

# 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

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### MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Contact Father David for:

Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays 7:00am  
Daily 7:00am

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Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

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

**Father Bernard: 0416 032 497**

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

27 & 28 June 2020

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:11. 14-16  
*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19 R v.2

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4. 8-11  
*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall  
walk in a new life.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.  
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his  
marvellous light.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

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.*

**Gospel reading for this 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Gospel reading for next Week**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**  
**Matthew 11:25-30**

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

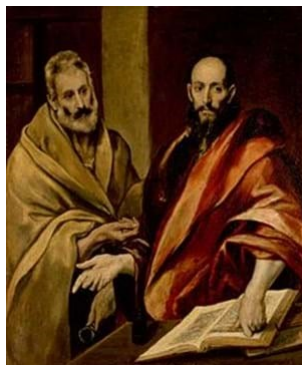
Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

Feastday: June 29

Peter, who was also known as Simon Peter of Cephas, is considered the first Pope. Despite his papacy, Peter had humble beginnings and became one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was ordained by Jesus in the "Rock of My Church" written in Matthew 16:17-18, which says, "Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a blessed man!

Because it was no human agency that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my community. And the gates of the underworld can never overpower it.'"

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century.

Both Saints Peter and Paul died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the "chief of the apostles" and Paul the "apostle to the Gentiles".

Remembered for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

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**Prayer: Dear Lord, teach us to be like Saints Peter & Paul, to have strong faith and courage.**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 10:37-42

As Catholic Christians, we can either welcome the stranger, the prophet, and the holy person, or reject them and drive them away. Jesus experienced both—being welcomed at the table as well as being rejected and not allowed to be part of the community. It is not easy to welcome the stranger, but Jesus insists that it is exactly what we need to do, and that in welcoming the stranger, we welcome him.

The Gospel challenges us to reflect on the real “cost” of having and maintaining faith in Jesus Christ as well as on how we relate to one another as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Do we welcome the stranger in our midst?

Do we welcome those who come and worship with us on Sunday, especially those who may not be members of our parish?

Do we welcome into our community those who are in special need?

“Whoever welcomes me [Jesus] welcomes the one who sent me” (10:40).

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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*



## SOLEMNITY OF STS PETER & PAUL JUNE 29TH 2020

### PRAYER



O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul, give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

We are overwhelmed by the kindness of 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 or email [arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com)

## CATECHIST NEWS

To prepare for the return to schools - **Catechist Meeting this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10:30am** at the parish (please note changed time). All returning Catechists are encouraged to attend.

Scripture (SRE) classes resume next term! Please continue to keep our Catechists and the students that they teach, in your prayers at this time. Term 2 ends this week, so please also keep in your prayers all families during the holiday season.

Free training is being provided by the CCD online to all Catechists. **The CCD will be hosting online training for Safeguarding Children via Zoom during the school holidays Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12pm.**

Please register one week prior to the date on 8379 1643 or [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council meeting:

**When:** Tuesday 7th of July  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Where:** Parish meeting room

## 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.

## FATIMA COMMITTEE

There will be a Fatima Committee meeting:

**When:** Tuesday 30th of June  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** Parish meeting room

If you would like to join our committee please contact: Teresa on 0438 521 421.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## FUNDRAISING

Do you have any ideas for fundraising? Please contact the office on 9653 2312. We would love to hear your ideas!

## 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](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/agencies/marriage-tribunal)  
To contact the Broken Bay Marriage Tribunal, phone: 8379 1681 or email: [tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au)

## PLANTS FOR SALE



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

**200mm Gardenias and Murrays: \$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	<b>Arcadia Parish</b>	36%	64%	100%

**Office Hours:** Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm

**Parish Office:** 9653 2312

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Bernard McGrath OSB

**After hours:** 0416 032 497

**Email:** arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

**Website:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)

**Facebook:** stbenedictsarcadia

**Address:** Cnr Fagans & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159

**Monastery:** 9653 1159

**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 23 June 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

René Girard, the French historian, literary critic, and philosopher of social science, wrote that “There is an irresistible urge in human communities from time to time to purge themselves by choosing an innocent victim from among their ranks, on whom to blame all of their own faults and vileness” (*The Scapegoat*, 1989, p. 40). While he wrote these words towards the end of last century, I think that they are still relevant for us today, 20 years into the twenty-first century.

There seems to be an irresistible temptation in human nature to blame others. In the English language, we even have the verb “to scapegoat” which means to blame someone for something bad that has happened. Scapegoat has its origins in the Hebrew Scriptures, specifically the Book of Leviticus:

“Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and sending it away into the wilderness by means of someone designated for the task. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region; and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness”.  
(*Leviticus 16:21-22*)

The original concept was to confess one’s transgressions or sins and then to be freed from them by ritually placing them on the head of the goat. Unfortunately, the true meaning of acknowledgement of failings, confession of sins, and liberation from past ways of living, has been lost in this context. The secular world simply defaults to blame. In our time, the blame is rarely self-blame. Rather, it is blame of others – the government, the police, the Pope, the bishop, the priests and deacons, the parish council, the youth, the schools... the list is endless.

As the community of the Church, our vocation is different. The “blame game” is nowhere to be found in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Instead, as brothers and sisters of the Lord, our calling is one of [virtuous](#) living. It includes genuine devotion to God and our Catholic tradition. Living virtuous lives by no means places us over or above others. It does however; allow the power of the Holy Spirit to work through us so that others might meet Christ in us and through this encounter, they will know the love and mercy of God. There is no room for blame in this way of living.

I would like to propose to you that this call, this vocation, is common to all the baptised. It is our commission to be evangelists of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Evangelists are called to share Christ with others. The next step is to acknowledge that we belong to an evangelising community. Pope Francis reminds us that an evangelising community gets involved in people’s lives and stands by people every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy the journey. (*cf The Joy of the Gospel*, 24) This is an essential part of our mission and will cause us to have a daily concern to spread the love and goodness of God. It can be challenging work; however, it is not without its rewards. The desire to share our Christian joy is itself a gift from God who has taken the initiative of loving us first.