

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



To prefer nothing to the love of Christ.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

Church Attendance:
*One person per 4sqm,
maximum 150 people.*

**Masks are strongly
recommended by the Bishop and
Government.**

ONLINE Booking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>
Or call Paula on 0423 078 282

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

Sundays	7:00am
Daily	7:00am

Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Bernard: 0416 032 497
*(Fr Bernard is away until November 13th,
if it's urgent please contact
Fr David on 0400 371 260).*



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

24 & 25 October 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26
*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will
rage against you.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R v.2
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Thessalonians 1:5-10
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 22:34-40
*You shall love the Lord your God
and your neighbor as yourself.*

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

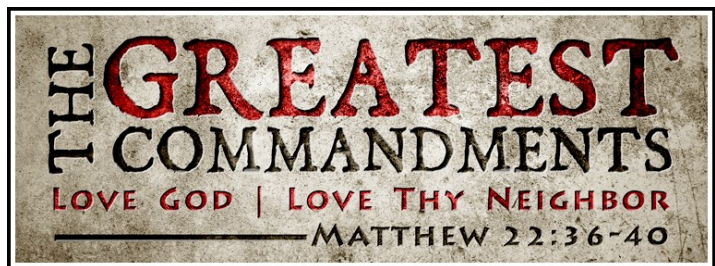
Gospel reading for this Week**A reading from the holy Gospel according to****Matthew 22:34-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**Matthew 22:34-40**

Jesus reminds us that human beings are in a love relationship with God. Israel experienced the gratuitous love of God throughout its history. The prophets continuously reminded the Israelites of God's longing to be in a relationship with them and of God's faithfulness to that relationship. Jeremiah speaks of God's love in this way: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jeremiah 31:3). Jews use the word *hesed* to express the unending, faithful, and unconditional love of God for human beings. Isaiah writes of God's love in this way:

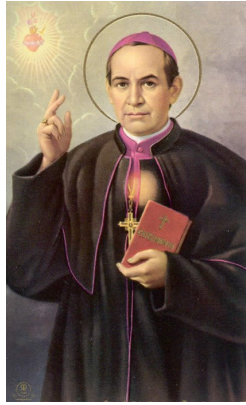
Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.
(Isaiah 49:15-16)

In the New Testament, John writes extensively about God's love for us, who, as human beings, were created in the image and likeness of God. For John, the very essence of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is love, and God does not and cannot exist outside this dynamic. God desires humankind to live in the same life-giving love that characterizes the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Law of Jesus can be summed up in the statement that is the focus of this Sunday's Gospel: love God completely, and love your neighbor as yourself. This two-part commandment fulfills all the commandments of the Torah, or Law, which Christians refer to as the Old Testament, and it reminds Christians of their full potential as children of God. It is important to remember that Jesus did not come to abolish the Law (Old Testament) but to build upon the covenantal relationship of love between God and humankind, which was shaped by the Law (see CCC, number 1968).

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Birth: 1807
Death: 1870
Feast day: October 24

Patron Saint of textile merchants, weavers, the Catholic press, and vocational educators.

Anthony Claret was from Catalonia, the region around Barcelona, Spain. He studied for the priesthood in Rome, was ordained in 1835, and then returned to Spain to spend ten years giving missions. In 1849 he founded the Congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, more commonly known as the Claretians in honour of their founder. The Order was particularly focused on publishing works of devotion and piety, books offering spiritual advice, and numerous pamphlets of basic catechesis. The Claretians filled a need and, as publishers, enjoyed enormous success. They published millions and millions of books and pamphlets. And all of this was spearheaded by Anthony, who not only generated doctrinal content but who also mastered the technical details of printing, learned the business side of the industry, and edited the published works himself.

In 1851, when Anthony was appointed the Archbishop of Santiago Cuba, the full array of his talents were put on display. He added the name of "Mary" to his baptismal name at his episcopal consecration and began a remarkably fruitful seven years as Archbishop. He travelled incessantly throughout his territory, restored the seminary, established hospitals and dozens of new parishes, and personally visited the sick and dying. He was ever present and provocative in his pastoral outreach, so much so that attempts were made on his life by the apathetic offended by his success. He was severely injured by one of these attempts but survived.

In 1857 he resigned as Archbishop when he was recalled to Spain to become the personal chaplain to the Queen. This more sedentary life was a cross for Anthony, who was a born missionary. But he continued to dedicate himself to apostolic activity as much as his court obligations allowed. At the Royal Monastery outside of Madrid where he was assigned, he set up a science library, a school for music and languages, a museum of natural history, and a fraternity composed of cultural leaders and intellectuals that grew to national prominence. Anthony was such a robust motor of evangelization and cultural advancement that he earned powerful enemies who feared his success. They eventually drove him from Spain to France, where he died in 1870.

Like so many saints, Anthony Mary Claret was a double or triple threat. He was so multi-faceted, so skilled in so many diverse fields that it is hard to believe that one man accomplished so much. He worked well and he worked quickly. Also like many other saints, behind Anthony's labors was a regimented life of prayer, daily Mass, the rosary, fasting, spiritual reading, self-discipline and moral strictness. He was perpetually in the presence of God, and in his later years experienced spiritual ecstasies and performed miraculous healings. This incredible man of action and prayer was canonized in 1950.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, you outdid all your peers in dedication to Christ, Mary and the Church. We pray that you intercede in heaven to give all bishops the graces and the skills to lead their flocks in prayer, education and devotion as you did. AMEN.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

*In the first place, to love the Lord God with all one's heart, all one's soul, and all one's strength.
Then, one's neighbour as oneself.*

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



ATTENDING MASS ONCE AGAIN

We have missed so many of you at Mass.

Now that we can have more people attending please remember to come back to Mass as it is still the Lord's Day and there's no excuse for people who are well. We have the 9am Mass or 10.30am Mass on Sundays to choose from, otherwise Saturdays 7pm. We have such a beautiful community and we want everyone to feel welcome.

If you are still unable to physically attend Mass due to illness or have any other legitimate reason for staying home, do not feel guilty for needing to do so. The important thing is to continue to set aside that time for the Lord. Read and reflect on the Mass readings, listen to or watch live stream of the Holy Mass on YouTube or pray a Holy Rosary. If you can, set up an opportunity for confession or receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Don't let Sunday morning become more time for watching TV or sleeping in— show the Lord that although you are unable to be there for Mass in person, your faith is still a priority and you long to be reunited with him in the Holy Eucharist.

BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO VISIT LAST SUNDAY

Bishop Anthony Randazzo visited our Parish for 9am Mass on Sunday the **18th of October** to celebrate the parish past present and future in Christ.

It was a lovely Mass and so good to have Bishop Anthony visit!

His message was simple and clear. After the Benedictine Monks complete their mission in our parish on June the 1st 2021, the Bishop said that our parish will not be shut down, nor will we share a Priest with another church. Bishop Anthony will update us further as soon as it all becomes definite.

Thanks for the singing and music, and everyone who helped during Mass.



Please contact parish office if you would like us to add to the below to pray for someone as we need permission to include it in the bulletin.

Call 9653 2312 or email arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com

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, especially Sister Clem and Nancy Kazzi.

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.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS PLACES OF WORSHIP

- ◆ Maximum capacity for our parish 150 people.
- ◆ Weddings, up to 150 people maximum.
- ◆ Funerals, 100 people maximum.
- ◆ These numbers exclude staff/essential ministers.
- ◆ Children count towards capacity.
- ◆ Musicians, a small group of up to 5 people may sing together.
 - ◆ All singers face forwards
 - ◆ Have physical distance 1.5m between each other and 5m from all other people.
- ◆ NSW Government strongly recommends wearing mask.
- ◆ People must sign in with their name and phone.
- ◆ Hospitality after Mass or other church events in a meeting room or hall:
 - ◆ A maximum of 30 people allowed to gather outside, or maximum 20 inside.
 - ◆ No buffet food allowable.
 - ◆ People can bring their own food.

If you have any questions please contact the office on 9653 2312.

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

Wishing all our students sitting their HSC all the best as they continue their exams this week.

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

CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL REPORT

Around the world, the year 2019/20 will be remembered as a tragedy, as the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged communities with staggering loss of life – challenging our health, education and social welfare systems and economies. Through this, CatholicCare remained true to its mission – serving in justice and love – bringing hope to those who most desperately need it. Our latest annual report celebrates our extraordinary achievements in a challenging year – a testament to the commitment, compassion and expertise of our team. You can view it here:

<https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/catholiccare-annual-report-2019-20-singles>

FATHER BERNARD AWAY

Father Bernard will not be available from the 28th of October until the 13th of November as he will be having knee surgery next week and will be out of action. For anything urgent during that time please contact:

Father David on 0400 371 260.

Please keep Father Bernard in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S WEEK 2020

22 October 2020 – 2nd Anniversary National Apology to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in institutional settings.

In promoting safe communities, Bishop Anthony says, "In so doing, our hope is that our children grow not only with the acknowledgement of the rights respected of them by society, but with the awareness of their God-given rights as well."

All Children in Australia have rights and all adults are responsible for ensuring children's rights are upheld.

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

20 October 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that ten years have gone by since Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was canonised in Rome. I was fortunate to be at Saint Peter's for the occasion, the memory of which will remain with me forever.

During the Mass and ceremony, I realised that this amazing woman no longer belonged to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, not simply to us in Australia. From that time on Mary MacKillop was to be recognised as a Saint for the Universal Church. I have put a few thoughts on video this week which you might like to watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFHXdGcwTo4&feature=youtu.be>

Might I also make a request of your prayers in these coming days as our year 12 students are undertaking their HSC exams. It has certainly been a challenging year for them, and yet, when I travel around the Diocese and speak with them, I am constantly delighted by the fine young women and men that they are.

Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayer and give an encouraging word to assure them that we are supporting them and that we love them.

Blessings and thanks,

+Anthony

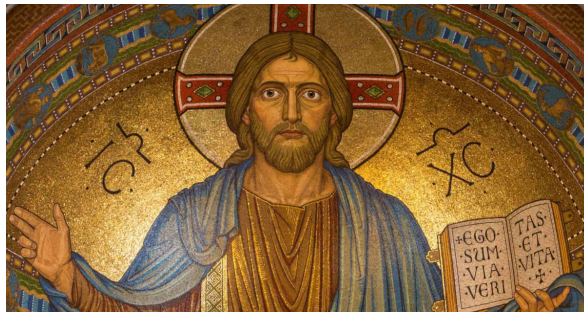


LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION PROGRAM FOR YOUNG WOMEN



A joint initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference and the Australian Catholic University, this postgraduate program is offered for women aged 25-35. The course, over 18 months, provides educational and formative opportunities within the context of an academic and collaborative learning environment. Framed by an engagement with Scripture, theology, spirituality and leadership, the program encourages participants to reflect on their faith and how it can address the many challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Applications close 30 October.

Further details can be found: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/events/leadership-for-mission>



LET ME USE YOU

Give what you have to those who have nothing,
and you will be blessed.

Let Me use you as My servant
for those who need to be attended to.

Let Me give you what others need,
so they may receive Me through you.

Let Me use you to help those
who need to hear words of comfort.

Let Me use you to help those
who need to be peaceful.

Let Me use you to help those
who need to be lifted up,
so they may know I am present
and will bring joy.

Let Me become a part of you,
and I will use you.

Help with My work,
and I will be present to you.

By Robert Raymund

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INSPIRING QUOTES FROM CATHOLIC SAINTS

“Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son.” **Venerable Fulton Sheen**

“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” **Pope Benedict XVI**

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world.” **Pope Saint John Paul II**

“Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.” **St. Catherine of Siena**

“In my deepest wound I saw your glory and it dazzled me.” **St. Augustine of Hippo**

“I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.” **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

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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 of 4sqms and sanitize your hands at the door.
Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.

**MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
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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Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters

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