

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



Not to do to another what one would not have done to oneself.
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

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

10 & 11 October 2020

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10
*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears
from every cheek.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R v.6
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Enlighten the eyes of our heart
That we might see how great is the hope
To which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 22:1-14
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Gospel reading for this Week**A reading from the holy Gospel according to****Matthew 22:1-14**

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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**Matthew 22:1-14**

This Sunday's Gospel is the third parable Jesus uses to answer the chief priests and elders who question his authority. Through this parable, Jesus reveals something about the Kingdom of heaven. The king sends out his servants, as is custom of the day, to invite select persons to his son's wedding. These individuals would have been of the same social status as the king. When it is time for the wedding banquet, the king once again dispatches his servants, instructing them to tell the would-be guests to come. By then the would-be guests have had ample opportunity to find out who is going and who is not. If they see that influential people are planning to attend, so will they, but if the movers and shakers are not planning to attend, they will not either, finding some polite excuse. We do not know why everyone refuses to attend the banquet, but we learn some of the excuses given. It seems they have important commercial interests to look after: "They made light of it [the invitation] and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (22:5). Others are not so polite. They seize the king's servants and kill them. The king's response to this barbarity is swift and shocking: "He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city" (22:7). Then the king surprises us again by commanding his servants to go out and invite everyone who has gathered in the town plaza. As a result, the wedding feast attracts "both good and bad" (22:10), that is, both the righteous and the sinful. The king's decision to open up the banquet to the so-called lower classes amounts to social suicide; after this, the elite of society will surely have nothing to do with the king or attend his son's wedding. Class distinction is strictly enforced in the culture of Jesus's day.

Guests have to be properly attired. What people wear to such a banquet is so important that special robes are provided. For some reason, one of the guests chooses not to wear the designated robe, and the king more or less shows him to the door. The parable ends with the statement, "For many are called, but few are chosen" (22:14). Those of us who enter the Kingdom of heaven must also be properly attired; we must put on a very special robe known as the baptismal garment.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Therese of Avila, Doctor of the Church

Birth: 1515
Death: 1582
Feast day: October 15

Patron Saint of headache sufferers and lacemakers.

Saint Teresa of Jesus, commonly known as Saint Teresa of Ávila, was the inspiration for the great Teresas who followed her: Saints Thérèse of Lisieux, Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Saint Teresa was born behind the high and thick walls of Ávila in Central Spain, amidst that country's greatest century. She was from a large, middle-class and pious family. As a girl, Teresa dreamed of being a martyr, or a hermit, and loved to repeat the words "forever and ever and ever." When she decided to become a religious, she entered Ávila's Carmelite convent mostly because it was there. The convent was large and the nuns serious. But it was a bit too comfortable. Many nuns brought their social status into the cloister and had private kitchens, oratories, and guest rooms. Teresa was one of these. Visitors came and went at will. While the convent caused no scandal, it produced no saints either. Even so, Teresa remained faithful—she prayed, observed the rule, and endured the normal fasts and mortifications. But by the mid-1500s, the wave of Church reform, even spiritual reform, which had been rising in Central Europe for decades, finally broke on the shores of Catholic Spain.

Teresa suffered various health scares, read some seminal works on mental prayer, had mystical experiences, and slowly became convinced that her convent was too lax. The Church and Christ demanded more. She had developed the practice in examining her conscience to not just weigh her virtues and vices but to consider all the graces, all the good, and all the holiness God desired of her which she had impeded. Inspired by the great reformers of her century, many of them fellow Spaniards, Teresa decided to found a new Carmelite convent. There was fierce opposition from within her own convent and from the Carmelite Order more generally. Her odyssey of reform, begun in the mid-1550s, bore fruit when her first convent opened in Ávila in 1562. Her sisters wore no shoes (the meaning of the word "Discalced"), were limited to thirteen per convent, and would accept neither dowries nor endowments. The Discalced Carmelites were to be utterly poor, to fast, to mortify, and to pray intensely. But Teresa also wanted no gloomy saints. She practiced, and expected her nuns to emulate, being ever more sociable as she progressed in holiness. Everyone liked Teresa, and she liked to be liked.

Teresa spent her last twenty years founding new convents as she travelled throughout Spain, all the while living in the most primitive conditions. By middle age she had earned a reputation for holiness, for legitimate mysticism, for affability, and for total obedience to the Church. She lived what she demanded of others. She led by example. And she did it all with a cheerful disposition and a rich personality that overcame deep-seated opposition. The Discalced Carmelites were given their own Spanish province in 1580 and were recognized as a distinct Order in 1594, twelve years after Teresa's death. On a banner day in 1622, Teresa was canonized with Saints Philip Neri, Ignatius of Loyola, and Francis Xavier. Teresa was the first female non-martyr to have her feast day extended to the universal Church, and due to the profundity of her mystical writings, she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1970.

Saint Teresa of Jesus, your colourful character and recollected soul merged into a powerful personality that brought about needed change. Through your intercession in heaven, assist all religious to purify themselves and their orders in accord with God's will for the Church. AMEN.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

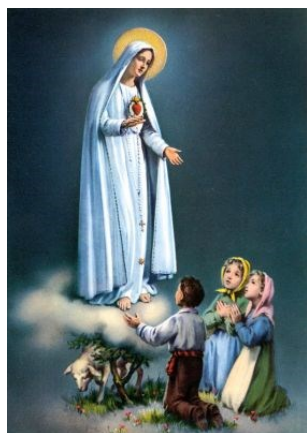
To make peace with one's adversary before sundown.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2020

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

AMEN



Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

FEAST DAY

WITH FR ALBERIC JACOVONE OSB
AND FR HILARION FERNANDO OSB

Is celebrated this Sunday 11 October 2020
At our Church of St Benedict's, Arcadia

Commences at 1:00pm with the recital of the
Rosary in five languages followed by Mass.

A nine-day "NOVENA" was held at 6:00pm each night prior to the Feast Day to ask Our Lady to intercede to Jesus for all our needs and especially for the people of Australia.

"The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children: Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia; near the town of Fatima, Portugal, between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The Blessed Virgin told the children that She had been sent by God with a message for all people. She promised that Heaven would grant peace to the troubled world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. A great miracle of the sun occurred on 13 October 1917 so that all would believe. In the end Her Immaculate Heart will triumph."

PLEASE NOTE THE FEAST DAY MASS SUNDAY 1PM IS NOW BOOKED OUT.

For the Joy of the
Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.

Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Cambodia as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to support community and child-focused programs in Cambodia. Please come prepared to give generously.



Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



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.

BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO VISITING

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be visiting our Parish for 9am Mass on the **18th of October** to celebrate the parish past present and future in Christ. We would like as many parishioners to attend and meet Bishop Anthony.

We will be live streaming the mass and details of connecting will be on the Parish website and Facebook.

We are limited to 100 people so please book in advance.

PARISH ROME PILGRIMAGE

If anyone is interested in the future to form a group for a pilgrimage to Rome please contact the office. This will be after COVID is over and borders back to normal for October 2021.

Rome Pilgrimages is a Rome tour put together by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Its purpose is to provide pilgrims with the opportunity to deepen one's interior and spiritual life, and to offer a religious and cultural experience.

The **cost of the 7-day Pilgrimage is \$2,350.00** based on **twin share accommodation**. It includes all breakfasts, 3 evening meals, English speaking tour leader and guides, entrance to sites, local transport, taxes and tips. It excludes airfares, some meals and travel insurance. A \$100 discount will be provided to each of our pilgrims for **groups of 30+**.

Pilgrims stay at **Domus Australia**, offering superior accommodation and a beautiful chapel, in the heart of Rome with opportunities for daily Mass.

ROSTER FOR CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you so much to the wonderful ladies who have volunteered to keep our Church so clean!

If you can spare an hour every month to help clean please join the awesome team of volunteers! How beautiful it is to work for the Lord Himself!

Many hands makes the load light!

If you are interested in helping out please call the office 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 4 resumes this Monday 12th October and SRE (Scripture) classes will commence this week. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break and is ready to return to class refreshed!

Thanks to Alison and Joe from the CCD for providing training via Zoom for us this week. It was a very different experience but informative. Thanks to those who were able to attend.

God bless,
Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

MINI VINNIES FORMATION PROGRAM (MVFP)



The MVFP is an extracurricular program designed to deepen students' understanding of Vinnies and to nurture an active response to needs in their local and global communities. Students in Years 4 to 6 are invited to enrol in the Mini Vinnies Formation Program: <http://bit.ly/MVFPregistration>

GCEA MEETING

Just a reminder about the upcoming AGM for the GCEA.

What: GCEA Committee & AGM

When: Monday October 19th @ 7.30pm

Where: Online on Zoom - click [here](#) to join.

I look forward to joining you as we reflect on the year that's been and in everything give thanks.

Roger Hokin

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION

The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invite us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint.



The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage", a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877.

Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/>

A "Courage Hour" will be held on the vigil Friday 16 October at 8pm (your local time), where all can participate online via the Sisters of St Joseph website.

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

6 October 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday at the tomb of Saint Francis of Assisi, our Holy Father Francis signed the third encyclical of his pontificate. It is called “Fratelli tutti” and in the letter Pope Francis takes up the theme of fraternity and social friendship.

“Fratelli tutti” is a literal quotation from Saint Francis of Assisi, who, as the Pope immediately explains: “...addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel.” (FT 1)

I think that what will be important for us as the community of the Church of Broken Bay, is to reflect prayerfully, not just on the thoughts and words of the encyclical, but also upon our own circumstances in the Diocese and in the society in which we live.

In Chapter One, there is an obvious reference to shadows over the closed world which are spreading and leaving people injured by the roadside, cast out, and discarded. These shadows plunge people into confusion, loneliness, and desolation. Dare I say that these shadows existed before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the Church there is at times division, animosity, and antagonism amongst members who call themselves brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. I have people from within our community who write to me selectively quoting bits and pieces of Church teaching to support their viewpoint or the ideology that they desire to promote. I am glad that people are reading the teachings of the Church, however, I would be even more grateful if people read them with an open mind and heart, with the desire to engage in fruitful and respectful dialogue, and within the context in which they were written. I suppose that this is an ongoing discipline that each one of us might need to attend to, in a spirit of fraternity and social friendship. If we are able to love one another, how much more effect will our witness to the Gospel be to the world?

Pope Francis reminds us that knowing how to dialogue is the way to open the world and build social friendship (cf FT Chapter Six) which manifests an open heart and provides the basis for better politics. Dialogue gives rise to the culture of encounter, which becomes a passionate way of life. People who dialogue are generous, recognising, and respectful of others. Time and time again in the Gospels, Jesus engages people through dialogue. Dialogue is animated by love and requires active listening as well as speaking.

The Holy Father offers us an opportunity for growth, as individuals and as a community of faith. He recalls that encounter is not enough. We have to face the reality of the injuries of past mis-encounters, and so we have to establish and walk paths of re-encounter (cf FT Chapter Seven). Wounds need healing. As individuals and as a community we need both to seek and to offer forgiveness (cf Luke 15:11-32). The Pope urges us to be daring and to start from the truth, which is the inseparable companion of justice and mercy.

A final thought is the reminder that for us Christians, the source of human dignity and fraternity is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our inspiration to be faithful, active, and committed is always the joy of the Gospel. Pope Francis invites us to make our own the world’s desire for fraternity, beginning with the recognition that we are all brothers and sisters – Fratelli tutti.

Peace be with you,
+Anthony

POSITION VACANT – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TOUKLEY - LAKE MUNMORAH PARISH

Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish wishes to employ a casual Administrative Assistant to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office.

For the full advertisement, please see the Diocesan website: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

POSITION VACANT – ACCOUNTANT (MATERNITY LEAVE POSITION)

The Chancery is recruiting for a full-time Accountant (Maternity Leave Position).

For the full advertisement, please see the Diocesan website: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Prayers for Healing and Hope During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety and perhaps even despair. Some have lost their precious lives, some have lost those whom they love, some have suffered through the debilitating effects of this illness, some have lost their jobs, their income, and most have encountered much disruption to the normal flow of their daily lives.

Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Saviour in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands. To rest in the hands of God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. It means we are free to love God and others; despite the challenges we face. It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilise our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

INSPIRING QUOTES FROM CATHOLIC SAINTS

“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.” **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

“Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases.” **St. Rose of Lima**

“A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.” **St. Faustina**

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.” **St. Augustine of Hippo**

“I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.” **Pope Francis**

“Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls.” **St. Rose of Lima**

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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.

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