

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

Church Attendance: One person per 4sqm, maximum 100 people. Bookings Essential.

MASKS MUST NOW BE WORN DURING MASS (Bishop's request)

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:

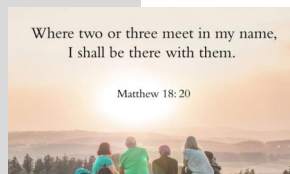
Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5 & 6 September 2020

Entrance Antiphon

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9
*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold
you responsible for his death.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R v.8
*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 18:15-20
*If your brother or sister listens to you,
you will have won that person back.*

Communion Antiphon

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

Gospel reading for this Week

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 18:15-20**

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

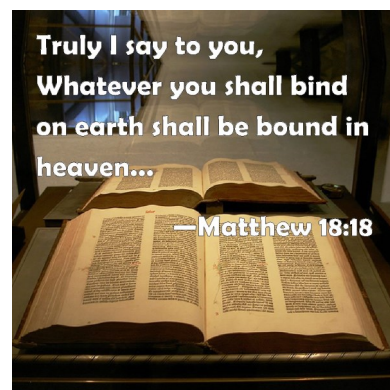
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The **TWENTY-THIRD** Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Matthew 18:15-20

The relationship between love of neighbor and banishing someone from the Christian community was a struggle for the early Christian community and continues to be today.

Jesus's sayings in this segment of Matthew's Gospel describe for all Christians the qualities and behavior they should possess in handling conflict within the Church in a loving way. Matthew's perspective is a practical and fair way to deal with grievances within the Church community. This process hopes that in the course of loving conversation, reconciliation will be reached. If the offending member will not change her or his ways after all these possibilities have been exhausted then, and only then, should it end with the decision to excommunicate.

The backdrop for reconciling conflict within the Church is Christian love--love of neighbor. A person who enters this process rooted in Christian love will never do wrong to a neighbor or to God. Jesus's great commandment—to love God fully and to love your neighbor as yourself—guided the early Christian community. It helped them develop a way to live in community and to deal with conflicts as they arose. This commandment to love also guides the Christian community today.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Peter Claver, Priest

Feast day: September 9
Birth: 1580
Death: 1654

Saint Peter Claver was from the region around Barcelona, Spain. He joined the Jesuits and requested to serve in the American missions.

Like so many saints, when he left for God, he left for good. He never returned to friends and family in Spain. He was ordained a priest in the port city of Cartagena, Colombia, in 1615, and immediately and from then on dedicated himself to the physical and spiritual care of African slaves. But he didn't just care for them in the fields or plantations of Colombia. He met every slave ship he possibly could as soon as it dropped anchor in port. Using interpreters, he greeted the traumatized chained men and women with fresh water, ripe fruit, bandages, perfumes, food, medicine, lemons, a broad smile and charitable caresses. When weather prohibited seafaring and he didn't have to be in port, Peter instructed and baptized whatever slaves were open to it. He baptized more than forty thousand souls.

It is said that Saint Peter Claver lost his senses of taste and smell due to his long years of breathing obnoxious odors. He called himself the slave of the slaves. He also labored among the Spanish slave traders, attempting to convert them from their evil ways.

When visiting his fellow Spaniards, he did not stay with them but in their often rancid slave quarters. This apostle of Cartagena died forgotten, alone, and poor. He was canonized in 1888.

Saint Peter Claver, you worked among the most traumatized and destitute populations of your time, caring for slaves, because they were made in the image and likeness of God. Help us to understand, protect, and exalt the inherent dignity of every human person, just like you did.

Source of content: mycatholic.life

FEAST - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SEPTEMBER 8



The silence of Mary, the hiddenness of so much of her life, is intriguing. It is an invitation to prayer and spiritual reflection. Her silence, and the silence of Scripture on so many events which must have occurred but are not referenced, means that there is, and will always be, more for the Church to reveal about Her greatest truths. It is not just Scripture that is inspired but the Church as well. She pulls from Her storehouse things old and new, polishes them off, and offers them to the faithful in culturally compelling language to deepen the content of faith and the faithful's response to it.

But even more than offering old things in new ways, even more than preserving past truths, the Church is a generator of revelation. She is the Living Word in the world of today, the vibrant Magisterium who absorbs the world's questions and challenges in every age and gives them compelling answers. Tradition for the Church, then, is not just a jewel to be guarded. Tradition is forward-looking, dynamic, and active. And this positive tradition continues to celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary because it was she, the last great figure of the B.C. era, whose birth itself gave birth to a new world. No Mary, no Christ. Her birth was the start of the future we all now inhabit.

Saint Mary, we celebrate your holy birth in the land your Son made holy. Your discreet life of prayer and service obscures so much but speaks loudly as well. May our lives be discreet in their goodness, known to God and to those few who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear.

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THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Daily in one's prayer, with tears and sighs, to confess one's past sins to God.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered,
but shared in a just and respectful manner.

AMEN



HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Sunday 13th September 2020

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday.

This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

TREE SEEDLING PLANTING

Council have offered 20 to 30 Turpentine Ironbark seedlings if we would like to plant them among the existing trees bordering Arcadia Road.

If anyone is interested in joining us to plant them please contact Father Bernard on 0416 032 497.



CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

We continue to seek new members, in particular younger members to the CBC. Membership offers a choice of graded walks, abseiling, canyoning and camping for a variety of fitness levels, as well as a variety of social activities. The benefits of bushwalking to our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing are well known.

BUSHWALKING | ABSEILING | CANYONING | CAMPING | ROCK CLIMBING | INDOOR CLIMBING | ROGAINING
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING | BIKE RIDING | SOCIAL FUNCTIONS | WALKS EVERY WEEKEND

Join today – www.cbcnsw.org.au Ph: 0478 919 427

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.

MASKS MUST BE WORN. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASKS (BISHOP'S REQUEST).

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

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.

In Our Parish

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

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 the United States.

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. Thank you for your understanding and your kind weekly giving.

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

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ANNUAL MASS

We will be holding the annual Our Lady of Fatima Mass this year on Sunday **October 11th 2020 at 1pm**. We will commence with Rosary followed by Mass. There will not be any refreshments or supper due to COVID-19.

Registration is mandatory by booking online:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>



Otherwise contact Paula on 0423 078 282 to book.

FUNERAL NOTICE

We regret to inform you of the passing of Anna Nadaluti. Funeral will be held at St Benedict's Parish Church at 11am Monday 7th of September 2020.

May the perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Amen.



ROSTER FOR CHURCH CLEANING

We are putting together a roster for volunteers to clean the church. Whatever hours you can do, even if it's just for one hour we would really appreciate it. We already have 4 wonderful volunteers. We really need your help!

What better job to have than to work for our Lord's house!

If you are interested in helping out please contact Paula on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays).

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.

CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to Teresa Gambino for becoming a reserve Catechist and being able to assist when someone is away! It is helpful to have reserve Catechists, if you are interested in helping occasionally, please give me a call.

Free training dates available through the CCD online for all Catechists. **Classroom Management and Curriculum Skills will be available online via Zoom on Wednesday 9th September and Monday 14th September 10am - 12pm.** Please register one week prior to the date on 8379 1643 or registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

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/>



YOUNG ADULTS CORNER (18+) CYBB Young Adults (via Zoom)

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to our next young adult (18+) Zoom Gathering! Join young adults from around the Diocese to connect and be nourished by inspiring speakers. This month we will be focusing on **"What do we do in Mass?"**

Sit, stand, sit, kneel, stand... Ever wondered how to get the most out of going to Mass? Never fear, answers are here! Our guest for the evening will be Deacon Jonathan Vala from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

10 September 2020

7.00pm via Zoom (link to follow on Facebook event page) RSVP to the Facebook link here.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/220850422623897>

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

1 September 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This week marks the beginning of the Safeguarding Month of September for the Diocese of Broken Bay. Our theme this year is 'Focusing on the Rights of the Child'. We dedicate September to this theme as an ongoing reminder for us to build and value the culture of safety and well-being for all people in the community of the Church. It is something that we are committed to, every day, all year round.

We begin this month with a Liturgy of Lament, an opportunity to gather and pray to God and to acknowledge the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The theme of the Liturgy this year is 'Listening to the Past: Caring for the Future'.

Safeguarding month in 2020 will be marked by a number of 'firsts':

- It is the first time as your Bishop that I will release my message on the priority of safeguarding in our mission and ministry. I have done this through a video that you can watch here which communicates that safeguarding is not simply a tick-the-box exercise, but an important priority that needs to be acknowledged and embraced throughout the whole life of our Diocese and upheld on multiple levels.

- It is the first time we welcome a person who is a survivor of sexual abuse to be with us and share her story at the Liturgy of Lament. She will be present to give voice to her experience and bear witness to her journey of survival. To listen to her story is a privileged moment. I am personally grateful for her trust, her dignity, her courage, and for giving us this opportunity to hear her voice.

- As a community of the Church, we need to defend and promote the spiritual rights of our children. It is the first time the spiritual rights of the child will be articulated along with the human rights of the child in our newly released Diocesan Rights of the Child Framework. This is an initiative about which I feel very strongly. This year observes 30 years since Australia ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. That is an important milestone. Our Diocesan Framework will be released during the month and will be an excellent resource for catechesis, education, and ministry.

I am thankful for the work being done in our parishes and communities, our Catholic Schools and by our Catechists in the Public Schools. I am particularly aware of the ministry and mission of CatholicCare, the merciful arm of our Church. So many good people in our community of the Church are committed to ensure that children and vulnerable people have a safe environment in which to live and grow, to pray and worship.

I encourage all people in our Diocese of Broken Bay to reflect on your contribution to Safeguarding in our communities and consider how you can engage throughout September with initiatives that raise awareness and build a culture of safety and care.

Blessings and thanks,

+Anthony

IMPORTANT NOTICE GCEA – FUNDRAISER 2020 (UPDATED)

GALSTON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The GCEA is an association of all of our local churches that helps provide Galston High School students access to the opportunity for some Christian education. Lachlan Gage the SRE teacher does a fantastic job and the children who attend his classes really benefit from his lessons and support.

We have decided to still go ahead with the dinner at **Galston Club** on **Saturday 19th September @ 6pm**. Numbers are limited to 70 this year. Social distancing and safe hygiene practices will be enforced.

If you haven't registered yet, you can register and pay through the website - <http://www.gcea.org.au/springdinner>

Or you can simply transfer the money via direct debit, and let Callum know you're coming - CallumHoogesteger@outlook.com

Ticket cost is \$65/adult or \$55 for concession.

Normally all of the churches in our local area unite and host a Spring Dinner at Galston Club in September. The Spring Dinner is an opportunity to:

- Show support and let Lachlan know how much we all appreciate his efforts and his role at Galston High School.
- Raise funds to help continue the wonderful work that Lachlan does through ticket sales from the Dinner at the Club and we normally have a silent auction of items and services provided by the wonderful people and businesses in our community at the club.

To raise funds this year we still plan to have a **silent online auction** with lots of great items for you to bid on:



**HOLIDAYS
FARM ANIMALS AND POULTRY
IGA GALSTON SHOPPING VOUCHERS
COFFEE MACHINE
PLANTS
PAMPER PACKS
RESTAURANT VOUCHERS
JEWELLERY
EXCAVATION SERVICES
And much more! Something for everyone!**



The online auction will start on 10th September 2020 and final bids will be 8pm on 19th September 2020.

To participate in the silent online auction register your email at www.32auctions.com/galston

If you have an item/service you would like to donate for the auction please come and see Lisa Welsman after mass this week, or if you would like to make a donation to help support Lachlan.

You can donate to GCEA by making a direct deposit to our bank account (at Bendigo Bank):

Bank Deposit (PLEASE NOTE NEW ACCOUNT)
BSB 633 000
Account Number 157591371

please email info@gcea.org.au noting your payment to receive a receipt.
OR

by Cheque/ Money Order, mail to:

**The Treasurer,
GCEA Inc PO Box 651,
Round Corner NSW 2158**

<http://www.gcea.org.au/donate>

Any enquiries please phone Lisa Welsman on: 0405 305 393

Marriage Week

13- 19 September 2020



It can be difficult at any time for husband and wife to have that special fun time together to 're-charge' and potentially even more difficult at the moment with the effects of 'lockdowns' and 'curfews' in some areas.

To make it easier and indeed an Australian wide event we are partnering with our friends at Focus on the Family Australia online Date Night event. This is on Saturday the 19th September between 8 – 9pm AEST and will be hosted by Christian comedian, Ben Price. Brett and Kate Ryan of Focus on the Family Australia will talk on - "Looking back to help strengthen your future." Discussing how to grow your relationship when life throws you a curve ballor two!"

The cost is \$10 a couple who on registering will receive an email with content and ideas to make the evening relaxed, fun and special.

Registration through: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/virtual-date-night-2020-tickets-117714763025>

Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm

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Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath OSB

After hours: 0416 032 497

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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)

Address: Cnr Fagans & Arcadia Rd, Arcadia 2159

Monastery: 9653 1159

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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Acct: 1446 8001

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Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

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