

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To prefer nothing to the love of Christ.
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:

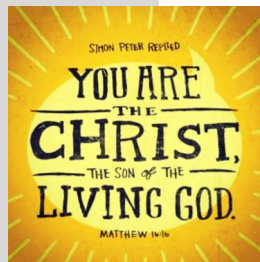
Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

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



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22 & 23 August 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-8 R v.8

*Lord, your love is eternal;
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36
From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
The gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 16:13-20
*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom
of heaven.*

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Gospel reading for this Week**A reading from the holy Gospel according to****Matthew 16:13-20***You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood 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 Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The **TWENTY-FIRST** Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus's question to the disciples is a question all Christians need to answer, often many times, in their faith journey. Just as Peter's relationship grows during the three years he travels with Jesus, our relationship with Jesus grows continuously.

Each opportunity that deepens our relationship with Jesus brings new insights into his true identity. Jesus blesses Peter and makes him a model for all Christians of what it means to trust in God completely. Jesus is so convinced of Peter's authentic faith that he says, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church" (16:18). For one critical moment, Peter opens himself to the truth and is forever changed.

Jesus asks us the same question: "Who do you say that I am?" (16:15).

How will you respond?

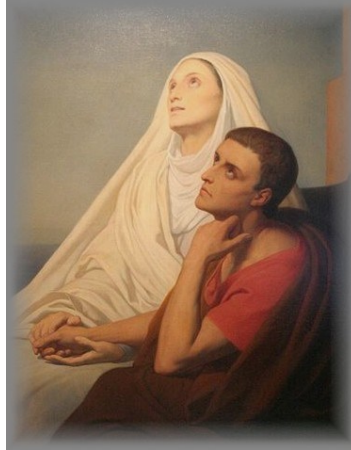
Do you recognize Jesus as the Son of the living God, or do you share the speculations of others?

Are you willing to take the risk of professing your belief in Jesus?

Do you dare to speak the truth?

In truth, we are changed. Jesus seeks those who are willing to take risks and who honestly profess their belief in him. They are the rock on which Jesus continues to build his Church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Monica
(Mother of St Augustine)

Feast day: August 27
Patron of: Wives and Abuse Victims
Birth: 331
Death: 387

Saint Monica, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

Before her marriage her faith bore fruit in her recovery from a drinking problem and later helped bring her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine (28 August). Following his conversion and baptism in Milan, she died at the beginning of her journey home to Africa. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence in prayer.

Augustine later wrote a book called *Confessions*, in which he wrote of Monica's habit of bringing "to certain oratories, erected in the memory of the saints, offerings of porridge, bread, water and wine."

Augustine wrote: "In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor - so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned."

Dear Lord, Help us to be like St Monica, to help our children turn from their sins and become great saints for the glory of God. AMEN.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

In the first place, to love the Lord God with all one's heart, all one's soul, and all one's strength.
Then, one's neighbour as oneself.

PRAYER TO ST. MONICA

Feast day August 27

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine,
you perseveringly pursued your wayward son,
not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven.

Intercede for all mothers in our day
so that they may learn to draw their children to God.

Teach them how to remain close to their children,
even the prodigal sons and daughters
who have sadly gone astray.

AMEN

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. One device is found 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.

Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal



Your generous donation will support five Catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Broken Bay Diocese. The Charitable Works Fund Appeal is 100% tax deductible.

www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund

Your gift helps families like Sonia's. When Sonia's mum Patricia – or Pat - was diagnosed with cancer the family was overwhelmed with fear, sadness and anger about dealing with this terrible disease. Thankfully, Pat was introduced to Peter Brown, a Pastoral Care practitioner and part of the Broken Bay Hospital Chaplaincy program.

Peter was able to sit with Pat and talk about her worries, and “be God's presence in that vulnerability”. A powerful comfort in her time of darkness. **Your gift today will bring much needed help to families across Broken Bay** and bring alive the mission of Jesus.

“He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed”
Luke 4:18

How to give - Support by making an **online donation** or by completing a CWF envelope (available in parish). Online donations are allocated towards your parish CWF target.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Tuesday 25th of August

Time: 7pm

Where: Meeting Room



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.
For more details call Angela Egiziano. Ph: 9653 2312.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every Friday night after 7pm Mass, and Wednesday mornings after 9.30am Mass.
Everyone welcome. For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

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

Our SRE (Scripture) lessons continue in our 5 local public schools, thanks to our wonderful team of committed Catechists! Thank you to those who have been taking extra classes. Although the Department of Education has advised us to refrain from singing in the classroom, we may still enjoy listening to music. Please continue to keep our Catechists in your prayers.

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 24th August 10am -12pm.** Please register on 8379 1643 or registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

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

THE SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

This virtual pilgrimage begins on 8 September, the birthday of Mary, and concludes on 7 October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage: A Biblical Journey through the Life of Christ with His Mother, will include over 20 Australian and international speakers offering video presentations over 4 weeks, including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri.

Register at:
<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>



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](#) (google search “Little Way Sunday School”)



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
18 August 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel, which is the Good News of Jesus Christ, is not just there to be proclaimed, although that is an important action. A more important and even more difficult action is integrating the Gospel into the fibre of our very lives. If we are honest, we would find that many of us struggle with this aspect the most. The theology and the proclamation of the Word is relatively easy. What is more challenging is the living out of the Word of God and becoming a credible witness to the Gospel.

In the Gospels, Jesus spoke of a cost involved in responding to His call to become a disciple (Lk 14:28), in terms of what becoming a disciple will do to our plans, our reputations and our possessions. He told Peter that answering the call will take him to places he would rather not go (Jn 21:18). The Christian vocation would cost them their very lives. To live one's vocation can appear to be foolishness according to the wisdom of the secular world.

Why bother with such foolishness? Because when the Word of God is integrated into our lives, we undergo a transformation.

When I integrate myself with the Word of God, I do not simply "become a better person", as if the Christian faith is merely a form of therapy. A Christian immersed *in*, integrated *with*, and transformed *by* the Word of God becomes in his or her own person a living Gospel, an embodied proclamation of the glory of the Lord. A Christian who integrates the Word of God makes the Word become his or her own flesh and allows the Word to dwell within them and dwell among us once again (Jn 1:1-18). When a person lives a life transformed by the Word, what was once an abstract concept of "the Christ" turns into the living body of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone who encounters a Christian who has truly been transformed by Christ will come to an encounter with the person of Jesus Himself, as it was in the Scriptural accounts all those centuries ago. The face of Christ is not an abstract concept, nor a distant memory. It is a living and breathing reality in any Christian who really abides in the Word of God. A Christian transformed by the Word of God is a living and breathing reality in the present, another incarnation in our day.

We have read in the Gospels just how powerful the incarnation and an encounter with the incarnate Word can be. In the first instance, the incarnate Word of God is someone who will attract others. The incarnate Word of God can draw others out of themselves and ignite that desire for more than what their lives currently offer but never satisfy. A person transformed by the Word of God will spark a desire in others for the same kind of transformation in their own lives, not just for themselves, but also in the lives of others.

What is the reason for this attraction? It is because a life integrated with Jesus is not a life that is less human. On the contrary, Christians who truly reflect Jesus are living lives that are fully human. A life that is fully human is an attractive life, a cause of wonder, and a call to move beyond a life of bland mediocrity and compromise.

You can see how this is also a form of leadership. To lead one out of mediocrity, to inspire, and to instil desire to be more human in every pursuit. Instead of shoving from behind, the Christian transformed by Christ draws and attracts from the front.

Leadership here is not measured by how many people you can boss around. In the context of vocation, leadership is measured by how a person has their life transformed by the Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My dear sisters and brothers do not be afraid to respond to this call to lead, to embody the beauty of Christ Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the glory of the Lord.

+Anthony



CATHOLIC
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Position Vacant

Catechist Coordinator, Lower North Shore Parish

Casual Role: 4 - 10 hours per week

The Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore requires a committed person to lead the Special Religious Education (**SRE**) ministry in the Parish. This involves supporting the catechists; coordinating classes and resources; communicating with the various stakeholders at the schools, Parish and Chancery; and looking after the administration of the ministry in the Parish.

The successful applicant should be enthusiastic for the work of SRE, and be able to inspire and direct the catechists in their implementation of classroom programs and the organisation of activities beyond the classroom, in the spirit of the Parish Pastoral Plan.

For a position description or more information, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or call Jackie Hanson (Chancery HR) on 8379 1667.

View the full advertisement on the Diocesan website:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

Applications close: **Monday, 31 August 2020.**

The successful applicant must be eligible to work in Australia; hold a current unrestricted driver's licence; and will be required to undertake a pre-employment National Police History Check and WWCC.

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

Postal address: 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159

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

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia
Facebook: [stbenedictsarcadia](https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictsarcadia)
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Monastery: 9653 1159
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:
BSB: 062 784
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EMERGENCY



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

APPEAL

for Lebanon

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

ACN supports more than 5000 projects annually around the world and works directly with project partners in local dioceses, parishes and communities.

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To support the appeal call
1800 101 201

or arrange your offering online at
www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon

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