

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



PARISH Masses

Weekend:

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

Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
 Fridays 6.30pm Adoration
 7:00pm Mass & Confession
 (Reconciliation)
 Saturdays 10am to 11am
 Adoration & Confession
 (Reconciliation)

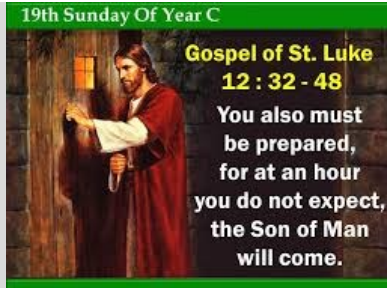
MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
 Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
 6 & 7 August 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
 and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
 and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
 whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
 we dare to call our Father,
 bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
 the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
 that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
 which you have promised.
 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.**

GET READY! - REFLECTION

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, "Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks."

We celebrate Jesus' return every time we break bread with Him in the Eucharist. We taste Him now. But we will realise Him in his fullness at the end of time. The next time we celebrate the Eucharist, let us remember we receive what we hope for, we touch what we yearn for. The presence of the Jesus as Lord over all!



Have you ever reflected on Second Coming?

Are you prepared?

Are you faithful to prayer, listening for His voice and ready to do what He asks us?

What actions will you take to be ready today?

Dear Lord,

Help me have a greater sense of urgency and expectation about the coming of Christ. I want to be ready and to greet that day with joy even though I don't know the day or hour of his coming. Give me the courage and wisdom to live with purity and holiness as I prepare for His coming. **Amen.**

First Reading**Wisdom 18:6-9 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.****Second Reading****Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 (JB)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 12:35-40 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, August 7

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much. (Luke 12:48)

What if someone entrusted you with a million dollars and told you to use it to open a food bank? Would you keep it for yourself and use it to buy a fancy car or to travel to an exotic place? No, you would get to work figuring out how to use the money wisely so that you could feed the poor and hungry.

Now, it's unlikely that someone would hand you a million dollars, but God has entrusted you with something infinitely more valuable. It's the gift of faith! And he doesn't want you to keep it all for yourself. As Jesus said in today's Gospel, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). So, what are you going to do with this precious gift? Let's take a look at this reading for some ideas.

First, we need to put our faith into action. In Jesus' parable of the good steward, the vigilant servants await their master's return and are ready to open the door "immediately" when he arrives (Luke 12:36). Jesus wants us to be prepared for his Second Coming. But he also wants us to be vigilant as we await his coming into our hearts in this life as well. We need to stay faithful to prayer, always listening for his voice and ready to do what he is asking of us.

Second, we need to be ready to share our gift of faith. We know that God wants us to help people come to know how much he loves them. Yet as we go about our daily lives, it's easy to get sidetracked and distracted by the things of this world. Then, like those servants in the parable, we risk missing opportunities to share our faith when they arise.

Yes, much has been entrusted with us—more than we can ever imagine. Today and every day, let's ask for the grace to also do what is required of us. May we always be like those vigilant servants who faithfully await their master's return!

"Lord, thank you for entrusting me with the gift of faith."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg32)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday Readings: 1 Kg 17:8-16, Col 3:12-17, Mt 6:25-34.

St Mary of the Cross, virgin.

Tuesday Readings: Ezek 2:8-3:4, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr.

Wednesday Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26.

St Lawrence, deacon, martyr.

Thursday Readings: Ezek 12:1-12, Mt 18:21-19:1.

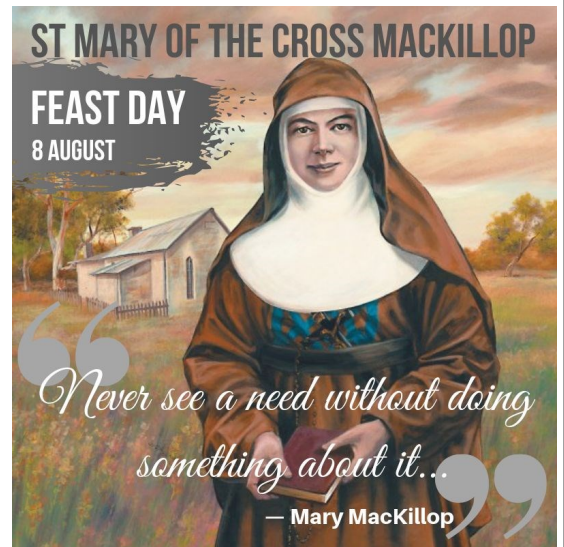
St Clare, virgin.

Friday Readings: Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63, Mt 19:3-12.

St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious.

Saturday Readings: Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32, Mt 19:13-15.

Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr.



Source: Ordo 2022

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2022

SMALL BUSINESSES

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.

PARISH FUNDS

Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad.

<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. **Palms Australia** who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away.

Enquire online on:

<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/>

or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also register:

<https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/>



Palms Australia

CATHOLIC CARE

Please help to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese by donating in the envelopes provided. THANK YOU!

THE BROKEN BAY SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DINNER

You are cordially invited to the Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner!

Join us for an evening of good food and company as we support our Broken Bay seminarians and raise awareness of the importance of vocations within our diocese. Our seminarians will be sharing their testimonies and musical talents, and you will have a chance to get to know them better.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Harrington Hall (94 Archer St, Chatswood). Tickets are \$15 per person. All are welcome!

Please follow the link below to secure your tickets. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBBGF>

For more info contact the parish office on (02) 9410 9000

Email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

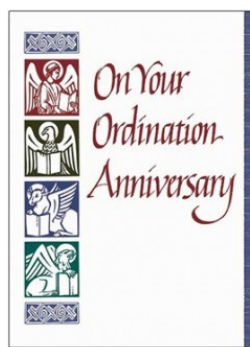
or the Vocations Office at vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Father Hilarion Fernando

4th August 1973 - 49 years

Congratulations and best wishes on your Anniversary of Priesthood.



Your holy service to the Lord touches so many hearts and inspires so many lives. May God's goodness and kindness be with you on this special day and all the days of your life. God bless you and may He keep you safe in the palm of His hand.

In Our Parish

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially **Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter), Paul & Mary Camilleri and Nadine Lucas.**

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially: **Lyla Abood...may they Rest in Peace.**



THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY MASS

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The holy day is observed every August 15th.



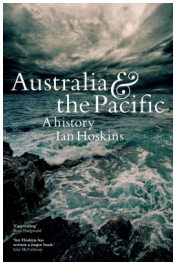
Monday August 15th 2022

MASS TIMES:

**7am in the Monastery
9.30am in the Parish
7pm in the parish**

DURAL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Australia & the Pacific



Next meeting of the Dural & District Historical Society, the June Roughley Memorial Lecture, will be given by esteemed author and historian Dr Ian Hoskins.

Based on his important book, **Australia & the Pacific**, this talk could not be more topical.

Arcadia Community Hall
Saturday 13 August 2pm.
Free entry, all welcome.

Judy Horton

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 8th of August 2022, 7pm at the Monastery.

If any parishioner has anything they would like to ask the Parish council please place a note in the box provided in the Church entry near the sacristy.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022/2023

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday night 11th of August.



CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights: after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings: after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome. **Come and meet new people.**

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



CATECHIST NEWS

A big welcome to all families joining us this weekend for the Children's Mass!

Looking further at the Walking with Jesus curriculum, which we teach in our Diocese. This curriculum covers five curriculum strands in our lesson plans - 1) God, Revelation and Human Destiny; 2) Jesus: Human and Divine; 3) Church and Discipleship; 4) Prayer and Sacraments; and 5) Sacred Scripture. These have been incorporated into the curriculum framework in an age-appropriate manner that meet the developmental stages of children from Kinder to Year 12.

We are well supported by the CCD with free training, currently the Ministry Induction training is available to all new Catechists via Zoom on Tuesday evenings 6:30pm-8:30pm. The next session will be this Tuesday 9th August, the topic is "The SRE Teacher in the Parish and the School". The following topic is "Safeguarding Children/Child Protection" to be held Tuesday 16th August.

If anyone is interested in attending this training or learning more about becoming a Catechist or helper, please feel free to contact me or talk to Fr Shansana.



God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Coordinator

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU

We wish to convey our deepest appreciation for the wonderful support the parish has given us with our winter appeal. The amount of groceries collected was staggering and we banked **\$1957.00**.

Thank you very much again.

Karen, Rita & Lila.

DIOCESE OF BROOME Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
Web: www.broomedioocese.org

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.





CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us
fundraise for
CatholicCare's
homelessness
services across the
Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 August.
Or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/homelessness

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 6th & 7th August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

Please help to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parents homelessness services ... and more.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Feast Day: August 12

C. 1572 - 1641



Patron Saint of widows and parents separated from their children

An aristocratic widow's grief is transformed into intense love of God

Today's saint was well born and acted like it. She was educated, refined, beautiful, witty, and wealthy. She married a baron, lived in his castle, and together they raised four children. But then tragedy struck like lightning. Her husband was killed in a hunting accident. Jane was a widow at just twenty-eight. She found it nearly impossible to forgive the man who had caused her husband's death. Grief and anger consumed her. But in 1604 she heard a homily that she needed to hear, from a wise, holy bishop who spoke with great erudition, passion, and eloquence. It was the great Saint Francis de Sales on one of his endless tours across Southern France. He was in Dijon, Jane's homeland, and she saw in him the embodiment of the spiritual guide whom God had promised her in a mysterious vision. The two bonded in a holy friendship not unknown among the saints and remained close until de Sales' death.

Jane de Chantal wanted to become a nun, but Francis dissuaded her...for the time being. Once she had provided for her children and taken care of various practical matters, she was finally ready to uproot herself and move to Annecy, near Geneva, Switzerland, to start a Congregation of religious sisters. Her fourteen-year-old son was rightly perplexed at his mother's decision to leave him for God, even though Jane had arranged for the boy to be cared for by Jane's brother, a bishop. In one of history's most poignant, yet humorous, illustrations of Christ's commandment to leave father and mother and wife and children for Him, the boy dramatically blocked his mother's departure for the convent by lying on the floor across the threshold of the door. A priest in the room asked Jane if her son's tears would change her mind. "No," Jane replied, "but still, I am a mother." She cried, and then stepped over her son's supine body, and left. Moved? Yes, definitely. Deterred? No. Not in the least.

Jane Frances de Chantal founded the Congregation of the Visitation in 1610. Its sisters were often women who had been unwelcome in other religious congregations due to illness, age, or the inability to live the strict life of penance and fasting required in most convents. The Visitation nuns' initial active apostolates were eventually curtailed in favor of a cloistered existence based on the traditional rule of Saint Augustine. Saints Francis and Jane prized two virtues in their nuns above all others: humility and gentleness. The Annecy Visitation Convent grew into a magnet for Catholic aristocrats, princes, and princesses attracted to Jane's practical *savoir-faire*, charm, gentility, and holiness.

After the death of Saint Francis de Sales in 1622, Jane destroyed all of the correspondence they had exchanged over the years. They were truly co-founders of the Visitation order and spiritual twins. Incredibly, another spiritual giant, Saint Vincent de Paul, replaced Francis de Sales as Jane's spiritual director. Jane grew in holiness behind the walls of her cloister and developed a reputation as a saint, one which she rejected. After many physical and interior sufferings, she died a holy death, was beatified in 1751, and canonized in 1767. She was indeed rewarded by Christ a hundredfold for having cut ties with her family. There were eighty-six Visitation convents established by the time of Jane's death, and the Order continued to expand after she died. Visitation convents are still present in many countries throughout the world. Saint Jane Frances de Chantal is buried in a sumptuous golden tomb in the Visitandine church in Annecy, just a few feet from the tomb of her holy mentor, Saint Francis de Sales.

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, your commitment to God grew out of grief over your husband's untimely death. May we convert every sadness, loss, and trial in our lives toward the good, redirecting our hurts into an ever more intense love of God. Amen.

**THE ROSTER IS READY TO BE COLLECTED
IN THE SACRISTY.**

Parish Roster

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 13/8/22 to 14/8/22 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader1	Miriam Brown	Gebran A	Matt M
Reader2	Margaret B	Ann L	Miriam Y
Prayers	Mary C	Glenice L	Steve M
TV		Joshua Azzi	Melanie H
Music		Mark Q	Mark Q
Music		Theresa N	Adam F
Music		Keith W	
Music		Robin B	
Morning Tea		Mary A	

Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it! If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office. We would love the extra help!

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St Benedict's Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help.

These people in our parish can help:

Fr Shansana 0437 884 233, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

Office Hours:

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Parish Administrator:

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Website:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

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**2 Fagans Road,
Arcadia NSW 2159**

Monastery:

9653 1159

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 10002141 (NEW BANK DETAILS)

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.