

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



**11TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B
15 & 16 JUNE 2024**

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

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



Weekdays:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am
Adoration & Confession (Reconciliation)

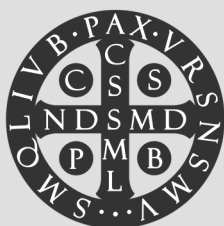
MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
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.

SELF REFLECTION - FAITH

This Sunday's Gospel, Mark 4:26-34, Jesus said:
'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'



Life's greatest lessons and insights come with patience. Faith also flourishes with our life journey. God does not rush us with our growth. God's love blossoms within us so that we may extend shelter and support to others as we thrive.

- How am I growing in my faith?
- Am I being patient learning from life's mistakes?
- How is my faith flourishing in my life journey?
- Am I extending support and kindness to others?

**Dear Lord,
Help me grow in faith patiently as You will. Help me learn from my mistakes so I may flourish in my life journey so I may help others in need. Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:
 'From the top of the cedar,
 from the highest branch I will take a shoot
 and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
 I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
 It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.
 Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
 every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
 And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
 who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
 who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
 all who come to him will live for ever.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34 (JB)

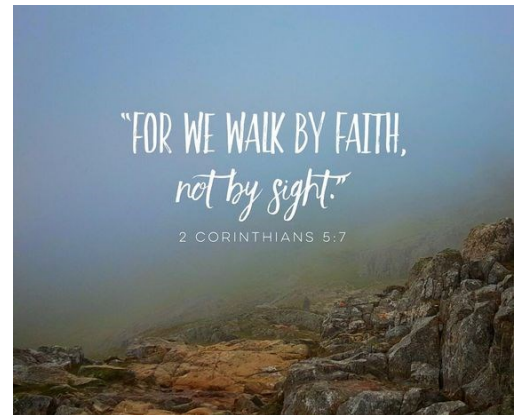
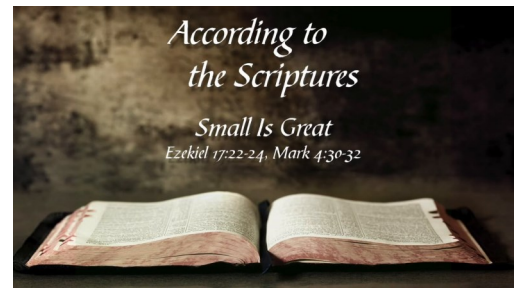
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, June 16
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

We walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Ruth was struggling with her teenage children. She loved them and prayed for them and set healthy boundaries for them, but their irritability and poor choices made her feel that she wasn't doing enough. Some days she even wondered if she was failing as a parent.

Then one morning she read this verse from St. Paul during her prayer time: "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). As she read it, she felt a nudge from God to read it again. As she reflected on the things she was viewing "by sight," especially her children's struggles and her own doubts about herself, she felt God prompting her to see them "by faith" instead.

Ruth thought about how often she had reminded her children that she loved them and that God loved them. She thought about how she brought them to Mass every week, where they received Jesus' Body and Blood in Communion. She thought about how she had taught them to apologize and offer forgiveness to one another, and how they did it, even if it was begrudging at times!

Ruth also reflected on the passages from God's word that had meant so much to her, verses like Isaiah 54:13: "All your children shall be taught by the LORD; great shall be the peace of your children." And Matthew 13:31-32, where Jesus describes how the smallest seed can produce the largest of plants. Closing her Bible, Ruth's heart felt lighter and her mind felt clearer.

Think about a burden you are carrying today. Now, ponder today's words from St. Paul: "We walk by faith, not by sight." How is the Lord inviting you to view that situation by faith? Perhaps you could search out or recall Scripture passages that give you a renewed perspective. God has given you the gift of faith, and he is so pleased when you use it!

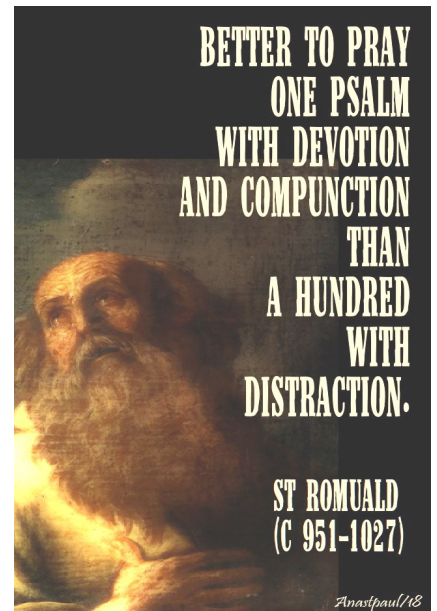
"Lord, open my eyes to see your presence and your faithfulness."

Source: Word Among Us India

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

JUNE

- Monday 17 Readings: 1 Kg 21:1-16. Mt 5:38-42.
R: Lord, listen to my groaning.
- Tuesday 18 Readings: 1 Kg 21:17-29. Mt 5:43-48.
R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- Wednesday 19 Readings: 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14. Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.
R: Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.
St Romuald, abbot.
- Thursday 20 Readings: Sirach 48:1-14. Mt 6:7-15.
R: Let the just rejoice in the Lord.
- Friday 21 Readings: 2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Mt 6:19-23.
R: The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.
St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious.
- Saturday 22 Readings: 2 Chr 24:17-25. Mt 6:24-34.
R: For ever I will keep my love for him.
St Paulinus of Nola, bishop.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2024

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

PARISH NOTICES

- The next roster is now available please pick up from sacristy with your name on it.
- Planned giving envelopes for 2024/2025 are ready to be picked up. They are at in the church the front pew.

Parish Office: 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays)



Our Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

St Benedict's Parish, 12:30pm Sunday 13 October 2024

Invitation to children to take part in the Fatima Play, which will be part of the Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day. 
Please phone 0438 521 421 for further details.

FATIMA COMMITTEE MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday 18 June 2024
Parish Meeting Room
All committed members please attend.
Visitors are welcome.

PARISHIONERS BUSINESSES BOOKLET

We are considering creating a booklet featuring parishioners who run their own businesses or trades.

Our aim is to showcase their enterprises and make the booklet accessible within the parish community, encouraging support for their endeavours.

To include your business or trade in the booklet, kindly email us at: arcadia.parity@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Office: 9653 2312

IN MEMORIUM

MEMORIUM MASS SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 9AM



MILIA KAZZI
13TH JUNE 2014



10 year memoriium Mass will be held on
Sunday 16th June at 9am.

*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon her,
May she Rest in Peace.
Amen*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with
Tony Kazzi and all the Kazzi families and friends.*

ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY

Sunday 14th July 9am



Please join us to celebrate St Benedict's Feast day on Sunday 14th July Mass at 9am followed by Barbecue, jumping castle, Piety stall, sweets, coffee and tea from 10am to 12pm.

PLEASE NOTE: 10.30am Mass is cancelled that day. due to the feast day.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing **FATHER SHANSANA** a very happy birthday!

21st JUNE



God bless you on your birthday!



Thank you for your captivating and inspiring homilies. May this Birthday be just the beginning of many delightful and wonderful things the Lord has in store for you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May your day be as special as you are.
May God continue to strengthen you and our parish!

CRAFT GROUP



The quilting group will meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.30am in the parish meeting room.

Everyone welcome!

In Our Parish

(please let us know if you would like someone added here)

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially **Sam Musumeci, Brother Mario, Father Alberic & Brother Terry.**

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died especially. *May they rest in Peace.*



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

This week volunteer of the week nomination goes to:



**Noelle & John Takchi
Karina & Joe Scuglia**

Thank you for playing the piano, the beautiful singing and all your help in our parish. God bless you in all you do and your family do for our parish!

Who would you like to nominate for next week's volunteer?

NEXT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Our next Sacramental Program enrolments is now open, for students in year 3 commencing with Confirmation. Confirmation sessions will be in August 2024. Confirmation Service will be on September 12th 2024. Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be held next year in 2025.

Enrolment forms are now available in the sacristy or if you would it to be emailed to you send an email to arcadia.parish@bigpond.com and we will email you the enrolment form.

For more information contact Paula on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays).



**The next MEN'S MEET AND GREET is on
Monday the 1st July 2024, 7.30pm to 8.30pm.**

Please join us for an hour for men of different ages for an informal opportunity to get together, communicate and share thoughts of current views in a relaxed environment, free of judgement, supporting connection and meeting other like-minded men from our community.

Mark the date in your calendar and join us!

Contact Mirko for more information on 0409 678 780.



CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every
Wednesday morning: after 9.30am Mass.
Everyone welcome.

Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!
For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CATECHISTS' NEWS

Term 2 is quickly coming to an end. Last day of term is Friday 5th July.

Free training is available to Catechists with full Authorisation – Level 1 Training "Prayer in the Classroom" on Wednesday 24th July via Zoom in the evening 6.15pm-8.30pm.

RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

Reflection Day for all Catechists on the Sacred Heart of Jesus next Friday 21 June 9:45am – 2:30pm at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

Helpers and part time Catechists are welcome to assist when Catechists are away. If you are interested to learn more about the ministry of being a Catechist, please talk to one of our priests or contact me.

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Co-Ordinator



ST BENEDICT'S MAKER'S TABLE

The Maker's Table is a special place where women gather to create, make, craft, pray, listen, share gifts, stories and know-how. A place to create beautiful things. A place to listen, build relationships and cultivate community.

Workshops are held on the first Wednesday of the month 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the parish meeting room.



themakerstablesydney@gmail.com

Martine 0458-533-250

Nerida 0425-834-017

www.themakerstable.org

at St Benedict's Church hall
2 Fagans Rd, Arcadia.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

Come join our St Benedict's Youth group for **8-12yr olds** will be held **every Friday during school term only**. 4pm to 5.30pm.

To register your child either just turn up on the afternoon or email the parish:

arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

Volunteers aged 14-16yrs who would like to assist us please email the parish office.

Our youth leaders all have Working With Children Checks.



Thank you, Gabe & Jules!

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.
Everyone welcome.

For more details call
Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP

Feast Day: June 22

C. 354 - 431

Patron Saint of bellmakers



Pontius Meropius Anicius Paulinus, known as Paulinus, was born in Bordeaux, modern-day France, into a noble family. As a member of the nobility, Paulinus would have received an excellent education in preparation for a career in civil service. When Paulinus was around age twenty-three, the Roman emperor, Gratian, appointed him as a suffect consul at Rome, a position held in high esteem among the ruling class. A few years later, the emperor appointed him as governor of Campania, a region that included Naples and many surrounding cities, including Nola.

The townspeople in Nola had a great reverence for the third-century martyr Saint Felix who was buried there. Inspired by their devotion, Paulinus built a road to make it easier for pilgrims to travel to his tomb, as well as a hospice where they could stay. The people's faith and devotion to Saint Felix stirred a desire in Paulinus for something greater, leading him to inquire into the Catholic faith.

After Gratian's assassination in 383, Paulinus moved to Milan to study the Catholic faith, most likely under Saint Ambrose. When he returned to Bordeaux, he continued his studies, was baptized by the bishop, and married Therasia, a noblewoman from Barcelona. Therasia's strong faith helped Paulinus to grow closer to Christ and embrace a more radical life of prayer and asceticism. When the couple's week-old son died, Paulinus and Therasia deepened their devotion and trust in God, feeling called to a more intense life of prayer and asceticism. They sold most of their possessions, donated the money to the poor, and mutually agreed to live in abstinence as husband and wife.

Paulinus' faith and good works led to his invitation to become a priest. After his ordination, Paulinus and Therasia settled in Nola, Saint Felix's burial site, since Paulinus attributed his conversion to the saint. The couple embraced a new form of monastic life that they invited others to join. They constructed a monastic center for pilgrims to Saint Felix's tomb, places of worship, and infrastructure for basic needs. They were very generous to the poor, even though they themselves lived in poverty. After Therasia died, Paulinus was chosen as bishop of Nola around 409, when he was about fifty-six years old, a position he would hold until his death twenty-two years later.

As bishop, Paulinus continued to spread the Gospel and generously served the poor. He also used his education to compose faith-based poems and hymns. Bishop Paulinus wrote many letters, some of which still exist. He was in written communication with the great Saint Augustine of Hippo, who even mentioned Paulinus in his classic, *The City of God*. Additionally, Paulinus corresponded with Saint Martin of Tours and Saint Jerome. Pope Benedict XVI praised Paulinus' writings as "rich in a lived theology, woven from God's Word, constantly examined as a light for life. The sense of the Church as a mystery of unity emerges in particular from them. Paulinus lived communion above all through a pronounced practice of spiritual friendship. He was truly a master in this, making his life a crossroads of elect spirits..."

Saint Paulinus, you found your true riches in your vocations of nobleman, poet, husband, priest, widower, and bishop – not in the wealth or prestige of the world. Please pray that I may embrace my vocation more fully, seeking only to advance the glory of God and the salvation of souls, beginning with my own. Saint Paulinus of Nola, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



"WE ARE CALLED TO BECOME A LIVING GOSPEL IN THE WORLD." POPE FRANCIS

Xavier School of Preaching

Thursday 1 August - Saturday 3 August 2024

(Registrations open 6pm Thursday. Program concludes 1:30pm Saturday)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
mission@bbcatholic.org.au

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1800 628 221

CATHOLICCARE
1800 324 924

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Diocese of Broken Bay

Catholic Vocations Broken Bay Young Adult Event



ENCOUNTER

ADORATION | FORMATION | COMMUNITY

Special Guest Speaker

Broken Bay Seminarian
Shayne D'Cunha
"WHY THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU"

FRIDAY JUNE 21 | WOY WOY PARISH | 6PM
VENUE: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
125 BLACKWALL ROAD, WOY WOY NSW 2256
RSVP TO: P: 0418 522 449 | 02 83791626
E: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

 **EVENTS @ BROKEN BAY** 



A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A video called "A Catholic Response to Violence" with Bishop Anthony can be viewed on the Diocese website at [A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(bbcatholic.org.au\)](http://bbcatholic.org.au) where other resources, including a booklet, are also available.

The theme for Safeguarding Awareness 2024 is The Voice of the Vulnerable and Bishop Anthony wants a particular focus on domestic family violence, which affects women, children, and men across our communities.

While a number of helplines are identified in the video and booklet, below are some of the key ones"

- 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) – 24-hour 7 day a week service for advice and support
- 131 450 for non-English speakers and ask them to ring:

RESPECT CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY:

- Central Coast: 1800 324 924
- Northern Beaches: 1800 324 924
- Naremburn: 1800 324 924
- Waitara: 1800 324 924

MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE:

1300 766 491

The video is also available on our [Youtube channel](#).

CATHOLICCARE BROKEN BAY

Did you know that CatholicCare provides Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) services?

We assist separating and divorcing couples and their children to resolve disputes without needing to take action in the Family Court.

With the assistance of an impartial third party, family dispute resolution helps identify issues and together we develop a range of options and alternatives, with the goal to reach a settlement that is suitable to all.

Phone: [1800 324 924](tel:1800324924)

Email: info@catholiccaredbb.org.au


Web: <https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/>

Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

22/6/2024 to 23/6/2024
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	Saturday 7.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader1	Mary C	Teresa G	Azzi family
Reader2	Miriam B	Ann L	Azzi family
Prayers	Maria G	Lorraine D	Adam F
TV		Mary A	Azzi family
Music		Melanie H	Karina S
Music		Keith W	John T
Music		Theresa N	Noelle T
Music		Pauline H	
Morning Tea		Mandah V	
 FLOWERS	Mona M		



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

SUPPORT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

ARE YOU CONSIDERING SELLING YOUR PROPERTY

We are delighted to introduce Gavan Kohen, Sales Director at Ray White Dural, a proud member of the Parish of St Benedict's.

Gavan is generously offering to support our parish by donating a portion of his commission from any sale referred by our parishioners. Thank you Gavan, we appreciate your kind gesture.

For any real estate enquiries, please contact Gavan Kohen on 0414 911 070.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Do you feel called to help with the healing of a broken world?

Caritas Australia is looking for a special person in the diocese of Broken Bay to help carry the message of a faith that does justice to our schools, parishes and communities.

You will be part of a vibrant team that is active in every diocese in Australia. You will be supported and meet some terrific colleagues. You will be helping the lives of some of the most marginal members of the human family.

The work is part-time, flexible and immensely rewarding.

Please send an expression of interest to dominic.smith@caritas.org.au

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Facebook: [stbenedictsarcadia](https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsarcadia)

MONASTERY: 9653 1159



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Account 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.