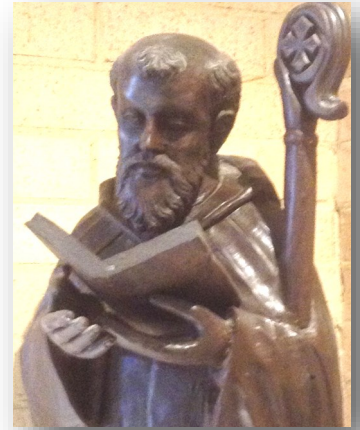


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God,
and our ears to the voice from heaven that every day calls out this charge:
If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts*

Rule of St Benedict, Prologue



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

2-3 November 2019

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22-12:2

*You have mercy on all things
because you love everything that exists.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ
will be glorified in you and you in him.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church	7:00pm
Sunday at Monastery Chapel	7:00am
Sunday at Parish Church	9:00am
Sunday Latin Mass at Church	4.30pm

Weekday Mass

Daily at Monastery Chapel	7:00am
Wednesday at Parish Church	9:30am

Special Masses at the Parish

Monthly Mass

1st Friday of the month	7:00pm
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Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month	9:00am
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Every Friday	7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word invites all children to attend during 9:00am Mass.

Baptisms are celebrated at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please see Father Bernard.

Reconciliation is on every Friday evening at the Parish Church from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and available by appointment.

For the sick who require a priest, please call Father Bernard.

Marriages by appointment, please see Father Bernard.

Funerals to be arranged through Father Bernard.

NATIONAL DROUGHT PRAYER CAMPAIGN

MEDIA RELEASE

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. The Bureau of Meteorology says that, on some measures, the current drought is the worst in 100 years or more, with most parts of Australia's eastern states declared to be in drought. Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE from Wilcannia-Forbes oversees a diocese that covers about half of New South Wales, including some of the most drought-affected areas in the country. He said the month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done in affected communities. "Some of our Catholic ministries, along with other faith-based, charitable and government organisations, are doing remarkable work, supporting people with material needs, offering financial support and responding to people's psychological and spiritual needs," Bishop Columba said. "In some dioceses, practical responses like school fee relief or support with rising utility bills can ease an increasing burden for families. "But in a Catholic context, prayer must be a part of our response." Bishop Columba said the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, has stories of rain being "God's gift" to people who are suffering, "In times of drought like we are experiencing now, we should pray for God's gift of rain, which will have the power to quench our arid lands and also lift many people's fallen spirits," he said. Bishop Columba said the National Prayer Campaign must be truly national, noting that the whole country suffers when there is a drought - especially one of this magnitude. The Church needs to be an example of recognising that reality. "That people living where there is plentiful, or at least enough, water don't seem aware of how much suffering the drought is causing only adds to the hardship of those in drought-affected communities," he said. "The Church across Australia - lay people, religious, priests and bishops alike - needs to stand in solidarity with those suffering most acutely, offering prayers and practical support to those in most need." Prayer resources have been developed for parishes, schools, communities and families to participate in the National Prayer Campaign. They can be accessed at www.catholic.org.au/drought

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS**OF INSTALLATION**—Monday, 4 November at 6:45pm

Just a reminder that to RSVP for Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Installation Mass next Monday, 4 November. Planning of this big event is all coming together, and we need to have a good indication of numbers for seating and catering.

Email events@bbcatholic.org.au or call Stephanie Gabrael on 8379 1621

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life;
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians pray for us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died.

We welcome into God's family ~ Jacob Ahearn who was recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Freya Sunderland, Carol Aviani & Sarah Gatt.

CFW APPEAL - 2 & 3 NOVEMBER



Donations to the Charitable Works Fund help our community through five charities and agencies that serve the people in our Diocese. These are the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Donations can be made online via www.givenow.com.au/cwf. You will be prompted to click on your Parish so that your donations can be credited to our Parish quota.

Donations of \$2 or more to the CFW are tax deductible.

VINNIES SOCIAL HOUSING PETITION TO NSW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Petition is asking the NSW Government to build 5,000 new social housing dwellings each year for the next 10 years to reduce homelessness and housing stress in NSW. More than 110,000 adults and children are in need of a safe home.

Many thanks to the nearly 80 parishioners who have already signed. If you have not yet done so, the Petition will stay at the doors of the church for a few more weeks. Look out for it.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

Date Friday 15 November

5pm - 7.30pm

For more information please contact Nerida Woodbury on 0425 834 017 or nerida.woodbury@gmail.com

All youth ages 12 - 17 are welcome!
\$2 donation for pizzas.



That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Pope Francis' prayer intention November 2019

CATECHIST NEWS

Welcome to all families joining in our Children's Mass this weekend. Please stay for morning tea after Mass.

Our next Catechists' meeting is next Wednesday 6th November at 12:30pm. All are welcome!

The CCD is excited to introduce and launch our third Edition of the Walking with Jesus curriculum, which is the curriculum we work through with the students in our local government schools. There will be a **training day in this new curriculum at our parish on Wednesday 20th November at 12:30pm.** All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend.

Please keep in your prayers all our Catechists, and the students that they teach. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please talk to Fr Bernard or myself. If you don't feel that you can be a full-time Catechist, we also need part-time or casual helpers, just let me know your availability.

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

CCD DIOCESAN MASS—Saturday, 9 November

Time 11.30am

Venue Our Lady of the Rosary, Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be presiding

All catechists of the Diocese, their families and friends are warmly invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Sharon de Roza
by Monday, 4 November ph. 8379 1648
email: ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au

2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Calendars are now available.

Please see Fr Bernard or contact the office if you would like to purchase a copy.

Price \$10 p.9653 2312

MEETINGS this week

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Monday	7.30pm	Finance Committee
Tuesday	7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

Children and young people
will be kept safe by adults
who treat them with care,
respect and compassion

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au 8379 1605

Gospel reading for Next Week

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 20:27, 34-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living

Some Sadducees—those who say that there is no resurrection—approached Jesus and they put a question to him.

Jesus replied, “The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living: for to him all men are in fact alive’.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 9–10 November

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul El Chaar
R1	Mary Gambino	Jo-Anne Mathyi
R2	Margaret Bensley	Lorraine Dailey
P	Teresa Gambino	Peter Goodwin
TV		Cali Family
EM	Pip Gibian	Nigel Morgan
EM	Mary Camilleri	Kath Moran
EM		Angela Scotti
EM		Catherine Colman
M		Mark Quirk
M		Nigel & Marisa
M		Karen
CL1		Gebran Azzi
CL2		Teresa Gambino
MT		Sandra
CT		Mary Abood & Peter
WEL		Jessie

PLAYGROUP every Monday during school term
including Craft activities at Bunnings Dural
on Monday 25 November
Contact p.9653 2312 10am-12noon

TRADITIONAL OWNERS

St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia, acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

7.30pm Tuesday, 5 November 2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30pm Monday, 4 November 2019

Parish Office: 9653 2312
Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb
After hours: 0416 032 497
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231
Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm
Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883
Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com
Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.