beautifully and did so well.

A big thank you to **Nerida Woodbury and Gebran Azzi** running the weekly sessions in their own time and all their help.

Thank you to the **parents** who donated: flowers, candles, food and money. It was extremely kind! We are grateful.

Thank you to **Mary Cascun** for being on our team and helping out when we really needed it!

Thank you for the donation of food and help:
Lila Bacha, Angela Egiziano and Teresa Monardo.

Thank you to our musicians:
Melanie Hume, Keith Wallace and Robin Barbara.
It was just beautiful and uplifting.

Thank you to our Acolyte & Altar Servers:
Gebran, John-Paul and Jonah Azzi.

A big thank you goes to **Father David** for helping organise the practice session thoroughly and the ceremony. It was so organised and just lovely!

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

A big thanks to those involved in the Children's Mass last weekend and congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

Continuing to look at the Walking with Jesus curriculum, which we teach in the SRE (Scripture) classes of our Diocese. This curriculum is grounded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Sacred Scripture. There are six elements of curriculum design that have been employed by the curriculum writers to engage the students in the material.

RECOGNISE students' life experiences of the topic or issue

RELATE the Christian Story (Sacred Scripture)

RESPECT the Christian/Catholic Vision and/or Church's Story & Vision

REFLECT upon one's life experience and/or Church's Story & Vision

RESPONDing as a disciple is the challenge to students

REJOICE in a celebration worship (often linked to other elements)

The Ministry Induction training is available to all new Catechists via Zoom on Tuesday evenings 6:30pm-8:30pm. The next session will be this Tuesday 16th August, the topic is "Safeguarding Children/Child Protection". The following topic is "Lesson Planning: Teaching the Authorised Curriculum" to be held Tuesday 23rd August.

If anyone is interested in attending this training or learning more about becoming a Catechist or helper, please feel free to contact me or talk to Fr Shansana.

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Coordinator

MEMORIAL MASS - MARIA CAMILLERI

Family, friends and parishioners are welcome to a Memorial Mass on the occasion of what would have been Maria Camilleri's 100th birthday.

Saturday 20th August 2022
at 5.00pm at St Benedict's parish Church.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

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



POSITIONS VACANT

Clergy Administration Officer

The Chancery is seeking to recruit a permanent full-time Clergy Administration Officer, reporting to the Executive Officer, Secretariat for Clergy, providing administrative support to the Executive Officer and the Vicar General.

The Clergy Administration Officer is responsible for maintaining clergy records including personnel files & clergy databases, process visa applications, marriage celebrant registrations, clergy private health insurance membership, coordinate clergy vehicle arrangements, administer arrangements for international clergy and those departing the Diocese, clergy retirement and deceased estates. The role works collaboratively with clergy, Chancery and parish staff providing administrative support for clergy events.

Comprehensive administration experience coupled with excellent organisational skills and an ability to manage priorities are crucial to success in this role.

Development & Relationships Manager

The Chancery is seeking a results-driven Development & Partnerships Manager working in our Office for Communications to cultivate and grow fundraising income streams and to promote the Diocese of Broken Bay across a range of activities.

The role is responsible for transforming the Diocese's fundraising and community engagement programs, achieving uplift in current financial support and adopting a best-practice approach to supporter experiences. You'll work with clergy, Chancery and parish staff to build on existing relationships, developing strategy and driving engagement and lifetime value from donors & supporters. The role is broad and will suit someone looking to build on their solid knowledge in individual giving/bequests fundraising with strong relationship and collaboration skills, you will be strategic, have good judgement and ability to meet targets and manage budgets.

Strong empathy and compassion, with a genuine passion for the Catholic Church is essential, supported by your strategic mindset and ability to analyse information to produce fundraising strategies.

If you're tenacious and adaptable with a solution-focussed attitude, have an ability to take initiative and a positive can-do attitude with strong work ethic we'd love to hear from you.

For further information on either of these roles, including to obtain a copy of the position description, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

If you would like to apply for this role, or know anyone within your network that might be suitable, please apply sending a CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset and experience required for this role, via email to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close **Friday 26 August 2022**.

Part Time Parish Coordinator/Admin Assistant/Bookkeeper – 3 days per week

Manly Freshwater Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Coordinator / Admin Assistant / Bookkeeper. This role plays an important part in the Parish Team, providing support for Parish groups, parish functions and administration financial processes.

We are seeking a candidate with excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and bookkeeping experience. A sound understanding of Microsoft Office and MYOB is necessary.

An ability to work independently while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide range of groups, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success. If this role interests you and you would like to join the Parish team please email a brief cover letter and CV to Jenny in the Parish Office - manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

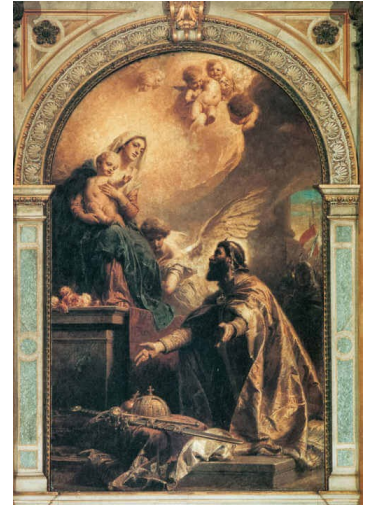
Closing date 24th August 2022

SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Stephen of Hungary

Feast Day: August 12

C. 975 - 1038

Patron Saint of Hungary and of kings



Baptized by his pagan father, made King by the Pope, his heirs demolished his legacy

Saint Stephen of Hungary was a warrior king whose silhouette stands proud on a far distant horizon as the sun rises behind him at the dawn of the medieval age. His year of birth can only be guessed, as ancient chronicles give conflicting dates. His father was of that generation of rough pagans who had to confront the new, vibrant force of Catholicism which challenged the old ways of paganism and its local gods who satisfied local needs. The Mediterranean Basin had long been Christian by the tenth century. But daring missionaries had only recently penetrated deep into the wide plains of the Magyars, the Bulgars, and that vast land of the Rus that lay beyond. That Christian dawn in Eastern Europe is when our saint first comes on the scene.

He was born Vaik and baptized Stephen when his father, a duke, converted to Christianity. When he was about twenty-two, he succeeded his father as a Magyar leader and warlord. After consolidating his territory and power through various wars, he sent an emissary to the Pope in Rome to petition for the founding of Church structures in his land. Pope Sylvester II concurred with Stephen's plans and took him one step further. Tradition holds that the Pope had a crown fashioned for Stephen and sent it to Hungary, where the papal ambassador crowned Stephen king in 1001.

King Stephen took his duties as a Catholic king with utmost seriousness. He founded an enormous Benedictine monastery, numerous dioceses, and mandated one tax-supported parish with a priest for every ten towns. He built a shrine to the Virgin Mary, which became the sacred forum for the coronations, and burials, of the kings of Hungary. He aggressively punished those who practiced the outlawed pagan customs of yesteryear and prohibited marriages between pagans and Christians. Interestingly, he required that all his subjects be married, except for priests and religious.

After sadly familiar intrigues over succession, money, and power, Stephen died on August 15, 1038. Most of his children had died as infants, and his one adult son, his presumptive heir, died in a hunting accident in 1031. Thus Stephen's efforts to establish a Christian state were placed in jeopardy. Just as Stephen had feared, once the mighty king died, all of his accomplishments were neglected. Chaos and civil war raged for decades after his burial. The two ostensibly pagan kings who succeeded him were apathetic, or even antagonistic, toward Christianity. The fruits of Stephen's Christian efforts rotted on the tree, and his immediate legacy dissipated.

Eventually, order was restored to Hungary, and Stephen's greatness was recognized. He was canonized in 1083. He is now a revered saint-founder of the Hungarian nation. The Huns, the Goths, and the Vandals don't have a nation today. Over time, these pagan tribes were absorbed into the stable cultures they invaded. They melted into the many nations and identities of modern Europe. The Magyars, however, did not disappear, merge with other peoples, or melt away. They have their own nation, language, culture, art, and history. They are the people of Hungary, and they owe their enduring identity to Saint Stephen. He imposed the stability of a first-class religion on a horse-riding clan and so transformed that roaming tribe into a stable nation. Stephen gave his people God. And to God and His Church they were faithful. Hungary matured over the centuries like wine, until it was a refined Christian nation, a defender of Christ and the Church. Neighboring tribes resisted the gospel and dissipated into thin air with the passing of time. Saint Stephen was a model King because he knew that to found a country you have to found a Church along with it.

Saint Stephen, you bear the name of the first martyr of the Church and showed similar courage in battling the enemies of God. May your brave and visionary leadership embolden all civil and church leaders to lay the foundations for a success which flourishes long after they have died. Amen.

**THE ROSTER IS READY TO BE COLLECTED
IN THE SACRISTY.**

Parish Roster

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 20/8/22 to 21/8/22 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader1	Sr Carol T	Kath M	Lorna B
Reader2	Matt W	Judy H	Joseph Y
Prayers	Miriam B	Paula E	Peter B
TV		Tyrone E	Mary A
Music		Melanie H	
Music		Marisa Q	
Music		Nigel M	
Music		Jamie L	
Morning Tea		Lila B - Fr David Jubilee	

Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it! If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office. We would love the extra help!

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.

Office Hours:

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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9653 1159

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.