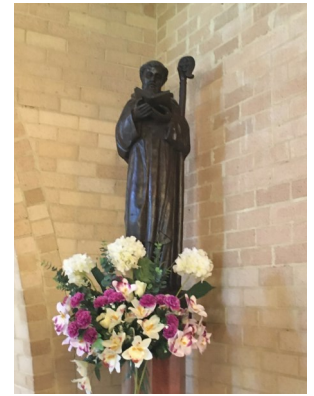


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To apply oneself frequently to prayer.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:
CHURCH ATTENDANCE:
*One person per 4sqm,
maximum 100 people.*
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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

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

PARISH Masses

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am
Sunday Latin 4.30pm

Weekday:

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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15 & 16 August 2020

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.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R V.4
O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom
And healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 15:21-28
Woman, you have great faith.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Gospel reading for this Week**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 15:21-28***Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The **TWENTIETH** Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus reveals that God wants everyone to enter into the Kingdom of heaven. It is not reserved for an exclusive or select group but is available for all. Jesus, however, never diminishes in any way God's gift of free will, but his life does serve as a blueprint of how to enter into the Kingdom of heaven if we so choose.

To enter the Kingdom, we must accept the word of Jesus. Faith in Jesus, and in his Father who sent him, is the key to salvation. Everything else is based on this fundamental belief (see CCC, number 151). We don't have to be perfect to be in the Kingdom, but we do have to be willing to let the Holy Spirit help us grow more perfect in our love and forgiveness.

In the New Testament, we often read that the Kingdom of heaven is for those who are poor in spirit. This refers to those who are willing to do God's will and to place Gospel values before individual personal gain. The Canaanite woman gives witness to this kind of person by putting her daughter's needs first and by seeking out Jesus to heal her daughter of the demon regardless of the personal cost to her.

Because the Canaanite woman is able to let go of wanting to control God, and because she places her faith in God, she is able to witness to the disciples that trust in the will of God leads to grace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbott and Doctor of the Church

Feast day: August 20
Death: 1153

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Fontaines near Dijon.

Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture.

After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example.

In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervour, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century.

He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honour of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him, but he refused them all.

The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade.

In obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he travelled through France and Germany, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153. His feast day is August 20.

Memorare of St Bernard

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother,
to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions,
but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. **AMEN.**

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 7 Part V (continued)

The fourth degree of humility is that, meeting in this obedience with difficulties and contradictions and even injustice, he should with a quiet mind hold fast to patience, and enduring neither tire nor run away; for the Scripture saith: *He that shall persevere to the end shall be saved*; and again: *Let thy heart take courage, and wait thou for the Lord.*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY AUGUST 15TH 2020 SOLEMNITY

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.



Prayer of Pope Pius XII

"O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of Men, — we believe with all the fervor of our Faith in your triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul, into heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen of all the choirs of angels and all the legions of the Saints; and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord Who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love."

(from the Assumption Prayer of Pope Pius XII)

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2020 THE MARITIME WORLD

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea,
among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

AMEN



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

If you know anyone that needs help in any way please contact the parish office or Father Bernard.

COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Bookings is still essential or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.

**Please adhere to social distancing guidelines and sanitize your hands at the door.
Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.**

WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO WEAR MASKS.

**IF YOU ARE NOT WELL OR EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS, PLEASE STAY HOME,
ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.**

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers - all our dearly beloved who have died.

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 ESPECIALLY LEBANON.

TAP AND GIVE—Donation Point Tap

Thank you to everyone who has been using our Tap and Give donation points. They have been pre-set at \$20. All you need to do is place your payWave debit or credit card on the front and it automatically deducts \$20 from your account. Only swipe it once a month if you want to donate \$5 per week. Swipe it once a fortnight if you want to donate \$10 per week. Swipe it more than once if you want to donate more etc.

You will find one device available on the disability ramp at the back entry. The other one at front entry right hand side.

The funds will go into the second collection for the parish expenses.

Thank you for your understanding and your kind weekly giving.



LITTLE WAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Little Way Sunday School is an online evangelisation tool for children developed by a family in the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland.

The engaging videos are produced weekly and are designed to connect children to the teachings of the Church by providing videos with:

1. an explanation of the Gospel of the day
2. a reflection from a priest
3. a weekly mission for the kids

The Little Way Sunday School's videos are free to use and suitable for families, children's and youth ministries or school education.

This resource can be accessed via their [YouTube channel](#) or [FaceBook](#)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Due to Covid 19 our Sacramental Program has been put on hold. Confirmation will not take place at St Benedict's until the second half of 2021. The Bishop has also stated that children must now be 8 years of age and in Year 3 before they enrol in the program.

Reconciliation and Holy Communion will take place in 2022. If you have any further questions please contact Theresa Neely, Sacramental Program Coordinator
Ph: 0447 425 077

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.

CATECHIST NEWS

Two Catechists required for Term 4 for a class of 13 students at Glenorie on Wednesdays 10:10 – 10:50am and a class of 9 students at Arcadia 11:30am – 12:10pm.

Are you able to help for one term? If so, please call myself or Fr Bernard. Training and lesson plans are free!

Training available to all Catechists -
Classroom Management and Curriculum Skills via Zoom on Monday 17th August, Wednesday 19th August and Monday 24th August 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

PRAY FOR LEBANON

We continue to pray for all the Lebanese people in Lebanon, also to our parishioners and Australians with Lebanese Heritage. May God keep your family and friends safe in Lebanon.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED EMERGENCY LEBANON APPEAL

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched a national emergency appeal for Lebanon, requesting prayers for victims and their families, and raising funds in the wake of the deadly explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, which has killed at least 135 people, injured 5000 and decimated the capital city.

The funds that are raised will be used to support the most urgent needs in Lebanon (such as emergency food packages) but they will also respond to the physical and spiritual needs that arise in the coming weeks, months and years.

To donate to ACN Australia's National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon visit: aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call ACN on 1800 101 201 during business hours, 8.00am-5.00pm

[Read the full story](#)

[Download Flyer](#) for details on how to donate.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting is held every Friday night after 7pm Mass, as well as Wednesday mornings after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.
For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
11 August 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Have you ever noticed that some people are incredibly passionate about issues in life? Issues such as the family, work, religion, politics, the environment, beginning and end of life, racism, justice and peace – the list is endless. The Oxford Dictionary defines the word passionate as “having or showing strong feelings of enthusiasm for something or belief in something”. Yet, the word itself means so much more than having strong feelings. It is derived from the Latin word *passio*, which is a term found in Christian theology from the Latin word *pati*, meaning suffer. It is linked to the word compassion, which means to suffer with.

Looking around our Church and society, we do not have to go far to see or experience human suffering. Many people are doing it tough at the moment, and so it is good that as a community, we have strong feelings of enthusiasm towards life issues. It is even better that as a community of the Church we can stand alongside others and, in Christian solidarity, suffer with them.

Saint Paul spoke about suffering on many occasions. One of his most beautiful instructions can be found in his Second Letter to the Corinthians. Reminding the Christian community that we are never to lose heart but always to be filled with hope, he said, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies”. ([2 Corinthians 4:8-10](#))

For Paul, and indeed for all Christians, the paradigm of suffering is Jesus Christ, who underwent the agony of the cross and died for our salvation and the life of the world. The Apostle reminds us to put things into perspective by always placing Jesus and his cross at the centre of our lives. By doing so, we do not succumb to some sort of vague spiritual escapism, as the non-believer might have us think. We do find ourselves in communion with Christ – through his life, death, and resurrection.

Each day brings a deepening of that communion if we open our minds and hearts to the Spirit of Jesus. In the community of the Church, no one need ever be alone because we are one in Christ. This week can I encourage you to keep an eye out for those who might be alone and suffering? Through our faith in Jesus, we will be able to reach out to others. With the compassion of Christ, we will be able to suffer with them. In our love for Jesus, we will be passionate about issues of life over death, good over evil, and hope over despair.

Blessings on your week ahead.

+Anthony



**CATHOLIC
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BROKEN BAY**

Expression of Interest for FUTURE FOCUSED SCHOOL LEADERS

*"You can do what I cannot do.
I can do what you cannot do.
Together we can do great things."
Mother Teresa*

We are seeking ambitious, inspirational and future-focussed leaders to join our Broken Bay system of Catholic schools in 2021.

The Diocese of Broken Bay encompasses 44 systemic Catholic schools stretching across Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches, and up through the Central Coast.

Creating positive outcomes for our students and enriching our school communities imbued with the Spirit of Christ is at the heart of everything we do in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Experience the benefits of a forward looking, growth focused system of Catholic schools with opportunities for quality leadership development and targeted professional learning. Be inspired by the vision of authentic professional Catholic education delivered with care and compassion. Under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, we are entering an exciting time of transformation to equip our schools and our people to be future ready, inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning and to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

To express your interest in positions of responsibility including Principal, Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator, please email our recruitment team at hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call us on 9847 0596.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm

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Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

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

Address: Cnr Fagans & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159

Monastery: 9653 1159

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 1446 8001

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.



**LISTENING
TO THE PAST;
CARING FOR
THE FUTURE**



Liturgy of Lament

All are invited to gather to pray together
in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most
vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow.

1 September 2020

7pm

Our Lady of the
Rosary Cathedral
Yardley Ave,
Waitara

The liturgy
will be live
streamed
To watch:
bbcatholic.org.au



For more information visit
bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding
or call **8379 1605**



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