St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:
Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays:
Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am Mass

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am
Adoration & Confession

Next First Saturday Devotion - 5 December
Honouring the Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:00am Mass
9:30am Adoration, Confession & Cenacle

MONASTERY CHAPEL MASS TIMES
DAILY: 7:00AM

Please contact Father Shansana or Parish Office for the following:

Baptisms
Reconciliation
For the Sick
Marriages
Funerals



Parish Priest:
Fr Shansana 0437 884 233
Parish Office 9653 2312

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

November 14 & 15 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said:
I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

SELF REFLECTION: USE OUR GIFTS

Matthew 25:14–15, 19–21 Jesus teaches us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts, talents and opportunities. Like the servants in the Gospel, we are called to use what we have been given wisely and faithfully. God does not ask us to be the same as others, but to make the most of what He has entrusted to us. Even the smallest act of love, kindness or service can make a difference when offered with a generous heart.

I Reflect…

1. *Do I recognise the gifts and talents God has given me?*
2. *Am I using my gifts to help others?*
3. *Do I sometimes hide my talents because I am afraid to try?*
4. *How can I be more faithful in the little things each day?*
5. *What can I do this week to make better use of God's gifts?*

Prayer
Heavenly Father, thank You for the gifts and talents You have entrusted to me. Help me to use them wisely, generously and lovingly. Give me the courage to share my gifts with others and to be faithful in all that I do. Amen.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (JB)



A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5 (JB)

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

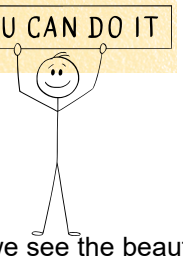
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Source: Liturgia Brisbane 2026

"That in all things God may be glorified."
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 57



READINGS & GOSPEL REFLECTION

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Reflection – Sharing God's Gifts

The readings remind us that God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents. In **Proverbs**, we see the beauty of a faithful, hardworking and generous heart, always ready to care for others. St **Paul** encourages us to live as children of the light, remaining alert and growing in faith. In the **Gospel**, Jesus reminds us that we must not bury the talents God has entrusted to us, but use them wisely and faithfully.

God does not expect us to be the same as others or to have the greatest talents. He asks us to make the best of what we have been given, sharing our gifts through love, kindness and service to others.

Key Thoughts

- Recognise and appreciate the gifts God has given you.
- Live each day with faith, kindness and generosity.
- Don't hide your talents; use them to serve God and others.
- Be faithful in the small things, for they can make a big difference.



Take-Home Challenge

This week, identify one gift or talent God has given you and find a way to use it to help someone else. Let your actions reflect God's love and make a positive difference in someone's life.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gifts and blessings You have entrusted to us. Help us to use them wisely, share them generously and never be afraid to put them at the service of others. May we always walk in Your light and remain faithful in all we do. Amen.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday 16 Readings: Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Lk 18:35-43.
R: Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.
St Margaret of Scotland. St Gertrude, Virgin.

Tuesday 17 Readings: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22. Lk 191-10.
R: The one who is victorious I will sit beside me on my throne.
St Elizabeth of Hungary.

Wednesday 18 Readings: Rev 4:1-11. Lk 19:11-28.
R: Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!
Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles.

Thursday 19 Readings: Rev 5:1-10. Lk 19:41-44.
R: The lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

Friday 20 Readings: Rev 10:8-11. Lk 19:45-48.
R: How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Saturday 21 Readings: Rev 11:4-12. Lk 20:27-40.
R: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!
The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Source: Ordo 2026



ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

FEAST DAY 16 NOVEMBER

Heavenly Father,
Through the example of St Margaret of Scotland, may we grow in kindness, generosity and faith.
Help us to serve others with loving hearts and to follow Christ with humility.

St Margaret of Scotland, pray for us.
Amen.



POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



PARISH NOTICES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS NEW TIME OF 6PM

New time: 6:00 pm. Commencing **Saturday, 28 November 2026**
Our Saturday Vigil Mass will commence at the new time of 6:00 pm on Saturday, 28 November 2026.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 10.30am

The Confirmation Service will take place during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 29 November. We warmly invite parishioners to join us in prayer and support as our candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ADVENT IS APPROACHING



Sunday, 29 November, marks the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year.
As we prepare for Christmas, let us take time to slow down, pray and make room in our hearts for Jesus.

A thought to carry through advent:
"Do not let the busyness of Christmas preparations distract you from preparing your heart for Christ."

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness make the biggest difference. A smile, a listening ear, a helping hand or a simple prayer can bring God's love into someone's day.

LORD, GUIDE MY STEPS

Lord, walk beside me today. Give me patience when life is difficult, kindness towards others and faith when I feel uncertain. May my words and actions reflect Your love. Amen.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Faith is not about having everything figured out, but trusting God even when we cannot see the way ahead.
Let us place our worries in His hands and allow His love to guide us each day."

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

This week, we are delighted to recognise our Volunteer of the Week:



ANN LOMAS

Ann is always willing to lend a helping hand, faithfully assisting with the readings at Mass, supporting the Monastery's Christian Meditation Introduction, generously giving her time to minister to the sick and other help in the parish and Monastery.

Her dedication, kindness and willingness to serve our parish community are truly appreciated.

Thank you, Ann, for sharing your time, gifts and faith with us.
May God bless you abundantly!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION

You are invited to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at the monastery on **Sunday, 15th November.**
Arrival and Registration at **10am for a 10:30am start**.

Presentations, Introduction to Meditation, Periods of Meditation, Prayer with the monks, BYO Picnic Lunch, Mass in the Chapel at 2pm, Conclusion at around 3pm

Enquiries: Fr Michael
mkelly@silvestrini.org / 0455 329 607

In Our Parish

Please let us know if there is someone you would like us to pray for.



We welcome into God's family all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish, *especially:*

Joe Gallo, Miriam Brown, Pauline Honor, Kath Moran, Brother Mario, and Father Alberic.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died:

Bill Youl, Teresa DeLuca and Patrick DeLuca, Sr Fay Hancock,Tereza Muscat, Bill Pierce, Francesco Merlino, Peter Chedid, Antonio Romeo, NannaTrani, Anne Pearce, Robert Wallace, Maria Pappallardo and Shannon Murray.

~ May they rest in Eternal Peace. †

CATECHIST NEWS

Term 4 Classes end on Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th November with Final combined scripture lessons on Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th December.

New Catechists are needed for 2027, please contact myself or the Parish office if you are interested in becoming a Year 1 or Year 5 teach at Glenorie Public School. Classes are 40mins and run on Wednesdays from 10.50am - 11.30am. Training and manual books are provided.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

Does your child finish Year 6 this year? We invite all Year 6 students who would like to receive a Bible and Certificate to contact the Parish Office.

A special Mass and presentation will be held on Sunday, 6 December, at 10:30am Mass.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our young parishioners.

God bless,
Martina Jutrisa arcadia.parish@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Catechist Co-Ordinator 0413 403 767
Parish Office: 9653 2312

CHRIST THE KING – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is the King of the Universe. His kingdom is not built on power, wealth or earthly glory, but on love, truth, mercy and service.

Jesus invites us to make Him the King of our hearts and to follow His example by loving one another, forgiving generously and serving those in need.

As we celebrate this beautiful feast, may Christ reign in our hearts, our families and our parish communities.

A PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING
Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, reign in our hearts and guide our lives. Help us to live according to Your truth, love as You love and serve others with humility. May Your kingdom of peace and justice flourish throughout the world. Amen.



🎉 ST BENEDICT'S KIDS YOUTH GROUP 🎉

Calling all kids aged 8–12 years! Come along for fun, friendship and faith as we grow together as a parish family.
Fridays during school term
4:00pm – 5:30pm
For more information,
contact Jules on 0415 448 797. Everyone is welcome!



THE MAKER'S TABLE

We look forward to seeing you at our next workshop!
NEXT WORKSHOP: December 2nd 7.30pm
Contact: Nerida 0425 834 017 Martine 0458 533 250

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass is held on the first Thursday of each Month at 9.30am
NEXT HEALING MASS: THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP



Every Monday 2.00pm
Every one welcome.

For more details call
Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.

CCC PRAYER GROUP



Prayer meeting held every **Wednesday morning**: after 9.30am Mass.
Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!



For more details call
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CRAFTGROUP

The quilting and craft group will meet every **4th Tuesday** of the month at 10.30am in the parish meeting room.

Bring your craft and come and join us!



FEAST OF THE WEEK

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 21



Three “gospels” have heavily influenced today’s memorial—the Protoevangelium of James, the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary. The earliest was the Protoevangelium of James (also called the “Apocryphal Gospel of James”), most likely written sometime in the second century. It is not considered to be part of the inspired word of God, i.e., the canon of Scripture, because it does not appear to have actually been written by the Apostle James. Nonetheless, like many early Christian documents, this apocryphal gospel held great influence in the early Church. It is from this writing that the Church takes the traditional names of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s parents—Saints Joachim and Anne.

The Protoevangelium of James details Mary’s Immaculate Conception, birth, presentation in the Temple, and her life in the Temple until age twelve where she is depicted as praying continuously while angels ministered to her. The story continues with her miraculously arranged marriage to Saint Joseph, Jesus’ birth, Herod’s encounter with the Magi, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, and the martyrdom of Zechariah, Saint John the Baptist’s father. The Apocryphal Gospel of James does not contradict anything in the canonical Gospels, and more details are added that could be true.

When the Blessed Virgin Mary was born, it was not uncommon for some children to be presented in the Temple, to be raised there and to enter into service at the Temple. They assisted the priests and acted as servants of charity. Though every firstborn boy was ritually presented to the priest in the Temple eight days after birth for consecration to God, sometimes girls were also presented, but for the purpose of entering into the Temple’s service. In Glories of Mary, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, an eighteenth-century Doctor of the Church, wrote a description of her presentation in the Temple.

The feast is believed to have originated in the Eastern Byzantine liturgy around the sixth century when Byzantine Roman Emperor Justinian I built a church in Jerusalem near the ruins of the Temple called the Basilica of Saint Mary the New. By the ninth century, several monasteries in the Latin Church observed this feast; it was added to the Universal Church calendar in the fifteenth century.

In 1953, Pope Pius XII tied this memorial of the Presentation of Mary to an annual commemoration of the World Day of Cloistered Life. This sprang from the belief that the Blessed Virgin was presented in the Temple as a child, living out her childhood in prayer and solitude, a model for those in the cloister.

In 1974, Pope Saint Paul VI wrote a beautiful apostolic exhortation, Marialis Cultus: For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in which he speaks of the development of Marian devotion in the life of the Church. Regarding feasts like today’s, which come to us in part from apocryphal sources, he says, “There are still others [feasts] which, apart from their apocryphal content, present lofty and exemplary values and carry on venerable traditions having their origin especially in the East.”

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were conceived without sin and remained sinless throughout your life. With the perfection of every virtue and grace, you loved and served God even as a young child. Please pray for me, as I help to inspire young people in the ways of holiness, that I will never shy away from pointing them to you as a model and mediator of God’s grace. Most Holy Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholic.life

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SEASON
MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday 24th Dec 2026: 7:00pm & 11:30pm
(Midnight Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY
The Nativity of the Lord
Friday 25th Dec 2026: 9:00am

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY
Saturday Vigil 26th Dec 2026: 6:00pm
Sunday 27th Dec 2026: 9:00am & 10:30am

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Feast Mary the Holy Mother of God
Friday 1st Jan 2027: 9:30am & 7:00pm

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Saturday Vigil 2nd Jan 2027: 6:00pm
Sunday 3rd Jan 2027: 9:00am & 10:30am

FEAST BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Saturday Vigil 9th Jan 2027: 6:00pm
Sunday 10th Jan 2027: 9:00am & 10:30am

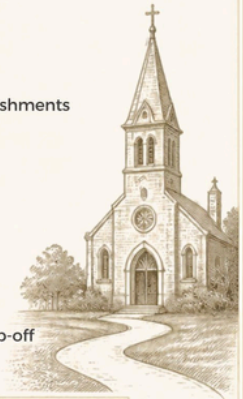
MONASTERY: Daily as usual 7:00am

Eileen O'Connor Anniversary Pilgrimage

Join us on Sunday, 10 January 2027, as we commemorate the anniversary of Eileen O'Connor. A parish bus will provide transport for the day at St Benedict's Parish

ITINERARY

- **8:00 am** – Depart from the parish
- **9:30 am** – Holy Mass, followed by refreshments
- **After Mass** – Visit the house where Eileen O'Connor lived, her gravesite, and the museum
- **Later** – Visit the site of the apparition of Our Lady at Coogee Beach
- **3:00 pm** – Return to the parish for drop-off



$30 per person, including refreshments.
Contact: Angela Scotti 0432 856 941
Guido Scotti 0418 219 827

PIETY SHOP NEWS

TEMPLE CLOTHING – SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER
Temple Clothing will be visiting St Benedict's on Sunday, 6 December. This is a wonderful opportunity to browse their beautiful range of religious clothing and accessories and place any orders you may need before Christmas. Be sure to stop by, have a look at what's available and take advantage of their visit.

CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW AVAILABLE!
Christmas has arrived in our Piety Shop!
We have a lovely selection of Christmas items, religious gifts and seasonal decorations now available. Whether you are looking for a special gift for family or friends, or something meaningful to help celebrate the birth of Jesus, we invite you to come in and browse.

New stock and gift ideas are arriving every week, so make sure you visit regularly to see what's new.

Your support of our Piety Shop is greatly appreciated, as all proceeds help support our parish.

ANY ORDERS PLACED WITH THE PIETY SHOP USUALLY TAKES TWO WEEKS TO ARRIVE SO GET IN EARLY.

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

There may be times when life feels difficult, when worries seem overwhelming or when we feel forgotten. Remember that God is always beside us. He knows our struggles, hears our prayers and never stops loving us. Even in our darkest moments, His light continues to shine.

LIVING THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

St Benedict teaches us the importance of welcoming everyone with love and kindness. In Chapter 53 of his Rule, he reminds us that every guest should be received as Christ Himself.
This week, let us ask ourselves: Do we make others feel welcome? A friendly smile, a kind greeting or a few moments of our time can make a great difference to someone who walks through our doors.

YOUR FAITH CHALLENGE THIS WEEK

This week, try to do one small act of kindness each day without expecting anything in return. It might be helping a neighbour, calling someone who is lonely, offering encouragement or praying for someone in need. Remember, even the smallest act of love can make a difference.



PARISH ROSTER

NEXT WEEKEND
21/11/2026 to 22/11/2026
CHRIST THE KING - YEAR A

Please join us for ☕ Morning Tea after the 9:00am Mass.

	SAT 7PM	SUN 9AM	SUN 10:30AM
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader 1	Natasha S	Gabrielle W	John family
Reader 2	Margaret B	Judy H	John family
Prayers	Mary C	Matt W	Lorna B
TV		Nigel M	Teresa G
EMHC		Pam G	Catarina V
EMHC		Sophie R	Lorna B
Music		Melanie H	Gregorian Choir
Music		Noelle T	Gregorian Choir
Music		John T	Gregorian Choir
Music			
Morning Tea		Sophie R	
Flowers	Angela S		

MONASTERY CHAPEL
Liturgy of the Hours

"Seven times a day I will praise you"
Psalm 119:164

The liturgy of the hours is a set of prayers (psalms, hymns, readings and other prayers). It is recited in the Monastery Chapel daily at the following times:

5.45am Office of Readings
6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds
12.45pm Midday prayer
6.00pm Evening prayer - Vespers
8.00pm Night prayer - Compline

DID YOU KNOW...

In the Gospel of the Talents (Matthew 25), a talent was actually a large amount of money, not a personal ability. Over time, the word came to mean the gifts and abilities God has given each of us. Jesus reminds us that we are called to use these gifts faithfully rather than hide them.

PALMS TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER

10-23 May 2027!

Discover Timor-Leste with Palms Australia! Join a small group (maximum 8 people) on a 14-day Encounter Tour to experience Timor-Leste's history, culture and community development firsthand. Meet Palms' local partners and volunteers while supporting ethical international development.
Book your place at palms.org.au/encounters.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We give thanks to God our Father, who blesses this land, its people, and all creation. May we live in harmony, justice, and peace, guided by His love.

We also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and their enduring connection to Country, waters, and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and to emerging leaders.

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT
St Benedict's Parish is committed to the safety of all, especially children and vulnerable people.

Concerns? Contact Fr Shansana 0437 884 233, or the Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

For all parish OH&S and Safeguarding Children matters Contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882 or the parish office on 9653 2312.

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