

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia



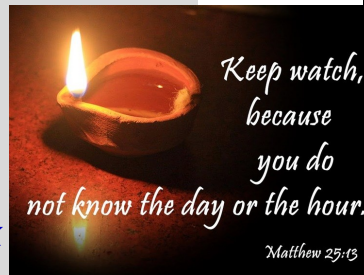
To prefer nothing to the love of Christ.  
*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

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

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

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



## Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

7 & 8 November 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16  
*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R v.2  
*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul 4:13-18  
*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 25:1-13  
*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

### 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).*

**Gospel reading for this Week****A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 25:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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### **GOSPEL REFLECTION** **Matthew 25:1-13**

This Sunday's Gospel focuses on the servants of the bridegroom, who are prepared to welcome him home with his bride. In Jesus's day, a marriage was prearranged, which means that the bridegroom's father and the bride's father made contractual arrangements for the marriage to take place. In many, if not most, cases, children were betrothed to each other. A betrothal was the promise of marriage made some time before the celebration of the wedding. The dowry was also negotiated at this time.

The Gospel story opens just as the betrothal period officially draws to a close. The bridegroom, accompanied by his attendants, goes off to the house of the bride to bring her to his home for the wedding celebration. Final arrangements regarding the marriage contract are to be made at this time. In the Gospel story, these negotiations, in the view of the bridegroom's attendants, take longer than anticipated. In some translations, these attendants are referred to as bridesmaids. These bridesmaids are selected by the bridegroom to serve the bride, to cater to her every wish. Later in the story, the bridegroom claims not to know five of these bridesmaids, who emerge as foolish maidens for their lack of foresight. The procession that forms around the bride, escorting her to the bridegroom's house, is filled with music and light. Five of the ten bridesmaids chosen to serve the bride anticipate that things might take longer than expected, so they bring extra oil for their lamps. As a result, they are able to join in the festive procession. The other five, however, run off to buy more oil, and the procession passes them by. When they knock at the door, seeking entry into the wedding celebration, the bridegroom replies, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you" (25:12).

Matthew closes with the words, "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (25:13). Keep in mind that this Gospel was written around AD 85. Though many of the Apostles and their followers had died, some were still alive. The Second Coming of Jesus was expected to occur in their lifetime. Matthew wants his community, even if they don't know the exact hour of Jesus's return, to be ready to follow him.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

**Feast Day: November 11**  
**C. 336-397**

**Patron Saint of France, soldiers, and conscientious objectors.**

Martin was born to pagan parents in present-day Hungary but desired to become a Christian from a young age. His father resisted his son's holy desires and obliged Martin to follow in his footsteps and serve as a soldier in Rome's Imperial Guard. Martin was serving in France when the most iconic moment of his life took place. Martin was slowly approaching the city gates of Amiens on horseback one cold winter evening. A half-naked man shivered on the ground, begging for help. No one stopped. No one helped. So Martin, clad as a soldier, pulled the cloak from his back, drew his sharp sword from its scabbard, and sliced his cloak in two. The poor man's skeletal frame was covered with just half of the cloak. That same night, when Martin fell asleep, he had a dream. Jesus appeared to him clad in the cloak and said "Martin, still a catechumen, covered me with this garment." Upon awakening, he flew to be baptised.

Martin subsequently befriended one of the great men of Gaul of that era, Saint Hilary of Poitiers, who ordained him into minor orders. After various apostolic adventures, Martin was chosen the Bishop of Tours in 372. In his twenty-five years as bishop, Martin was zealous, and jealous, for the House of the Lord. He aggressively tore down pagan temples, which he understood to be dedicated to demons. He travelled incessantly and was untiring in evangelizing the people of the countryside of Gaul and in founding churches. Martin also developed a reputation as a miracle worker and prophet. He cured the eye problems of Saint Paulinus of Nola, Saint Augustine's good friend.

By the time of his peaceful death, Bishop Martin of Tours had a well-deserved reputation for holiness. Numerous churches were named in Martin's honour in every country of Europe. England had one hundred seventy-three churches dedicated to Martin of Tours in 1800. The Shrine over Martin's tomb was one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations in all of Europe until France was riven by Reformation violence in the 1560s. In an interesting vestige of Martin's enduring historic importance, Martin's feast day in the Breviary is more fully elaborated with prayers and antiphons than almost any comparable saint on the Church's calendar.

*Saint Martin of Tours, your encounter with the beggar has fired the imagination of countless Christians. You were generous in every single way in living your faith. Through your intercession in heaven, assist us now to see Jesus in everyone, just as you did then. 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 NOVEMBER 2020

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**We pray that the progress of robotics and Artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.**

**AMEN**



## 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 for a quick recovery.

## SUPER TYPHOON GONI DEVASTATES PHILIPPINES - CARITAS

By now, you may have heard about Super Typhoon Goni, the most powerful storm this year which whipped across the eastern Philippines with tremendous force, destroying or damaging houses and villages across the country.

A staggering 402,458 families are affected across the Philippines, with the powerful winds of 225 kilometres destroying infrastructure in 5 regions and across 183 municipalities.

This comes just a week after Typhoon Molave killed over 100 people when it arrived in Vietnam, and days after Typhoon Quinta also made landfall in the Philippines on October 27.

Cambodia has also experienced heavy flooding in recent weeks, impacting over 100,000 families. By donating to our Asia Emergency Appeal, you're helping us respond quickly when disasters like these strike.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation>



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Jacob Leeman who will be receiving his First Holy Communion on Sunday 8th of November 9am Mass with Fr Kelly.



*Father of love and abundant mercy, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into union with him. Guide Jacob: Strengthen his bond to you, give him a special love for the Eucharist, and mold him into the living stones of your Church. Amen.*

## 2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

The 2021 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase at the main entrance for \$9 donation each.



**Please contact parish office if you would like us to add to the below to pray for someone**

**Call 9653 2312 or email: [arcadia.parish@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.parish@bigpond.com)**

## In Our Parish

**We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Valerie Tumminello.**

**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.**

## A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS AT VINNIES THIS YEAR

Because of Covid regulations and restrictions, your Conference members will **not** be packing grocery hampers this Christmas. Instead, we hope to give our few clients Gift Vouchers. We will use any money that you place in the **Poor Boxes** at the Church during November/early December to buy these vouchers and send what money is not used on to Vinnies head office, as usual.

If you need a receipt for your donation, please leave the details in an envelope in the box or let Paula at the Parish Office know.

We thank you, in anticipation, for your understanding and support in these unusual times.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL 14/15 November

Next week is our CWF collection and we appreciate your support.

The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church.

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes.

Support by completing the CWF envelope, scanning the QR code, or visiting [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give).

All donations are tax deductible and contribute to our parish quota.

Thank you and God Bless!



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND November 2020 Appeal

**21,000**  
of our Catholic students in State Schools  
need spiritual nourishment

PLEASE HELP US REACH THEM TODAY

Scan and Donate



OR Complete your CWF Envelope

## CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the group of volunteers for making time to scrub and polish! We even had someone that noticed the altar needed a sweep so they took up a broom and got into it!

If you can spare an hour every month to help clean please join the awesome team of volunteers!

**Many hands makes the load light!**

If you are interested in helping out please call the office on 9653 2312 or just take up a broom and sweep it up.

## 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

November already and we are preparing for the end of our SRE (Scripture) classes! **Final SRE dates** are Glenorie Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November; Arcadia Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (to be confirmed); Hillside Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and for Galston and Middle Dural Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Thanks to those who were able to attend our Catechist meeting on Wednesday. For those who were not able to attend, please see your email for end of year information.

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist or learning more about this ministry, please give me a call or talk to Fr Bernard or one of our Catechists.

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

## OBITUARY

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Mrs Valerie Tumminello on the 27th of October 2020. Her funeral was held on Friday 6th of November. Our deepest condolences to the family and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May the souls  
of all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN.*

## YOUTH CORNER PRAISEFEST

CYBB presents the last PRAISEFEST of 2020! Book it in your calendar and get ready for a night of fun, good laughs, and a message from very special INTERNATIONAL guest, Chris Padgett!

ZOOM link is available to all youth coordinators and school ministry coordinators! LIVESTREAM will be available! See you there!!

6:00pm on Friday 13 November 2020  
Facebook  
Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/368646487881204>  
Enquiries Email: [youth@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:youth@bbcatholic.org.au)



## 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 November 2020**

**Welcome to the first edition of *Vox Populi*, the “voice of the people”. In this fortnightly column, I hope to give expression to the voices from around our community, so that we might listen and discern what the Spirit is saying to us as the community of the Church in Broken Bay. This first message comes from Alison Newell, one of our Broken Bay delegates for the Plenary Council.**

### **The Family – A Blessing for the Church**

One of the earliest memories of my childhood is kneeling by my bed at night with my parents and brothers and sisters to pray the Rosary. Dad’s devotion to the Rosary underpinned all we were as a family in those early days of my life. Prayer held us together, nourished us and formed us for our future lives. Whilst there wasn’t a lot of spare money around in those days and raising a large family was tough, mum and dad’s devotion to the faith of our family was a witness to what they believed; that in Jesus Christ, we were all rich.

When I was raising my own family, this same faith, and the promises that we made to our five children at Baptism were always at the forefront of my mind. I raised my children with Jesus Christ at the centre of our daily lives. The daily tasks of work, education, washing, shopping, cooking, taxi-ing to sport or music and simply loving them, became my spirituality even as they frequently challenged my parental decisions. I used to call it the spirituality of the clothesline. Sometimes, prayer was done on the hop, or at the clothesline, and sometimes it was as simple as marking them with the sign of the cross at bedtime.

Christian families are places of evangelisation and catechesis as they witness to their faith in the living out of their daily lives. This witness has the capacity to spread the Good News beyond their family unit. Families provide fertile ground for evangelisation through the building of trust and friendships.

Love in families is expressed through fidelity to each other. This faithfulness of family members provides strength for the day ahead and helps to overcome challenges which families face daily. God is in the joys and sorrows, the good times, and bad times. God is in the calm and the chaos of family life. The spirituality of the home is where parents and children learn to make sacrifices for each other. It is where children first experience love, friendship, and forgiveness. These things are ‘caught’ not ‘taught’ in families. These spiritual experiences form children in the ways of love; the love which Christ has for the world.

The domestic church is the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. Jesus promised to be where two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18:20). The term domestic church dates to the first century AD. The early Church fathers understood that home was a holy place.

My domestic church now lives in several different households, with most of my children married with children of their own. When my children or grandchildren visit my home, which they do regularly, I mark their foreheads with the sign of the cross (we call it Nan’s blessing) to remind them of their Baptismal call to holiness. Sometimes, if they are driving past my home, mum or dad will pull up out the front just because one of the grandchildren ‘needs’ a blessing. This simple practice has brought peace and hope to my children and their children. It provides a moment of the sacred in the chaos of busy lives and it is a constant reminder of the presence of Jesus Christ in the joys and challenges of relationships and life.

We know that today, many families are struggling with disability, sickness, unemployment, domestic violence, mental illness, or loneliness. Putting food on the table and paying bills is a challenge for many. Brokenness in families is a space where Christ enters to provide healing and love. The Church has much to learn from ministering to families. In their struggles, we see the sufferings of Jesus.

Families are the backbone not only of the Church, they are the foundation of society. As a community of Christian believers, let us value the dignity of all families and appreciate the blessings which families bring to our parishes and to our world.

Alison Newell

*Alison is one of the delegates representing the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Plenary Council. She is the CCD Diocesan Coordinator and a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish.*

THE 11TH ANNUAL  **iWitness** CONFERENCE

# AWAKE, O SLEEPER

DECEMBER 10-13, 2020 | AGES 18-35

THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE, STANWELL TOPS

iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun.

The iWitness Conference was established in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. It has always sought to help Australia's young people engage with and be inspired by the Catholic faith - and this year is no exception.

iWitness promises to be an unforgettable weekend of formation, fun and faith, just as it always is. There will be daily Mass, 24 hour (perpetual) adoration, loads of games, amazing speakers, plenty of fresh air, and more!

iWitness and the venue have a COVID-Safe plan. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.IWITNESSCONFERENCE.COM/](https://www.iwitnessconference.com/)**

## INSPIRING QUOTES FROM CATHOLIC SAINTS

"It isn't good to let our thoughts disturb us or worry us at all." *St. Teresa of Ávila*

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."  
*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

"Each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it most." *G.K. Chesterton*

"If God sends you many sufferings it is a sign that He has great plans for you, and certainly wants to make you a saint." *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be – and becoming that person." *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Source of content: [mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life)

## 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**

**Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**

**Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:**

**BSB: 062 784**

**Acct: 1446 8001**