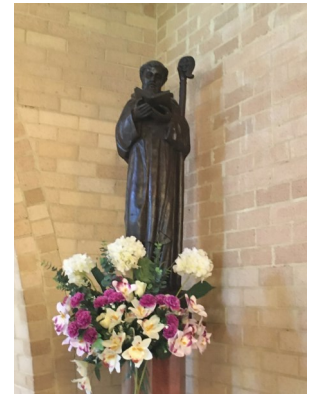


# St Benedict's Parish

## 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

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

17 & 18 October 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1. 4-6  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 R v.7  
*Give the Lord glory and honour.*

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 22:15-21  
*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God  
the things that are God's.*

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

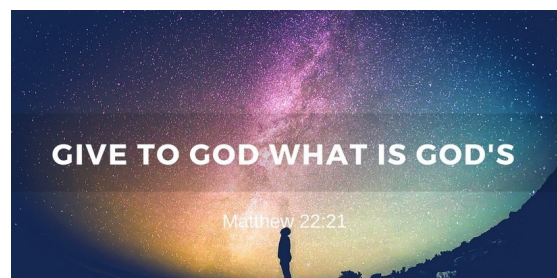
**Gospel reading for this Week****A reading from the holy Gospel according to****Matthew 22:20-26**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.' The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*



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**GOSPEL REFLECTION****Matthew 22:20-26**

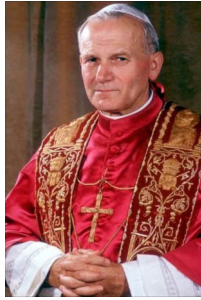
In this Sunday's Gospel, the religious elite try to set a trap for Jesus by asking a question. Jesus sees through their thinly veiled plan and turns it into a powerful reminder for believers of any age: pleasing God is the most important thing in life.

The Pharisees enlist the assistance of the Herodians in developing and executing their plot against Jesus. The Herodians are a group of notables who support king Herod Antipas, whom Rome keeps in power as long as he collects taxes for the emperor; their survival depends on his. They flatter Jesus with idle words. They praise Jesus for his fair and nonjudgmental treatment of all people. They further compliment Jesus by asking him to take a position on an issue relating to Jewish Law, which is rooted in the Torah.

Then they ask him whether, in the eyes of God, it is lawful to pay taxes to the Romans. Jesus cleverly avoids their trap by refusing to say whether paying taxes is lawful or unlawful. If Jesus says it is lawful, he will make enemies of those opposed to Rome, whom they see as a foreign occupier. And if he says it was unlawful, he will make enemies of the Romans. Jesus is able to turn the tables by asking for a Roman coin. He doesn't ask for common currency, which people had been using before the Roman invasion, but for Roman currency. Taxes are paid with Roman coins only. "The fact that the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians present a Roman coin is somewhat shocking. No devout Jew would have carried a Roman coin because it depicted the deified Roman emperor, which made it idolatrous. Jesus asks, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's'" (22:20–21). That Roman denarius would have on it an image of Emperor Tiberius, who ruled from AD 14 through AD 37.

Jesus's final statement, though short, accomplishes much: a coin bearing the emperor's portrait as well as his name must be his. Suddenly the confrontation ceases to be political and instead becomes spiritual. Jesus puts the focus on one's obligation to God and enjoins us to keep it there.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St John Paul II (the Great), Pope

**Birth:** 1920  
**Death:** 2005  
**Feast day:** October 22

*Patron Saint of World Youth Day.*

Pope Saint John Paul II was a titan. He was as prepared as any man before him to be pope. He was all things—a highly educated European intellectual, a philosophy professor with two Doctorates, a mystic of intense spirituality, a working bishop of a large and dynamic Archdiocese behind the iron curtain, a Cardinal whose counsel was valued by the Pope, an active contributor at the Second Vatican Council, a polyglot, and a world traveller. Adding to this embarrassment of riches, he was an athlete and outdoorsman, had palpable charisma, an open personality, a manly presence, vast circles of lay friends, a resonant voice, and he was just 58 years old when elected. Never had a conclave of Cardinals made a bolder, wiser choice. That John Paul II was the first Slavic pope, and the first non-Italian in centuries, was also interesting and became more significant as his papacy unfolded. The times and the man were a match. He was simply the perfect man for the hour and his long papacy disappointed in almost nothing.

The catalogue of accomplishments of John Paul II, both before and after his papal election, is long. He was a tornado of activity and displayed a physical stamina which might have buried a man half his age. He wrote profoundly on every subject: Saint Mary, the Trinity, the Church' social teachings, suffering, Christ, work, moral theology, philosophy, and on and on. Every subject found ample space to grow in his capacious mind. His personal narrative was also compelling. He had personally experienced the effects of the twentieth century's twin horrors, Nazism and Communism, both efforts to create a perfect society without regard for God or man's dignity. He knew what it was to be personally degraded, to come close to death, to go into hiding. He had seen his entire nation brought to its knees in humiliation. He understood, at the deepest level, what the Church meant to the world.

The papacy of our Saint built on the international Petrine ministry first initiated, in small steps, by Pope Saint Paul VI. John Paul II made this universal ministry an enduring part of every pope's profile. He said Mass on the altar of the world, where humanity itself was his congregation. He had the piety of a humble Mexican peasant and the sophistication of an erudite German professor. No one, and no type, was a stranger to him. An assassin's bullet almost killed him on May 13, 1981, but he survived, barely. The physical effects of his injuries, and other illnesses, laid bare his sufferings for all to see. On the night of April 2, 2005, this giant, this father to the world, this Moses to the Slavs, died as tens of thousands gathered in prayerful vigil outside his window in Saint Peter's Square. His funeral Mass was timeless and supernatural in a manner felt by all, but difficult to capture in words. He was canonized in 2011 and is buried in a side nave of Saint Peter's Basilica.

*Saint Pope John Paul II, you laid your superabundant gifts on God's altar as a teen, and God used them to the fullest extent until your death. Help all Christians to put their talents at God's service to help lead others to Christ and to His 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**



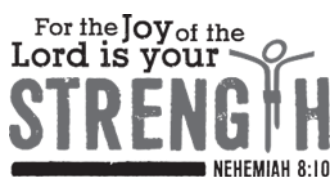
## Our Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

During this difficult time of restrictions due to COVID-19, we were blessed last Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima at our Parish Church. We apologise to those who could not attend due to the restrictions. You were in our prayers.

We commenced with the presentation of the story of Fatima, then the recital of the holy rosary in five different languages and culminating in a splendid Holy Mass celebrated by *Fr Alberic Jacovone osb* and *Fr Hilarion Fernando osb*. All enjoyed a very spiritual day honouring Our Lady. Thanks to all those who helped to make the day so beautiful, and all those who came along and enjoyed the day. Our Lady would be most happy with our efforts! May she bless us all!

*Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us.*

## CATHOLIC MISSION



It's World Mission Month – the one time in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. [The Catholic Mission Facebook](#) page offers daily inspiration, stories and reflection for everyone all year round. Please like this page to ensure that you don't miss out on this wonderful channel and all it has to offer: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicmission/>

To see mission in action today, take a look at this wonderful reflection on gentle leadership from the compassionate Jesuit Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez. Bishop 'Kike' is the driving force behind Catholic Mission's 2020 Cambodia Project appeal. His mission is simple: that everyone has the opportunity to live life to the full, to have hope, joy and happiness. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=247534566329493>

## 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 Sunday 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.

## 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+**.

## CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Have you noticed how clean and shiny our Church has been lately? Thanks to the group of volunteers for making time to scrub and polish!

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! Church volunteers exist to fill God's greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is: "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

***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

Our Catechists were back in class this week. So lovely to see the students again and hear their insights!

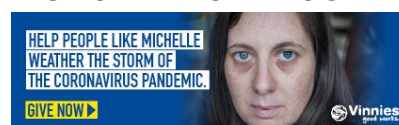
If you love being with children and have Wednesday or Friday mornings free and are looking for something to do that will enrich your life, why not think about becoming a Catechist. There is free training provided. Talk to Fr Bernard, myself or any of our parish Catechists.

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

## LITTLE WAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Little Way Sunday School is an online evangelisation tool for children developed by a family in the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland.

The engaging videos are produced weekly and are designed to connect children to the teachings of the Church by providing videos with:

1. an explanation of the Gospel of the day
2. a reflection from a priest
3. a weekly mission for the kids

The Little Way Sunday School's videos are free to use and suitable for families, children's and youth ministries or school education.

This resource can be accessed via their [YouTube channel](#) or [FaceBook](#) (google search "Little Way Sunday School").

## 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

**13 October 2020**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In our Catholic tradition, the month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. It is particularly meaningful for us in the Diocese of Broken Bay because our Cathedral is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Parishes of Wyoming and The Entrance also enjoy the patronage of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

The Gospel reading for the Mass of the feast is Luke's account of the Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38). The Gospel recounts for us the moment when Mary is told that she will be a blessed Mother. The Church in her wisdom has made this moment part of our liturgical year, to remind us of this momentous junction in the story of our salvation.

During this October, I invite you to spend some time each day praying the Rosary. Try not to make it a series of repetitious prayers. Instead, see the meditation as a moment of encounter with Jesus, in the company of His Blessed Mother. If you are not used to praying the Rosary, it might be a challenge at first. Might I suggest that you begin by praying with someone else, or with your family after dinner in the evening.

Each mystery is designed to give us a sense of the wondrous moments when God breaks into human history and therefore into our lives. The mysteries remind us that God's entering into our history is not an abstract proposition, but a personal encounter. The Lord does not just come, He comes to us. And in coming to us, the Lord gives us this invitation, to become a fragrant sacrifice for the life of the world (cf Ephesians 5:2).

Nothing gives God more joy, my sisters and brothers, than hearing that someone has accepted the Divine invitation to live life to the full. And nothing gives the world more joy, true joy, than receiving the gift of Jesus Christ into our lives. This is how stupendous a moment the Annunciation is.

The medieval saint and scholar, Bernard of Clairvaux, beautifully spelled out just how important this moment was. In a prayer to Mary, written as if he were there himself, St Bernard wrote: The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent... In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life. Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin... Abraham begs it, David begs it... This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet... Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the Divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

We know Mary's words in response. And with these words, Mary becomes both the Blessed Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and the model of discipleship for every single one of us. Like Mary, we are invited to be open to God, and say "yes" to God when we are called. Like Mary, we are invited to carry Jesus with us in our life, in the community of the Church, and to those that we encounter in the world.

In the words of St Paul, we "put on Christ" (cf Galatians 3:27), so that in our encounters with others, they may come to encounter Christ, and savour the life that God planned for the world from the very beginning. It can be an encounter with God through us, his humble servants.

This month of the Rosary is a reminder of the pivotal moment of transformation that can come with every encounter with the Lord, and the powerful transformations that occur when we respond to that encounter with Mary's yes.

May Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us all that we may come to recognise God's calling in every moment of our lives, and may we be granted Mary's courage to echo her words "Let what you have said be done unto me".

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

+Anthony



## **BE WITH ME ALWAYS**

Be with Me always and let My peace fill you.  
Look to Me for your strength,  
as I will provide this for you.

What do you seek and search for?  
Am I not enough as I AM and do I not provide for you?

Search for Me in all that you do  
and trust that I will be present.

Look always to Me for your strength,  
as I will be present to you.  
You are My children,  
and I will care for you in all ways.

What concerns then should you have?  
What fear should you possess?  
Come to Me with all that you are.

Let go of your fears,  
as fear will not set you upon My path.  
Let go of what you think you should be.  
I accept you in all ways.

I AM your Lord and Master.  
Let Me come into your life and set you free.  
Let Me surround your life and give you life abundantly.

Let Me bring peace to your heart.  
Treasure this time with Me.

*By Robert Raymund*

*"I Can Enter Your Life if You Let Me"*

## INSPIRING QUOTES FROM CATHOLIC SAINTS

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." **St. Gianna Molla**

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." **St. Francis de Sales**

"And the Lord said to me, 'My child, you please Me most by suffering. In your physical as well as your mental sufferings, My daughter, do not seek sympathy from creatures. I want the fragrance of your suffering to be pure and unadulterated. I want you to detach yourself, not only from creatures, but also from yourself...The more you will come to love suffering, My daughter, the purer your love for Me will be.'" **St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul**

"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!" **St. John Chrysostom**

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." **Pope Benedict XVI**

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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.*

**Office Hours: Mondays 10.30am to 2.30pm**

**Fridays 10am to 3pm**

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