



St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



Many are called, but few are chosen.



The Parable of the Wedding Feast
Matthew 22:1-14

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays

6:30pm Adoration

7:00pm Mass & Confession

Saturdays

9:00am to 10:00am

Adoration & Confession

MONASTERY CHAPEL MASS TIMES

Sundays 7:00am

Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana or Parish Office for the following:

**Baptisms
Reconciliation
For the Sick
Marriages
Funerals**



Parish Priest:

Fr Shansana 0437 884 233

Parish Office 9653 2312

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

OCTOBER 10 & 11 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*You are
invited*

SELF REFLECTION: ACCEPT GOD'S INVITE

Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus reminds us that God invites everyone into His Kingdom. We must be willing to accept His invitation by putting Him first, growing in faith and living with love.

I Reflect...

1. *Do I make time for God each day?*
2. *Do I accept God's invitation to follow Him?*
3. *Do worldly distractions take me away from God?*
4. *Do my words and actions reflect my faith?*
5. *Am I preparing my heart for God's Kingdom?*

Prayer:

**Lord Jesus, help me to be worthy of Your invitation.
Guide me to grow in faith, love others generously
and remain close to You each day.**

Amen. 🙏

First Reading**Isaiah 25:6-10 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 22 (JB)**

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (JB)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**Matthew 22:1-14 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



"Your way of acting should be different from the world's way; the love of Christ must come before all else." — Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



READINGS & GOSPEL REFLECTION

Isaiah 25:6-10 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14



GOD'S INVITATION

Isaiah 25:6-10 speaks of God's promise to prepare a joyful banquet for all people, where sorrow and suffering will be overcome and His people will rejoice in His salvation. In **Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**, St Paul reminds us to trust in God's loving care, knowing that He gives us strength in both good times and difficult moments. In the **Gospel**, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet, where the king invites many guests to celebrate with him. This reminds us that God's invitation to His Kingdom is open to everyone, but we must be willing to respond with faith, turn away from sin and prepare our hearts to follow His teachings.

Together, the readings call us to accept God's invitation with faith, trust in His providence and live in a way that reflects His love.

Key Thought: God invites everyone to share in His love and Kingdom, calling us to respond with faith and a heart prepared for Him.

Take-Home Challenge: How can I show this week that I have accepted God's invitation through my actions and kindness towards others?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting us into Your Kingdom. Strengthen our faith, guide our actions and prepare our hearts to live in Your love. Amen.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 2026

Monday 12 Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1.

R: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Tuesday 13 Readings: Gal 5:1-6. Lk 11:37-41.

R: Let your loving kindness come to me, O Lord.

Wednesday 14 Readings: Gal 5:18-25. Lk 11:42-46.

R: Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

St Callistus I, pope, martyr.

Thursday 15 Readings: Eph 1:1-10. Lk 11:47-54.

R: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Friday 16 Readings: Eph 1:11-14. Lk 12:1-7.

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

St Hedwig, religious.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin.

Saturday 17 Readings: Eph 1:15-23. Lk 12:8-12.

R: You gave your Son authority over all your creation.

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr.



*"Do not have Jesus Christ on your lips
and the world in your heart."*

Source: Ordo 2026



POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2026 FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Congratulations Father Shansana!

Ordained 11 October 2007
Celebrating 19 Years of Priesthood



With joy and gratitude, we honour your 19 years of faithful priestly service.

Thank you for your dedication, your compassion, your leadership, and the countless ways you guide and uplift our community.

May God continue to strengthen, inspire, and bless you abundantly.

*With love and thanksgiving from
St. Benedict's Parish.*

♥ WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – 10 OCTOBER

Let us remember the importance of mental health, kindness and supporting those who may be struggling. A caring word and a listening ear can make a difference.



Prayer:

Loving Father, bring peace, strength and hope to all who are struggling. Help us to care for one another with love and compassion. Amen. 🙏

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

This week's volunteer of the week nomination goes to:

thank you

NOELLE TAKCHI

THANK YOU

Thank you, Noelle, for sharing your beautiful singing at our Masses and organising the PowerPoints and for all your hard work in preparing for our Fatima Day celebration. You dedicated so much of your time and effort to help make the day special, and we truly appreciate everything you did.

We are also grateful for all the other ways you contribute to our parish, together with John and your family. Your generosity, dedication and willingness to give your time and talents are a wonderful blessing to our parish community.

Thank you, **Noelle, John and family**, for everything you do for St Benedict's Parish. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and service! ❤️ 🙏

CATHOLIC BROCKEN BAY

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT PROJECT

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC:
TEEING OFF
FOR THE FUTURE

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 7.45 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
NEWGREENS CHATSWOOD GOLF CLUB

In Our Parish

Please let us know if there is someone you would like us to pray for.

We welcome into God's family all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:

Joe Gallo, Miriam Brown, Pauline Honor, Kath Moran, Brother Mario, and Father Alberic.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died:

Bill Youl, Teresa DeLuca and Patrick DeLuca, Sr Fay Hancock, Tereza Muscat, Bill Pierce, Francesco Merlino, Peter Chedid, Antonio Romeo, Nanna Trani, Anne Pearce, Robert Wallace, Maria Pappallardo and Shannon Murray.

~ May they rest in Eternal Peace.



CATECHIST NEWS

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and refreshing school holiday break with family and friends!

We look forward to returning for another term of sharing our Catholic faith with the children and helping them grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

Catechist classes will resume at all schools on **Wednesday, 14 October and Friday 16th October.**

Thank you for your continued dedication, commitment and generosity in supporting our parish's Scripture teaching ministry. May God bless you all and guide you in your important work with the children.

God bless,
Martina Jutrisa srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-Ordinator 0413 403 767
Parish Office: 9653 2312



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

*Confirmation
Reconciliation
and
First Holy Communion*

NEW SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REMINDER

Commencing with Confirmation.

Classes are on Wednesday 21 October for Group 1
and Friday 28 October for Group 2.

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Classes are for 4 consecutive weeks.

MAKER'S TABLE

There will be no workshop in October due to the school holidays so we will next meet on November 4th for an Advent themed activity.

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass is held on the first Thursday of each
Month at 9.30am

**NEXT HEALING MASS:
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5**

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every **Monday 2.00pm.**
Every one welcome.

For more details call

Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.



CCC PRAYER GROUP



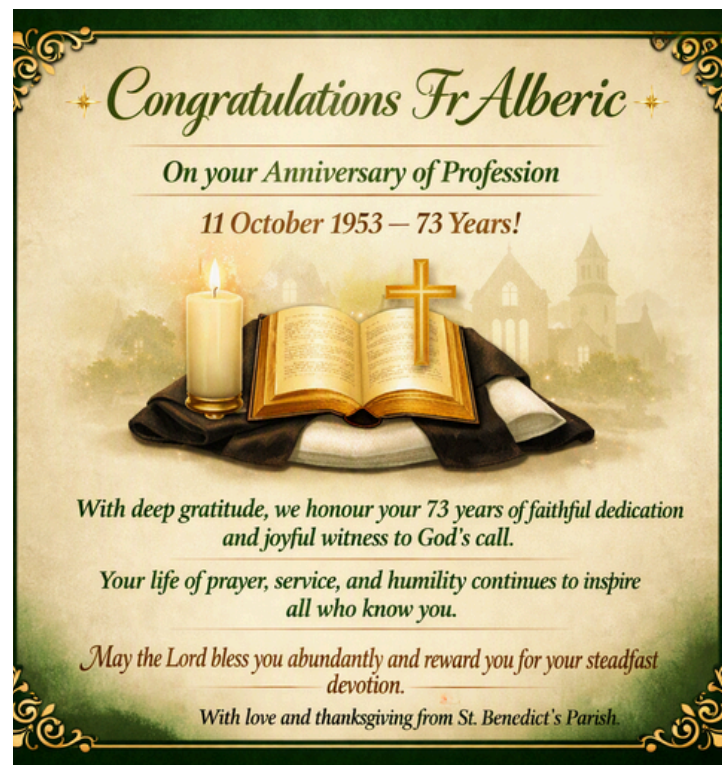
Prayer meeting held every
Wednesday morning:
after 9.30am Mass. *Come and
meet new people and have a
cuppa!*

For more details call
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CRAFTGROUP

The quilting and craft group will
meet every **4th Tuesday** of the
month at 10.30am in the parish
meeting room.

Bring your craft and come and join
us!





Women of Broken Bay Lunch

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026
11:30AM FOR A 12:00PM START — 2:00PM
NORTHBRIDGE GOLF CLUB





KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Mrs Kelly Paget,
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Family and Community.

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Gather with women from across the Diocese for a delicious two-course lunch, great conversation and an inspiring keynote address from Mrs Kelly Paget.

Come with friends or colleagues, connect with others and help shape the future.

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For further information, please contact:
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and Strategic Initiatives, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 16

1647-1690



Patron Saint of devotees of the Sacred Heart and those who have lost a parent while young

Invoked against polio and rheumatic fever

Canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920

Margaret Alacoque was born in the Duchy of Burgundy in the Holy Roman Empire, in modern-day France. She later wrote that from babyhood Jesus claimed her as His own. As a child, she vowed to give God her purity and perpetual chastity. After her father died, her education came from other villagers and servants while her mother tried to provide for her children. At age nine, she was sent to live with the Poor Clare nuns. After two years, she fell seriously ill, likely with rheumatic fever, and was unable to walk for four years. Following a suggestion, she dedicated herself to the Blessed Virgin and was immediately cured. The Blessed Mother became the mother of her heart, teaching and correcting her. When she was confirmed, she added the name Mary, making her Margaret Mary.

Margaret Mary felt Jesus' suffering when her father's relatives took charge of the family estate, controlling every aspect of the family's life. They even sometimes refused Margaret Mary permission to go to church to pray. Hoping Margaret Mary would marry well, her mother begged her to find a husband. As Margaret Mary socialized more, she could sense Jesus' displeasure and recommitted herself to her vow to enter religious life. She entered the Visitation Convent on May 21, 1571. On her initial visit, she heard Jesus' voice within, saying, "It is here that I would have thee be."

During Margaret Mary's novitiate, Jesus revealed His special mission for her—to write down and reveal His sufferings. After Margaret Mary made her vows, Jesus repeatedly appeared to her, revealing His desire that His Sacred Heart be honored and uniting her soul more deeply with His sufferings. On every first Friday eve, she made a holy hour from 11:00 p.m. until midnight, entering Jesus' human sorrow when the Apostles abandoned him in the Garden. She received Holy Communion on each first Friday. Jesus told her that He desired all people to love Him and to know the love of His Heart. Jesus also asked that a feast be established in honor of His Sacred Heart that "is so inflamed with love for mankind." She saw Jesus' Heart on fire and crowned with thorns, the flames representing Jesus' burning love for humanity, and the thorns representing men's sinful and ungrateful response. Jesus made twelve promises to those who would honor His Sacred Heart, including peace in their families, consolation in troubles, and a refuge during the hour of death.

At first, Sister Margaret Mary's superior and fellow sisters doubted her visions' authenticity. Theologians who reviewed her visions and mystical experiences pronounced her delusional. By God's providence, Jesuit Father and future saint, Claude de la Colombiere, became the sisters' confessor. He believed Margaret Mary and helped to support her visions' authenticity. Toward the end of Margaret Mary's life, her community accepted the revelations and observed the Feast of the Sacred Heart, building a chapel to the Sacred Heart three years before her death. Seventy-five years after her death, after thorough examination, Pope Clement XIII approved devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, paving the way for Margaret Mary's 1920 canonization. The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was added to the General Roman calendar in 1929.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, from a tender age your heart was united with Jesus' Heart, and His mother became your mother. Persevering through turmoil, you valiantly fulfilled your mission. Please pray that I will more deeply understand the suffering and Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that I will share in His abundant mercy. Saint Margaret Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholic.life

**THE MORE THE
MERRIER
KIDS MARKETS**

Saturday, 21st November, 2026
St Benedict's Parish
2 Fagans Rd, Arcadia

**10 AM
-
3 PM**

**CALLING ALL YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS!
COME AND RUN YOUR VERY
OWN BUSINESS!
REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW
OPEN!**

All stall holders must be under the age of 18
\$25 REGISTRATION PER STALL

Register by 1st November, 2026
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For more information please contact
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clare.woodbury01@gmail.com

**\$25 REGISTRATION WILL ASSIST WITH MARKETING THE
EVENT AND TO PROVIDE A DONATION TO ST BENEDICT'S
PARISH YOUTH GROUP.**



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BROKEN BAY**

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO
SEMINARIANS' BENEFIT GALA DINNER:**

**ANSWERING
THE CALL**

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 6:30PM-11:30PM
THE EPPING CLUB, 45-47 RAWSON ST, EPPING 2121






PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY**

VOCATIONS
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**VOCATIONS
THANKSGIVING
MASS**

Saturday 17 Oct, 5:30 PM

**COME AND
JOIN US AS WE
GIVE THANKS
TO GOD FOR
THE GIFT OF
VOCATIONS IN
OUR DIOCESE**




**Please Pray for
Vocations**

Our Lady of Dolours Church
94 Archer St. Chatswood

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

PARISH ROSTER

NEXT WEEKEND

17/10/2026 to 18/10/2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

Please join us for ☕ Morning Tea
after the 9:00am Mass.

	SAT 7PM	SUN 9AM	SUN 10:30AM
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader 1	Natasha S	Judy H	Jutrisa Family
Reader 2	Mary C	Lorraine D	Lorna B
Prayers	John V	Sharon O	Gebran A
TV		Trey O	Leon J
EMHC		Angela S	Caterina V
EMHC		Nigel M	Lorna B
Music		Melanie H	Melanie H
Music		Theresa N	Noelle T
Music		Marisa Q	John T
Music		Keith W	
Morning Tea		Marisa Q	
Flowers	Gabrielle W		

MONASTERY CHAPEL

Liturgy of the Hours

"Seven times a day I will praise you"

Psalm 119:164

The liturgy of the hours is a set of prayers (psalms, hymns, readings and other prayers). It is recited in the Monastery Chapel daily

at the following times:

5.45am Office of Readings

6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds

12.45pm Midday prayer

6.00pm Evening prayer - Vespers

8.00pm Night prayer - Compline

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that Catholics genuflect by bending their right knee towards the tabernacle to show reverence to Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament?

WYD27 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

WE HAVE A COUPLE OF YOUTH INTERESTED IN ATTENDING FROM OUR PARISH. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Now open for our WYD27 Broken Bay Pilgrimage AGES 15 TO 35:

26 July – 12 August 2027

Japan – Seoul South Korea

<https://bbwyd27.org.au/>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and their enduring connection to country, waters, and culture. We pay respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

*Above all we give thanks to **God our Father**, who blesses this land, its people, and all creation. May we live in harmony, justice, and peace, guided by His love.*

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

St Benedict's Parish is committed to the safety of all, especially children and vulnerable people.

Concerns? Contact Fr Shansana 0437 884 233, or the Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

*For all parish **OH&S and Safeguarding Children** matters Contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882 or the parish office on 9653 2312.*

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Mondays & Fridays: 9.00am to 2.00pm

(During School Holidays closed on Mondays)

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Account Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia

Bank:

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