

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Not to be jealous.*  
*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 Mass:

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

#### Weekday Mass:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am  
Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession  
First Friday of the month 6.30pm Adoration

### MONASTERY CHAPEL Mass

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19 & 20 September 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9  
*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R v.18  
*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians 1:20-24. 27  
*For me to live is Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
To listen to the words of your Son,  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 20:1-16  
*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

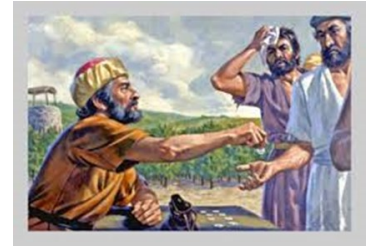
### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Gospel reading for this Week**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The **TWENTY-FIFTH** Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus's main message is that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Everyone! Through Baptism, we are committed to Christ. With the gift of his grace, we labor together with our fellow Christians to strengthen and build up the Kingdom of heaven. That Kingdom is open to all peoples. God invites everyone to come inside.

Jesus often speaks about the Kingdom of heaven belonging to the poor and lowly, those who are meek of heart and righteous before God, referring to those who have accepted the message of Jesus Christ with a humble heart (see CCC, number 544). In his ministry on earth, Jesus shows to his followers the boundless mercy of God and the desire of God that all people be saved. The challenge to the Christian community is not to judge others but rather to be about building the Kingdom of heaven here and now.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Matthew, Apostle

Feast day: September 21

Patron Saint of bankers, accountants, and money changers

Today's saint left his job for a better boss. Matthew was at work in the city of Capernaum, a bustling town with a customs house. It was just another day, and Matthew was going about his job of collecting taxes. Nearby, Jesus was doing his job too, curing a paralyzed man. It was an ordinary day for both of them. But after performing His miracle, Jesus walked down the main street of Capernaum, saw Matthew outside of the customs house, and then...the normal day ended. Jesus said to Matthew, simply, directly, and with force, "Follow me." And then something astonishing happened. Matthew followed Him. Fistfuls of Roman coins may have spilled from his hands, or he may have swallowed a gulp in his throat, quickly adjusted his tunic, and then scurried to walk in the small clouds of dust that puffed up behind Jesus as His sandals slapped the dry ground. In an instant, Matthew's life changed forever and always. He had become a follower, a joiner, of the most important man in the history of the world.

The Gospel of Matthew nowhere mentions that it is written by a man named Matthew. But it was attributed to him very early in the life of the Church. It was compiled by 80 A.D., at the latest. Matthew's Gospel is clearly written by a Jew and for Jews. It references the Old Testament repeatedly and notes how Jesus fulfilled those ancient Scriptures. Matthew's Gospel is the only one which identifies him as a tax collector. Mark and Luke refer to him as Levi, which may have been his birth name, while Matthew ("gift of Yahweh") was his post-conversion name. Because it begins with a genealogy, Matthew's Gospel, but not Matthew himself, is in art represented by a man or by a man's face. After his big moment in Capernaum, Matthew's name consistently appears in the Gospels' lists of Apostles, but little more is said about him, apart from a feast he hosts in honor of Jesus. It is not known where he evangelized or where or how he died. Four churches in France alone claim to have Matthew's head, implying that no one has his head.

Christ passes by in every life. Everyone has their chance to say "Yes" or "No," to stay or follow, to change or remain the same. That moment may come only once and never return. Sudden callings, and sudden conversions, are rare, but they do happen. A life is more likely to plot gradually up or down like a line on a graph than to take a sharp right angle in either direction. Matthew's life angled sharply when his personal trajectory intersected with Christ's.

*Saint Matthew, you made the right decision at the right time and so changed your life and those of millions of others who know Christ because of you. Help us to recognize when a pivot point arrives in our own life, when we must change direction, and help us to choose that direction well.*

## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

### Chapter 4

To make peace with one's adversary before sundown.

## 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**



## Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

WITH FR ALBERIC JACOVONE OSB  
AND WITH FR HILARION FERNANDO OSB

Here at St Benedict's Parish, Sunday 11th October 2020 at 1:00pm  
Commences with recital of the Rosary in five languages followed by Mass.

### Bookings essential, limited numbers:

Paula 0423 078 282 <https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>

There will be a nine-day **"NOVENA"** held at 6.00pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Fri 2nd October 2020. (Adoration and First Friday Mass will follow)



## 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>

## 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).**

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.

**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.**

## 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 **\$10**. All you need to do is place your payWave debit or credit card on the front and it automatically deducts \$10 from your account. Thank you for your understanding and your kind weekly giving.

## Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal

**CWF**  
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](http://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.**

**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

How clean is our church lately! Thank you so much to the ladies who have volunteered to clean the church and doing such a wonderful job!

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!

*Many hands makes the load light!*

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

Term 3 is quickly coming to an end, final lessons are this week. Term 4 commences on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, with Scripture (SRE) lessons resuming the first week. Wishing all an enjoyable and safe holiday break!

There will be Child Protection (Safeguarding Children) training for all Catechists on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30am – 11:30am via Zoom. Please ensure that you RSVP to me a week before the session, so you can receive the handouts and login details.

**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 UPDATE

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

**We will be planting them on Thursday 24th September 10am.**

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



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## 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

15 September 2020

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This week in the Cathedral, we will be celebrating the annual Chrism Mass. Normally this celebration is held during Holy Week, however due to the COVID environment, I decided to postpone it until it was safe for priests and people to attend. We are still limited by the government restrictions for gathering, however, we are confident that a small assembly will be able to gather safely and responsibly.

The Chrism Mass is an opportunity to focus particularly upon two areas of ecclesial life. The first is the unity of all the baptised who are anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit and who form one Body in Christ. The second focus is the gift of the ministerial priesthood which has been entrusted to our priests who have been anointed to teach, lead, and sanctify the one Body of Christ – the Church.

I often speak about the community of the Church and in so doing my desire is that each one of us will take the time to reflect, discern, and pray about our work within the body as well as our mission beyond. Likewise, I would like us as a community to reflect upon the gift of the ministerial priesthood. In so doing, we might become more aware of the sacred duties entrusted to our priests who are ordained for the sanctification and service of the entire People of God.

You may have heard me say that the priest is on a pedestal. That language normally raises a few eyebrows. But, before you stop reading, bear with me as I explain what I mean. In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist John justifies my claim (John 3:13-17). John announces the lifting up of Christ on the pedestal of the cross. There is only one pedestal for the priest who is configured to Christ, and that is the Cross of Our Lord. The cross lies at the very centre of Jesus' mission and ministry. Through the death of Jesus salvation is given to the world. Salvation is the work of God.

Saint Paul writes in the letter to the Philippians "The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God... he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross" (cf. Phil 2:6-11).

One commentator points out that this is the paradox of the cross. God is both merciful and exacting at the same time. Saint Paul also reminds us that for those who are perishing this is mere foolishness, but for us who believe it is the power of God that saves. (cf. 1Cor 1:18)

The cross demonstrates God's rage against sin and at the same time it shows God's mercy and love to the repentant sinner. The cross demands a response from you and me, from each person who is part of the Body of Christ.

Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the mystery of mercy (*Misericordiae vultus* 2). He reminds us that God's Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive (MV3).

The first work of the priest is to be drawn to the cross and cherish its mercy. In so doing, his mission will be to lead others into the merciful presence of God. Before this can happen, the priest himself must taste God's mercy which can only happen if he is lifted up on the pedestal of the Cross of Christ.

This week as we prepare to celebrate the Chrism Mass, I commend to your prayer the priests of our Diocese of Broken Bay. Pray that the Lord will give them faith to claim as their only glory the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember them with thanksgiving to God.

There is power in the cross to draw all people to Jesus Christ for salvation. As Jesus himself promised, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself" (Jn 12:32).

+Anthony

# RIGHTS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Hi! I'm Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Did you know that you were made in the image and likeness of God, with unique beauty and dignity? And God who created you, loves you very much.

It's my job to help you protect that beauty and dignity that belongs to every person.

Children in our Diocese of Broken Bay have rights that need protecting. It is important to know that you have human rights and spiritual rights. These rights are presented here in this poster.

You might be a member of a parish community, a student at one of our schools or connect with the services of CatholicCare.

It's important you know that certain rights belong to you and that adults of this Diocese are encouraged to learn about them.

Children have special rights because they are part of the human family. As a child, you need to be cared for and protected so that you have every possibility to grow and flourish in your human dignity. You have a right to seek help if ever you are in need.

These rights work together to help you live a good life. They may also help you to understand how to be kind and fair to yourself and others.

If you believe there is something more that is needed in raising awareness about these rights, please write to me. You can email me at [bishop@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:bishop@bbcatholic.org.au).

God bless you and I am praying for you.

+Anthony

1 I have the right to be treated fairly and equally.  
I can do my part – by being truthful and kind  
*I can bring the Spirit of Understanding*



2 I have the right to voice my thoughts when decisions are being made about me.  
I can do my part – by speaking confidently about my point of view and listening respectfully  
*I can bring the Spirit of Right Judgement*

3 I have the right to live and grow in a healthy and clean environment.  
I can do my part – by taking care of myself and my environment  
*I can bring the Spirit of Perseverance & Endurance*



4 I have the right to find out information and express myself.  
I can do my part – by finding out about things that will help me make good choices  
*I can bring the Spirit of Discernment*

5 I have the right to be protected, no matter my ability, language, belief or who I am with.  
I can do my part – by supporting peers and being inclusive to all people  
*I can bring the Spirit of Wonder*



9 I have the right to know who I am and where I come from.  
I can do my part – by being curious and open to my family origins  
*I can bring the Spirit of Joy*



8 I have the right to go to school and receive an education.  
I can do my part – by being attentive and an active learner  
*I can bring the Spirit of Knowledge*



7 I have the right to privacy to enjoy and protect my life story.  
I can do my part – by accepting who I am and respecting others and their story  
*I can bring the Spirit of Courage*



6 I have the right to a safe and loving home with clothes to wear and food to eat.  
I can do my part – by sharing and giving to those in need when I can  
*I can bring the Spirit of Love*



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# Forced Like Jesus to Flee

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees Webinar

Drawing inspiration from Pope Francis' theme for this year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday, Social Justice Around the Bay and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia invite you to this upcoming webinar. We will explore what it looks like in Australia today to support those who have been forced like Jesus to flee.

Speakers:

**Nishadh Rego**

*Policy, Advocacy and Communications Manager, JRS Australia*

**Zaki Haidari**

*Community Leader and advocate with lived experience*

**Phil Jones**

*Social Justice Around the Bay*

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**Sunday 27 September, 2:00-3:00pm**

Register: <https://bit.ly/3mr6uYn>



For more information contact Zoe at [zoe.grant@jrs.org.au](mailto:zoe.grant@jrs.org.au)



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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters**  
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**Monastery:** 9653 1159  
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