

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12 & 13 September 2020

Entrance Antiphon

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7
*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray,
your sins will be forgiven.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R v.8

*The Lord is kind and merciful;
Slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you,
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 18:21-35
*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy
times seven.*

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your
wings.

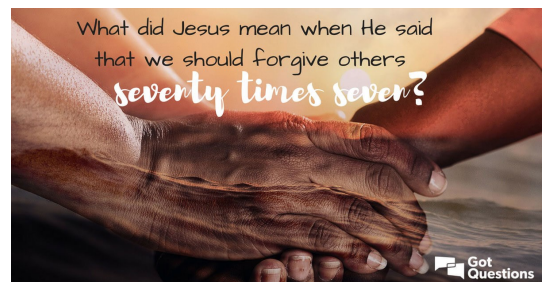


Gospel reading for this Week**A reading from the holy Gospel according to****Matthew 18:21-35***I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The **TWENTY-FOURTH** Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew is very clear in his understanding of God's mercy. If you wish to receive mercy from God, then you must show mercy toward others. To those who refuse to be merciful, God will show strict justice. In short, we will be judged as we judge others.

As Christians, we are called to imitate God by showing generous mercy to our brothers and sisters. We know that God's mercy is indeed generous. Out of generous mercy, God sent his Son, Jesus, to bring forgiveness for all sins.

You may be asking yourself, "How do I know whether the mercy I show others is truly generous mercy?" If your forgiveness comes from the heart, if it is freely given, unearned (a person doesn't have to earn it), and without limitation, then it can be characterized as generous mercy.

As Christians, we are able to forgive others seventy-seven times because we have experienced the generous mercy of God.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor

Feast day: September 17
Birth: 1542
Death: 1621
Patron Saint of catechists and catechumens

The Bellarmines had a pope in the family and gave their son a broad education from his youth. Young Robert mastered numerous subjects, including the art of playing the violin. He joined the Jesuits in 1560 and taught the classics while simultaneously studying theology on his path to the Priesthood. After his ordination in 1570, he became a professor at the University of Louvain, in modern-day Belgium, and then at the Jesuit College in Rome.

Bellarmino's long list of accomplishments is astonishing. He helped produce a new edition of Saint Jerome's Vulgate Bible, participated in the revision of the Julian calendar, and contributed to the authoritative Catechism which the Church published for over three hundred years. He served on a papal commission that arbitrated a major conflict over the Kingship of France, became a regional superior for the Jesuits, and was ordained a bishop and consecrated a Cardinal. He was a trusted adviser to successive popes, was tasked with resolving a bitter dispute over the theology of grace between Dominicans and Jesuits, and escaped being elected Pope himself by the narrowest of margins in 1605. After this near miss with destiny, he was appointed to serve on various Roman Congregations and as prefect of the Vatican library, so he resigned from his diocesan responsibilities and returned to Rome for the rest of his life, where he became the Holy See's indispensable man.

Robert Bellarmine accepted the trappings of his office—robes, servants, and a carriage—but he lived austere and expected all priests to do the same. His virtues equaled his achievements. He had an attractive blend of warmth, intelligence, and big-heartedness that earned him a huge circle of friends. He knew the truth like few others but listened carefully and respectfully to all who challenged it. Robert Bellarmine was canonized in 1930 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931. He is buried in the Jesuit Church of Saint Ignatius in Rome.

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FEAST - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross feast commemorates the Cross because in spiritual combat with life, the cross lost. The Cross is Christ's war trophy. The Church exalts the Cross on this liturgical feast because this enemy of life was felled like timber by the Son of God. The Cross was brought low and humbled. It was mocked when Jesus rose from the dead. The Church holds up the Cross to say "Behold what the cross did not do. Behold that life conquers even a cruel and public death."

The Cross says that our God does not answer the question of suffering and death in a partial academic way. He responds in a total human way. He responds with His life. He doesn't explain; He shares. He responds with empathy by taking up His Cross and inviting us to do the same.

Jesus Christ, Your three hours on the Cross gave that wicked device a new meaning. Through contemplation of Your sufferings, may we transform all the wickedness and sin in our lives into something valuable. May we convert evil, transform sin, and, like You, go from death to life.

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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.

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.

For more information: <https://www.parousiamedia.com>

Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

FEAST DAY

WITH FR. ALBERIC JACOVONE OSB

All are welcome!!

Here at St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia
on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 1:00pm

Commences with the recital of the
Rosary in five languages followed by Mass.

Bookings essential, limited numbers:

Paula 0423 078 282

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=627494>

*There will be a nine-day "NOVENA" held at
6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting
Fri 2nd October 2020. (First Friday Mass will follow)*

*A Fatima Meeting will be held Tuesday
15th September at 7:00pm in Parish Meeting Room.*

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



Thank you 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.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia, is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

ROSTER FOR CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you for the ladies who have volunteered to clean the church and doing such a great job cleaning!

We are still looking for a few more people to add to the roster. Whatever hours you can do, even if it's just for one hour we would really appreciate it. 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

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.



We are hoping to plant them in the week of the 28th of September.

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

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

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST (Online)! Come join young people across the diocese as we gather online, participate in community, and break open our faith in a new and fresh way!

We will have very special guest and friend, Fr Rob Galea take us deeper into our theme 'Christ in Me'. Not to mention, there will be some fun and creative segments we've never done before on this online environment that you surely will not want to miss!!!

So make sure you join us on Zoom or tune in via live stream!

Date: Friday 18 September 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/events/361345181560667>

RSVP: email youth@bbcatholic.org.au

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>

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters
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