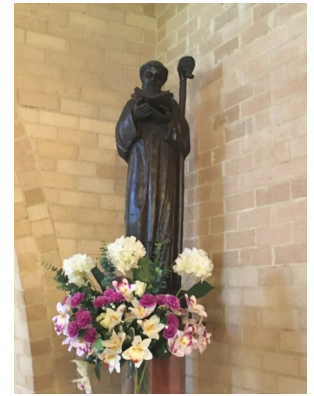


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Not to be jealous.*  
*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

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

**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

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### MONASTERY CHAPEL Mass

Contact Father David for:  
Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays 7:00am  
Daily 7:00am

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Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

**BAPTISMS  
RECONCILIATION  
FOR THE SICK  
MARRIAGES  
FUNERALS**

**Father Bernard: 0416 032 497**



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26 & 27 September 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with us  
according to the bounty of your mercy.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28  
*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness  
deserves to live.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R v.6  
*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Philippians 2:1-11  
*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 21:28-32  
*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prosti-  
tutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

### Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Gospel reading for this Week****A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 21:28-32**

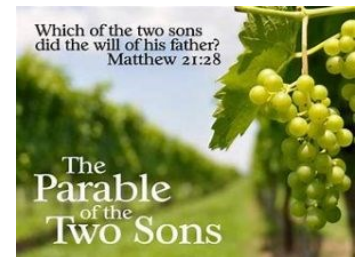
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*



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### **GOSPEL REFLECTION** **Matthew 21:28-32**

The parable of the two sons must be examined within the context of chapter 21. The chapter begins with Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowds proclaim that Jesus is the Son of David. Upon entering the city, Jesus goes to the Temple and cleanses it of those selling and buying within it. The religious authorities, the chief priests and elders, demand to know on what authority Jesus has done this. In other words, they hadn't commissioned him or given him a license, and they want to see his credentials. Jesus does not respond to them directly but puts forth a few parables for their consideration.

In this Sunday's Gospel, one of those parables is before us. Jesus tells us of two sons and how they responded to their father's request. The father asks both sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first son says to his father, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went" (21:29). The second son responds in this way, "I go, sir"; but he did not go" (21:30). Jesus poses this question to the chief priests and elders who had challenged his authority: "Which of the two did the will of his father?" (21:31). Without hesitation, they answer, "The first" (21:31). Jesus affirms the answer given to him by the chief priests and elders and then goes on to speak of who will enter the Kingdom of heaven. Though these men are the officially designated religious authorities, others, such as repentant tax collectors and prostitutes, who actually carry out God's plan in their daily lives, will enter the Kingdom of heaven before the authorities. Tax collectors and prostitutes, long considered to be immoral individuals, heard the call for repentance; they took the message proclaimed by John the Baptist and Jesus to heart. They dared to believe in the forgiveness of sins and, as a result, completely changed their way of life. The chief priests and elders heard the same message but refused to open their hearts and minds; sadly, the course of their lives remained unchanged. By comparing the chief priests and elders to tax collectors and prostitutes, Jesus exposes their deep hypocrisy, their willingness to condemn others while failing to examine and change their own behavior.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Vincent De Paul

**Feast day: September 27**

*Patron Saint of all charitable societies, hospitals, & leprosy victims*

Vincent de Paul was born in the small French town of Pouy on 24 April 1581 and ordained as a priest in 1600, at the age of 19.

As a young man, he ministered, initially, to the wealthy and powerful. An appointment as chaplain to a poor parish and to galley prisoners, however, inspired him to a vocation of working with those most marginalised and powerless.

Vincent urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full human life. One of his many sayings was,

*"Sometimes you must leave your prayers to serve the poor. In doing so you are leaving God for God."*

Vincent de Paul died in Paris on 27 September 1660. He was canonised on 16 June 1737.

When Blessed Frederick Ozanam and his companions set up the Society in Paris in 1833, they adopted St Vincent de Paul as their Patron. It has been known as the "St Vincent de Paul Society" ever since.

At our Meetings, members of your local Conference say,

*"We pray that, like St Vincent de Paul, we are open to the presence of Christ in the poor and are always willing to share our spirit and resources."*

## 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)

## CHILD PROTECTION SAFEGUARDING

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.

## 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.

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.

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

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.

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

*Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN), arranges Mass stipends to be sent to poor priests overseas. In many regions, the Christian faithful are so poor they cannot support their priests and so Mass stipends are often a priest's only means of material support. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. To arrange Mass offerings please visit:

[www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests)

or call **1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA NOVENA

The 9 day Novena will commence this Friday 2nd October at 6pm Rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Adoration and First Friday Mass will follow. The Novena will continue every night until Saturday 10th of October.

## 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

A big thanks to Barbara Tannous for becoming a reserve Catechist and filling in for a Catechist away this week! Reserve Catechists are very necessary for these times when Catechists are away.

Term 3 has now finished and Term 4 will resume on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. SRE (Scripture) classes will commence the first week. Wishing all a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

**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 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 1st October 10am.**



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)

**Thursday, 1 October 2020: CYBB Leaders Thread Zoom Meeting – Rights of the Child @ 7.30 – 8.30pm**  
CYBB will raise awareness to Youth Leaders around the Diocese on the Rights of the Child. The presentation will endeavour to discuss with Youth Leaders the significance of the Rights of the Child when planning, programming and working with children under the age of 18. The discussion will involve breaking open the new Rights of the Child Framework, launched last week by Bishop Anthony. For further details please contact the Catholic Youth Broken Bay Team.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/youth>

## 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

22 September 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In the first encyclical written in Pope Francis' pontificate, *Lumen Fidei*, the Holy Father looked at the biblical account of faith in the Old Testament. In particular, he looked at the kind of faith that Abraham exercised.

The faith of Abraham, says Pope Francis, was a faith where journeying in the expectation of the fulfilment of a promise by God took centre stage. The encyclical had this beautiful line to sum up the kind of faith I want to talk about this week in our Broken Bay Neighbourhoods: "faith sees insofar as it journeys" (*Lumen Fidei*, 9).

One of the fruits of the incarnation is that our faith cannot be an exit from this world. This is because heaven does not run from this world, it runs through it. The kind of faith our forebears believed and embraced was faith in action, embodied in the concrete circumstances of our lives.

The Psalms keep reminding us not only to think of the Lord, but "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps 34:8). This verse in Psalm 34 is a beautiful reminder of two important things.

First, it is a reminder of the incarnational aspect of our faith. Our faith in God is one that our bodies can and should experience and put into action in a concrete way. If you read this line of Psalm 34 carefully, you might notice that it is also a call to each and every one of us. It is calling us to be attentive to our circumstances and not try to use our faith to escape from them.

Our lived experiences are not a distraction from our faith in Christ. They are the very tools God uses for us to engage our faith. Indirectly, Psalm 34 is calling us to be attentive to the care of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Remember that when we walk with Christ, we also walk in communion with our brothers and sisters, and so they form an integral part of our lived experience of faith.

The other thing that the Psalm reminds us, is that our walk in and with Christ is ultimately a work of Christ.

When I say that faith is a faith in action, I do not mean that faith is a self-help programme. There is a line that says that "God helps those who help themselves", and this is terrible theology.

Faith does not mean pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps and proving to God that we are worthy of Divine assistance. Faith is not a force within us, it is a free gift of God, and the greatest gift of all is the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.

This is where the incarnation once again becomes so important. The incarnation reminds us that God is not out there, distant, and uninterested in the lives of His Creatures. God poured himself out to live in solidarity with His creatures. In the person of Jesus, God lives as we would live and experiences the world as we would experience it. By doing so, God redeemed the world, and is still redeeming the world, out of love for you and me.

God continues to love us by joining us in our life, our joys, our hopes, and our sufferings, assuring us that we are not alone. This, my brothers and sisters, is what we call "grace". It is the pure and undeserved love of God. Our walk with Jesus Christ is the living out of that ridiculously abundant love of God for His world, in this world.

Blessings of love, joy, and peace,

+Anthony

27 September 2020

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees

*Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee.*

Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons.



We must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

The theme for Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2020 is “Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee”.

“During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees.....Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality.”

Pope Francis, 106<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 message.

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

*(Romans 15:1-7)*



# 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>



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