

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To do no wrong to anyone, and to bear patiently wrongs done to oneself.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



COVID-19 STAGE 2 RE-OPENING:
CHURCH ATTENDANCE BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL
ONLY 50 people maximum allowed.

Contact Paula for:
Parish bookings
on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays)
or 0423 078 282

Online Booking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>

PARISH:

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

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Contact Father David for:

Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Father Bernard: 0416 032 497

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20 & 21 June 2020

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13
*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of
those who are evil.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-35 R v.14
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
And you also will be my witness.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 10:26-33
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Gospel reading for this Week
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday after Trinity Sunday - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus said to the Jews:

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel reading for next Week
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Aloysius Gonzaga

Feastday: June 21
Birth: 1568 Lombardy Italy
Death: 1591 in Rome

Born in Lombardy (Italy) in 1568. Died in Rome on this day in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims. Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility.

Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

In 1729, Pope Benedict XIII declared Aloysius de Gonzaga to be the patron saint of young students. In 1926, he was named patron of all Christian youth by Pope Pius XI. Owing to the manner of his death, he has been considered a patron saint of plague victims.

For his compassion and courage in the face of an incurable disease, Aloysius Gonzaga has become the patron both of AIDS sufferers and their caregivers.

Aloysius is also the patron of Valmontone, a town in Lazio.

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**Prayer: Dear Lord, teach us to be like St Aloysius, to have compassion and care for the sick.
AMEN.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 10:26-33

Matthew offers words of encouragement to those who give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus's disciples are encouraged to fearlessly confess their faith regardless of outside forces threatening to persecute the Christian community. It is more important to trust in God and give witness to divine providence than to trust in the false sense of safety that human authority might give.

Matthew wants to let his community members know they have nothing to fear, because God is their refuge. Jesus lays to rest any fears the disciples may have that would cause them to abandon their mission.

Matthew also warns that there will be individuals who will say things in secret and who will cause problems for the disciples who are preaching the Good News of Jesus. These hypocrisies, however, will be exposed.

Matthew wants the disciples to focus on one goal: to give witness to their faith. Each disciple's final judgment will be based on his or her faithfulness to Jesus during his or her life.

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THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with him:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Saint Alphonsus Liguori



FEAST OF THE SACRED OF JESUS FRIDAY AFTER CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 19TH 2020

PRAYER

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you and will a lively sorrow for my sins.

I offer you this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.

Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;

give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Within your heart I place my every care.

In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying,

Heart of Jesus, help me.

Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR June 2020

The Way of the Heart

**We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life,
allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.**

AMEN



NEW ADDITIONAL PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 7:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 10:30am (changed from 11am)

Sunday Latin 4.30pm

Weekday Mass

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession

Maximum 50 people (not including celebrant, servers or musicians)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact office on 9653 2312 or Paula on 0423 078 282

Online Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers - all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Frank Saliba and Ben Lucas.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, our country and throughout the world.

PARISH FUNDS

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few months. We really appreciate it.

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected. Also especially with the Fete being cancelled this year has set us back quite a bit. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

BSB: **062 784**
Acct: **1446 8001**
Name: **Catholic Parish of Arcadia**
Bank: **Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Catholic Development Fund**

Another option is to pay by **credit card** just contact the parish office on 9653 2312.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The last two weeks of June have been set aside for the 2020 Winter Appeal. Members of your local Conference will not be speaking at Masses on this occasion nor will we be providing envelopes for donations.

If it is possible for you to make a donation to the Appeal at this time, you are encouraged to do so online via the Vinnies website: vinnies.org.au

At a local level, there has not been a lot of demand for our help over recent months. Many of our "regulars" have been assisted by various government initiatives. This will change in the coming months when those current benefits are phased out.

GCEA

Thank you for your continued partnership, supporting and praying for Lachlan and God's work at Galston High School. This coming Saturday morning we're having a **GCEA Online Prayer Breakfast**. The details for the breakfast are as follows:

What: GCEA Online Prayer Breakfast
When: Saturday 20th June @ 8am
Where: Zoom meeting room - just click [here](#) to connect in

Roger Hokin
Youth and Young Adults Minister
Dural District Anglican Churches
GCEA Secretary
roger@duralanglican.org.au 0413 067 770

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL OFFICE

Divorced?
Interested in finding out about a marriage annulment?

During this time of social distancing the work of the Marriage Tribunal continues remotely. Rather than coming to the Tribunal in person, applicants and witnesses can be interviewed by phone. For further information about the annulment process, please have a look at our www.bbcatholic.org.au/agencies/marriage-tribunal

To contact the Broken Bay Marriage Tribunal, phone: 8379 1681 or email: tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

CATECHIST NEWS

Scripture (SRE) classes resume next term! It is with excitement that we were notified that the Department of Education has advised that SRE classes are able to resume from Term 3.

Please continue to keep our Catechists and the students that they teach, in your prayers at this time.

Free training is being provided by the CCD online to all Catechists. **The CCD will be hosting online training for Safeguarding Children via Zoom next week on Wed 24th June 7-9pm and during the school holidays Wed 8th July 10am-12pm.** Please register one week prior to the date on 8379 1643 or registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you have any Project Compassion Boxes at home please bring them back as soon as possible so we can forward them to Caritas. collections to Caritas.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Contact Parish Office to book as bookings are essential at the moment.
For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting will resume every Friday night 7.30PM, as well as Wednesday mornings 10.45am. Bookings are essential. Everyone welcome.
For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403116987.

CLEANING AFTER MASS

It would be appreciated if each person would wipe down the pews they were sitting on after each Mass please. There are gloves provided with wipes and cleaning products at front of church.

PLANTS FOR SALE



Judy Horton has some **donated** plants for sale:

200mm Gardenias and Murrayas: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10

Advanced Banksias: \$10 each

All proceeds will go to our parish.

Please call Judy on 0419 604 701

PLANNED GIVING

How is Parish Planned Giving used? A parish is dependent on the generosity of its parishioners to sustain itself and its many charitable and pastoral works. Generally, this support is through two collections at each Sunday Mass. The first collection is for the Priests: Salary, health insurance, Superannuation etc.

The second collection for the Parish Community: Operating costs, parish expenses, parish programs, parish staff, Diocesan programs.

In addition to traditional forms of planned giving such as putting planned giving envelopes into the collection baskets during Mass, parishioners are encouraged to join the parish planned giving program electronically via the following two options:

1. Transferring weekly to the bank account on previous page.
2. Create your own recurring payment via your internet banking.

Please help us out by planned giving. For further information please contact the office on 9653 2312.

The below is some information regarding planned giving participation in Arcadia compared to the other Diocesan parishes. This is historical information from the 2018/19 year (**parish names have been left blank**):

| No | Second Collection 2018-19 | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Parish | Planned Giving | Loose 2nd Plus T&G | Total Second Collection |
| 1 | | 87% | 13% | 100% |
| 2 | | 84% | 16% | 100% |
| 3 | | 81% | 19% | 100% |
| 4 | | 79% | 21% | 100% |
| 5 | | 79% | 21% | 100% |
| 6 | | 77% | 23% | 100% |
| 7 | | 75% | 25% | 100% |
| 8 | | 75% | 25% | 100% |
| 9 | | 74% | 26% | 100% |
| 10 | | 74% | 26% | 100% |
| 11 | | 73% | 27% | 100% |
| 12 | | 73% | 27% | 100% |
| 13 | | 72% | 28% | 100% |
| 14 | | 72% | 28% | 100% |
| 15 | | 72% | 28% | 100% |
| 16 | | 71% | 29% | 100% |
| 17 | | 70% | 30% | 100% |
| 18 | | 67% | 33% | 100% |
| 19 | | 67% | 33% | 100% |
| 20 | | 64% | 36% | 100% |
| 21 | | 62% | 38% | 100% |
| 22 | | 60% | 40% | 100% |
| 23 | | 55% | 45% | 100% |
| 24 | | 52% | 48% | 100% |
| 25 | | 50% | 50% | 100% |
| 26 | | 50% | 50% | 100% |
| 27 | Arcadia Parish | 36% | 64% | 100% |

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| Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm | Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia |
| Parish Office: 9653 2312 | Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia |
| Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath OSB | Address: Cnr Fagans & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159 |
| After hours: 0416 032 497 | Monastery: 9653 1159 |
| Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com | Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231 |

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters
please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
16 June 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Since my appointment as Bishop of Broken Bay, I have tried to engender a spirit of generosity and enthusiasm for the mission of the Church. I do so, because the community of the Church is an evangeliser, and to evangelise we must be generous and enthusiastic for the Lord.

We begin by being evangelised ourselves. As Pope Saint Paul VI taught, the Church “is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of brotherly love, and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love” (cf *Evangelii Nuntiandi* 15).

To engage faithfully in our mission, we must be led, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to conversion, renewal and reform, so that the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church will be recognised, known, and loved as the living Body of Christ.

Throughout our Diocese of Broken Bay, hundreds of women and men generously and enthusiastically carry out their mission on a weekly basis as catechists. Their participation in this mission is not to be underestimated. These women and men of faith are called and commissioned to be spiritual guides, teachers of the faith, and leaders in the community. They work with the priests and deacons of the Church. Under my episcopal oversight and care, they are engaged in the mission of evangelisation and catechesis – which is first and foremost a work of faith.

This week I would like to acknowledge the marvellous work that our catechists do by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Their students in the faith see Christ in them. In many instances, our catechists are the first proclamation of the Good News in their lives of their students. Their support of parents and carers strengthens the family and the community. Others believe and hold to the teachings of Christ because of what our catechists teach by word and deed.

As the public school system reopens to our catechists, I would ask that you keep them in your prayers, especially in this COVID environment. The work of evangelisation and catechesis is one that belongs to every member of the community of the Church. It can be a daunting thought for some, who might not think that they are “qualified” to teach the faith. Our catechists know how to overcome many obstacles to evangelisation. The starting point is not a book; rather it is a living relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the Good News. Accepting him into our lives as Lord and Saviour is the first work of being evangelised.

Thank you to our catechists for leading the way.

Blessings of grace and peace for the week ahead,
+Anthony

