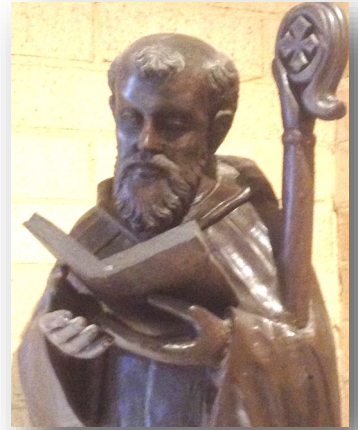


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*prefer nothing to the love of Christ*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 & 25 August 2019

### First Reading

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 66:18-21**  
*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 116**

**Go to all the world  
and tell the Good News.**

### Second Reading

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke 13:22-30**  
*From East and West they will come  
to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm  
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am  
Sunday Latin Mass at Church 4.30pm

### Weekday Mass

Daily at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Wednesday at Parish Church 9:30am

### Special Masses at the Parish

#### Monthly Mass

1st Friday of the month 7:00pm

#### Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month 9:00am

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm

**Liturgy of the Word** invites all children to attend during 9:00am Mass.

**Baptisms** are celebrated at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please see Father Bernard.

**Reconciliation** is on every Friday evening at the Parish Church from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and available by appointment.

**For the sick** who require a priest, please call Father Bernard.

**Marriages** by appointment, please see Father Bernard.

**Funerals** to be arranged through Father Bernard.

## Liturgy of the Hours

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel at the following times:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6pm	Evening prayer
8pm	Night prayer

## Plenary Council 2020

The final report for the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council was released on Sunday 28 July. *Listen to what the Spirit is Saying* is available to download on the Plenary Council website.

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports).

As we now enter the crucial phase of Listening & Discernment may we be open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit who will lead us to the fullness of Truth.

Resources to support engagement with the National Themes of Discernment will be made available in the coming weeks.



PlenaryCouncil2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## Migrant and Refugee Sunday - 25 August

*“Our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate,”*

Pope Francis in his Message for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2019.

The annual **WOMEN FOR THE WORLD LUNCHEON** will be held in Sydney on **13 September**. This fundraiser supports the work of Caritas in empowering a worldwide community of women to enable them to uphold dignity, tackle poverty and overcome injustice.

For more information go to <https://www.womenfortheworld.org.au>

## Upcoming Events in the Diocese

14 September **INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
**SHERRY WEDDELL**  
“Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish”  
Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

17 September **TWILIGHT TALKS** for young adults  
“Holy Spirit, Discernment and Discipleship”  
Featuring Fr David Ranson  
Hotel Pennant Hills, Pennant Hills

11-12 October **BIBLE CONFERENCE**  
“The Holy Spirit in Scripture”  
Featuring Professor Ormond Rush and Dr Debra Snoddy  
Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

## PUTTING RUNGS ON THE LADDER—29 August

Join Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta, the Archdiocese of Sydney, and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year’s Social Justice Statement “*A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.*” This is a free event and will include a presentation by Sue Mowbray, CEO of the Mercy Foundation.

Date **Thursday, 29 August** 6.30-9pm  
Venue Cathedral Hall, Marist Place, Parramatta

## ST BENEDICT’S YOUTH GROUP

Date **Friday 13 September**, 5pm - 7.30pm

For more information please contact Nerida Woodbury on 0425 834 017 or [nerida.woodbury@gmail.com](mailto:nerida.woodbury@gmail.com)

All youth ages 12 - 17 are welcome!  
\$2 donation for pizzas.



## In Our Parish

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

We welcome into God’s family ~ all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Freya Sunderland & Carol Aviani.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

Information Session on **Monday 26 August at 4.15pm**

The children will be presented to the parish this Sunday at the 9am Mass.

Confirmation will take place on  
**Saturday, 31 August at 3pm.**

Please pray for the children and their families  
as they continue their journey

## MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Dates **30 August to 1 September**

St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park

Cost \$230

Presenter Paul White with the retreat team

Email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au)

## REIMAGINING LAND AS BELOVED COMPANION

**Sunday 8 September 3-5.30pm**

St Anthony's, Terrey Hills

Hosted by the Frenches Forest Parish Social Justice Group  
m. 0408 279 871

## THE LOVE AND PRESENCE OF GOD

**September 14 10.30am to 3.30pm**

Presenter Deacon Peter Presdee

Cost \$30

Ph 02 8795 3400 [retreats@carmelite.com.au](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com.au)

## ALPHA

For those who have been involved with Alpha in the parish we are organising a catch up over dinner on **Saturday, 21 September.**

Time 6.30pm

At Glenorie RSL

RSVP Thursday 19 Sept

Sandra 0410 587 735



That families, through their life in prayer and love,  
become ever more clearly  
'schools of true human growth'

Pope Francis' prayer intention August 2019

## CATECHIST NEWS

*'We also need to be in relationship with the Trinity. We need to be a people who are generous of heart and filled with the spirit of joy. We are, after all, proclaiming the Good News, that God, the Father loved us so much, He sent His Son, Jesus to tell us that love. Jesus ultimately gave His life for us and won for us eternal life and restored our relationship with the Father. Jesus promised us His Holy Spirit and it is through that Holy Spirit we can continue Jesus' work of telling the Good News.'*

Michael Tebbutt on 'Being a Disciple of Jesus' conclusion

Please keep in your prayers all our Catechists, and the students that they teach. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please talk to Fr Bernard or myself.

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Please do not leave clothing or other items at the parish: please take directly to a Vinnies shop.

Some personal items have been left in the back pocket of a pair of men's jeans. If you have recently left clothing at the parish could you contact the office? Ph 9653 2312

## JAMBEROO ABBEY—RETREAT 6-8 DECEMBER

A group of parishioners are heading to Jamberoo Abbey in December for a silent retreat. We have two cottages booked with twelve spots available. If you would like to attend please contact Sandra by **30 August** m. 0410 587 735

**Dates Friday, 6 December to Sunday, 8 December**

Cost \$150 (\$120 for two nights' accommodation and \$30 for the retreat day on Saturday)

Saturday 7 December: **"Gods Constant Gift"**

This day retreat gives you an opportunity to stop and receive whatever gift He has for you at this year's end. Presenters Sr Hilda Scott osb & Sr Hannah Massy-Greene

## MEETINGS this week

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary  
Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community  
Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

## Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

September is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese. This year the Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating the theme, *A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging*. All are invited to the Diocesan Liturgy which signifies the start of Safeguarding Month.

### LITURGY OF INCLUSION AND CARE

Date Tuesday 3 September at 7pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

### ONLINE SAFETY MASTERCLASS FOR PARENTS

Date Thursday 5 September 6-8pm

Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills.

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au ph. 8379 1605

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 31 Aug & 1 Sept

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Mary Camilleri	Children's Mass
R2	Teresa Gambino	Father's Day
P	Mary Gambino	
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Liliana Nati
EM	Margaret Bensley	Sophie Rebula
EM		Marisa Quattrocchi
EM		Kath Moran
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		N/A
CL2		N/A
MT		Catechists
CT		Bernadette & Lorraine
WEL		Kath and Grace

**PLAYGROUP** every Monday during school term including Craft activities at Bunnings Dural on Monday 16 September

Contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 10am-12noon

Parish Office: 9653 2312  
 Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb  
 After hours: 0416 032 497  
 Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231  
 Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

## Gospel reading for Next Week 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-14

***All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.***

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### TRADITIONAL OWNERS

St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia, acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
 7.30pm Tuesday, 3 September 2019

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm  
 Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883  
 Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com  
 Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

*For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.*