

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



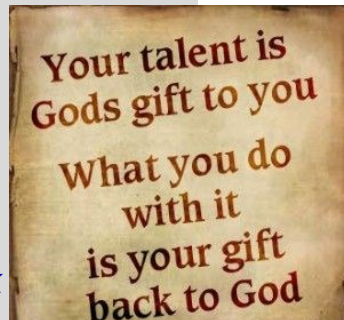
To prefer nothing to the love of Christ.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

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-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

14 & 15 November 2020

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.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5
R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
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.

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
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.*

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

Gospel reading for this Week**Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21**

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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION**Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21**

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of a wealthy man who, before setting out on a journey, entrusts his wealth to three servants. He gives five talents to the first servant, two talents to the second, and one talent to the third. A talent, by the way, was both a sum of money and a measure of money. Scripture scholars tell us that a talent was equivalent to the wage a day laborer would have earned in fifteen years.

We find out from the story that the first two servants take the money entrusted to them and double it through hard work, but the last servant takes the money and buries it in the ground. Hiding money or valuables in the earth is typical in Jesus's day. Fear, rather than gratitude, may have motivated the third servant to bury the money entrusted to him; perhaps this servant knows that the wealthy man, at a future date, will ask him to make an account of the money. That is exactly what happens: "After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them" (25:19). This verse suggests that the master was more concerned with how the servants had lived their lives than how they had spent or invested their money, which prefigures the Last Judgment, when Jesus returns to judge his followers on the totality of their actions.

When the master comes to the first servant, to whom he had given five talents, the servant produces five additional talents; the servant to whom he had given two talents produces two more. The master praises them, saying, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master" (25:23). The joy of the master refers to sharing in his material wealth or abundance. Similarly, the joy of our Master, Jesus Christ, refers to sharing in his spiritual wealth, that is, the Kingdom of heaven. When the master comes to the third servant, to whom he had given one talent, the servant tries to justify why he buried the talent, which had everything to do with his fear of taking a risk. The master then confronts the servant, calling him wicked and lazy. Because this servant did not use the money entrusted to him in a productive way, the master takes it away from him, thereby denying him the opportunity to share in his joy. In fact, he will experience just the opposite. He is thrown "into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (25:30).

This story is about servants' (disciples') being entrusted with the gift of faith, which is to be shared with others through positive actions, not selfishly hoarded. In Baptism, we are given the same commission to bring Christ to others. If we accept the gift of faith, we are required to produce a yield in proportion to what we have been given. What are you doing with your "talents"?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

**Feast Day: November 17
C. 1207-1231**

Patron Saint of the Third Order of St Francis.



The marriage of today's saint was not any less happy for being arranged. Elizabeth of Hungary's parents betrothed her at the age of four to a young German nobleman named Ludwig and sent her away as a child to live in his family's court. Elizabeth wed Ludwig when she was fourteen and he twenty-one. Only in a post-industrial age have the teenage years been understood, in some countries but not all, as a time of self-discovery, boundary pushing, rejection of tradition, and excuse for total confusion. Puberty, not the entire span of teen years, was historically understood as the passage to adulthood, responsibility, and a professional life. It was typical of her era, and many other eras, that Elizabeth would marry at fourteen. She was ready and became a contented, serious, and successful wife and mother, bearing three children, while still a teen.

Before Ludwig left on Crusade in 1227, he and Elizabeth vowed never to remarry if one were to die before the other. Then Ludwig died on his way to the Holy Land. Elizabeth was distraught but fulfilled her promise. So at the age of twenty, her already pious and prayerful soul waded into deeper Christian waters. Her mortifications became more rigorous, her financial generosity more total, and her prayer time more all consuming. Most of all, Elizabeth's life now began to revolve almost uniquely around the poor, the aged, and the sick. She opened a hospice near a relative's castle and there welcomed anyone in need.

Elizabeth also fell under the spell of a charismatic and over-bearing spiritual director who insisted that she make the most severe emotional and physical sacrifices in her quest for perfection. As a sign of her commitment to the poor, and to aid her in conquering herself, Elizabeth took the habit of a Third Order Franciscan in 1227. Franciscanism was spreading like wildfire throughout Europe, and Elizabeth was not the only noblewoman far from Assisi to be drawn to the message of Saint Francis so soon after his death. A native Hungarian, who came in search of Elizabeth in Germany at this time, was shocked to find her dressed in drab grey clothes, poor, and sitting at a spinning wheel in her hospice. He begged Elizabeth to return to her father's royal court in Hungary. She refused. She would stay near the tomb of her husband, stay near her children, now in the care of nuns and relatives, and stay close to the poor whom she loved so much.

Most likely worn out by her austerities and near constant contact with the sick, Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-four on November 17, 1231.

Miracles were attributed to her intercession soon after her burial, and testimonies to her holiness were collected so rapidly that she was canonized by the pope just four years after her death. In 1236 a shrine was dedicated to her memory in Marburg, Germany, and her remains were transferred there amidst great ceremony. Pilgrims continued trekking to her shrine throughout the middle ages, until a Lutheran prince, unapproving, removed Elizabeth's relics from her shrine in 1539. They have never been recovered.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, we seek your heavenly intercession on this date of your early death. Help all young mothers to persevere in their vocations and all young widows to not despair but to be confident as they walk forward in life, knowing that Christ is at their side. 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



SOUTH EAST ASIA DISASTER

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the **Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia** who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding after two typhoons hit the region in one week.



Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with **hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.**

With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Dear Lord,

when disaster strikes, help survivors find peace and hope amid the chaos that ensues. Fill first responders with compassion, awareness, and a spirit of teamwork. Bless leaders with wisdom and humility as they work to improve infrastructure and systems. AMEN.

GIFTS OF FAITH

A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. You can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

You choose the gifts and the quantity and we send you the matching cards to distribute. Once you receive your matching cards and envelopes simply complete them and put them under the tree for Christmas!

Especially in this year, we must act to support the faith where it is suffering.

Will you help us keep the faith alive by giving a Gift of Faith this Christmas?
Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait

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

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, Nancy Kazzi, Joseph Cheng and Joe Gatt.

MONKS ON RETREAT

The monks will be on retreat at the Monastery from the evening of Sunday, the 22nd of November till the following Friday evening.

Each day during the week there will only be Mass at 12.00pm each day. There will be no mass at 7.00am or 9.30am.

All are welcome to join us for the midday Mass at the Monastery.

Keep us in prayer.
Fr. David

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH CHECK UP

Try These tips to re-balance yourself especially worrying about COVID-19.

Treat yourself with kindness and respect, and avoid self-criticism. Make time for your hobbies and favourite projects. Do a daily crossword puzzle, plant a garden, learn to play an instrument or become fluent in another language.

People with strong family or social connections are generally healthier than those who lack a support network. Make plans with supportive family members and friends or seek out activities where you can meet new people, such as going to church, a club, class or support group. Try praying and meditating.

Volunteer your time and energy to help someone else. You'll feel good about doing something tangible to help someone in need — and it's a great way to meet new people.

What are you doing today to change your way of thinking?

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

Our teaching year is quickly coming to an end! **Final SRE dates** are Glenorie Wednesday 25th November; Arcadia Wednesday 2nd December; Hillside Friday 4th December and for Galston and Middle Dural Wednesday 9th December.

Our **Year 6 students are invited to 9am Mass on Sunday 6th December** to celebrate their final year in primary school. All Year 6 children present at this Mass will be presented with a Bible. If your child is in Year 6 and will be present at this Mass, please let me know, to ensure there are sufficient Bibles.

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

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558 or srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL 14/15 November

This weekend is our CWF collection and we appreciate your support.

You can give by completing and returning the CWF envelope in parish, visiting www.bbcatholic.org.au/give or scanning the QR code.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and allocated to our parish quota.

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. Take a moment to watch the short film of Christine Jap - former student and current Catechist - who shares what SRE means to her.

https://youtu.be/qs3C_P0DxVA

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

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

10 November 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past few months there have been some wonderful areas of growth in our community of the Church.

We have a new Director of CatholicCare Broken Bay, Tim Curran. Together with the Team of dedicated workers, they have been the visible face of Jesus Christ to many people in need during these challenging times. Their vibrant and positive ministry which engages people where they are, no matter what their circumstances, is a reminder that God is merciful and compassionate.

Our Catholic Schools Broken Bay, under the leadership of Danny Casey and the Team, have commenced the opening up of the Towards 2025 vision for the education and formation of our children. The vision is stated simply so that we will commit to authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion. Our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be. All of this is underpinned with the values of faith, joy, witness, compassion, and courage.

This week I have advertised six new positions for the new look team at Evangelisation Broken Bay. The link can be found ([here](#)). My desire is to build a unified team of people passionate for mission, evangelisation and the communication of the Word, who can contribute their talents and use their gifts in fresh and innovative ways. I am looking for people who want to bring their prayers and ingenuity to the mission of the diocese in a Catholic context that is courageous, dynamic, and new. I am looking for people who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and want to put that relationship into action.

I am also delighted that I have been able to visit every parish in the first year as Bishop of the Diocese. Normally this can take two or even three years to complete. One of the unforeseen opportunities provided by the COVID environment has been the possibility of these visits. It has been a delight to meet so many people, even if we have been restricted in our gatherings. I look forward to continuing these visits as we commit ourselves anew to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Finally, I would ask your prayers at this time. Over these past couple of months, I have been praying and thinking about the upcoming transfer of clergy in our Diocese. During my visits I have been having conversations with the clergy and I have also had the opportunity to consult with people throughout the community. My hope is that the movement of our priests and deacons will ultimately allow them to thrive in their vocations and that our communities of faith will have happy, healthy, and holy priests and deacons to lead and serve.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me with the gift of wisdom. Pray also for the priests and deacons that they may respond with generosity and availability. Finally, pray for our communities of faith, that they will be welcoming and accepting of the gifts God gives, especially the gift of our clergy.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

+Anthony

POSITIONS VACANT

Join the Team at Broken Bay Diocese: New positions vacant

Are you keen to part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,"

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days); and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
- Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs

2020 NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week was rescheduled to 8-15 November this year and we encourage all Catholics to take the opportunity to reflect, acknowledge and engage with First Nations Catholics.

For more information click here: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html>

Jubilee Prayer and Statement of Commitment

Father our Creator

You created all things, seen and unseen,
Listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.
As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons,
Back to those days where my people walked.

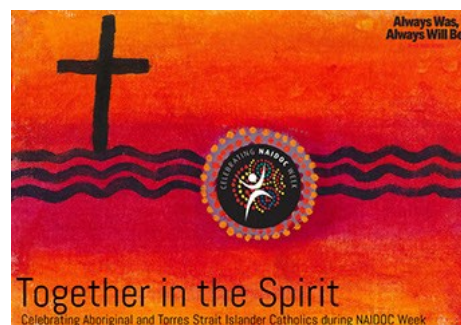
The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the earth
and their images become real to me.
I see my Grandfathers standing tall and strong, warriors of long ago.
I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit moves within me.

They told me of the emus fighting; picking the scent of our hunters.
The images fade away as I feel the hurt of my people.

I can hear the cries of my Grandmothers as they cry for their children.
Grandfather, You can see me as I stand here and feel this hurt.

Father Creator, is this the purpose of my being here?
Or is it your plan to reshape my people to be once again the proud race it once was?
Let me walk with you and my Grandfathers towards the dawning
of a proud and new nation.
I thank you for my Sacred Being. Amen.

NATSICC Leadership Gathering November 1995



A DAY IN THE WORD—STAYING CONNECTED TO GOD

"I would have pulled Joseph out. Out of that pit. Out of that prison. Out of that pain. And I would have cheated nations out of the one God would use to deliver them from famine.

I would have pulled David out. Out of Saul's spear-throwing presence. Out of the caves he hid away in. Out of the pain of rejection. And I would have cheated Israel out of a God-hearted king.

I would have pulled Esther out. Out of being snatched from her only family. Out of being placed in a position she never asked for. Out of the path of a vicious, power-hungry foe. And I would have cheated a people out of the woman God would use to save their very lives.

And I would have pulled Jesus off. Off of the cross. Off of the road that led to suffering and pain. Off of the path that would mean nakedness and beatings, nails and thorns. And I would have cheated the entire world out of a Savior. Out of salvation. Out of an eternity filled with no more suffering and no more pain.

And oh friend. I want to pull you out. I want to change your path. I want to stop your pain. But right now I know I would be wrong. I would be out of line. I would be cheating you and cheating the world out of so much good. Because God knows. He knows the good this pain will produce. He knows the beauty this hard will grow. He's watching over you and keeping you even in the midst of this. And He's promising you that you can trust Him. Even when it all feels like more than you can bear.

So instead of trying to pull you out, I'm lifting you up. I'm kneeling before the Father and I'm asking Him to give you strength. To give you hope. I'm asking Him to protect you and to move you when the time is right. I'm asking Him to help you stay prayerful and discerning. I'm asking Him how I can best love you and be a help to you. And I'm believing He's going to use your life in powerful and beautiful ways. Ways that will leave your heart grateful and humbly thankful for this road you've been on."

- Author Unknown

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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2159**

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
Safeguarding Children matters
Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**

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