

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C

**19 & 20 NOVEMBER 2022**

#### PARISH Masses

##### Weekend:

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

##### Weekday:

**NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS  
WEEK**

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You are welcome to attend the 12pm Mass at the Monastery.

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**

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.

#### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:  
Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray, that the whole creation,  
set free from slavery, may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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.**

#### REFLECTION - PARADISE

**Sunday's Gospel**, Jesus said "I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise". (Luke 23:43)  
*Paradise is only possible because Jesus sacrificed himself to save us. We forget about our heavenly future, our paradise that awaits us. We need to remember to seek forgiveness from those we hurt as well as to God.*

- Am I being humble and see Jesus as the true King?
- Do I believe in Jesus and his greatness?
- What do I sacrifice to inherit the Kingdom of God?
- When I am suffering do I turn to Jesus and remember him on the cross inviting me to paradise, for healing and forgiveness?
- Can I find strength and courage to live my life as a true Christian not just within the Church walls but out in the world?



**Dear Lord,**

**I know you are the true King. Thank you for showing me the way to paradise. Help me ask forgiveness from others who I have hurt. Help me find strength and courage to live my life as a true Christian everywhere I go and with everyone I meet. Amen.**

**First Reading****2 Samuel 5:1-3 (JB)***A reading from the second book of Samuel.*

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

**The word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.****Second Reading****Colossians 1:12-20 (JB)***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignties, Powers—all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL****Luke 23:35-43 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, November 20  
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalm 122:1-5  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

*This is the King of the Jews. (Luke 23:38)*

What does the word “king” bring to mind? A man sitting on a throne with servants ready to do his every bidding? Someone with the power to move armies, eliminate enemies, make laws, tax citizens, and build palaces?

But look at Jesus, our King, in today’s Gospel. He is mocked and jeered at while he hangs on a cross. He seems about as far from the popular idea of a king as we can imagine.

So why did the Church choose this Gospel for today’s feast of Christ the King? Why not a passage that portrays Jesus like the popular image we described above? Because no such passage exists in the Bible. Because that’s not how Jesus exercises his kingly role. He doesn’t see power as a way to control people or ensure his wealth and comfort. He exercises his kingship when he serves his people, not himself.

That vision of a selfish, entitled ruler may be what the unbelieving criminal in today’s Gospel thought a king was all about. That may explain why he mocked Jesus as being powerless. The other criminal, however, grasped where Jesus’ power truly lay. He saw that Jesus was a humble Savior. And what he saw moved him to confess his sin with humility and faith and to receive the promise of “Paradise” (Luke 23:43).

This is how Jesus exercises his power—by changing human hearts and minds, not by using brute force. He may have seemed the least kingly and the most powerless while on the cross, but that’s when he did the most powerful thing possible: he changed the course of human history. And today, he wants to continue his work by changing our hearts a little bit at a time.

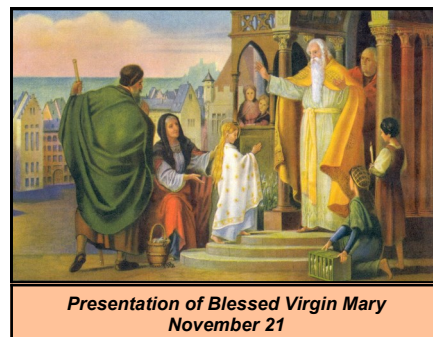
So come and honor Jesus your King today. Come and bow down to him and let him reign in your heart through love!

*“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 51)

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

- Monday 21 Readings: Rev 14:1-5. Lk 21:1-4  
**R:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.  
***The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary.***
- Tuesday 22 Readings: Rev 14:14-19. Lk 21:5-11.  
**R:** The Lord comes to judge the earth.  
***St Cecelia, virgin, martyr.***
- Wednesday 23 Rev 15:1-4. Lk 21:12-19.  
**R:** Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God.  
***St Clement I, pope, martyr. St Columban, abbot.***
- Thursday 24 Readings: 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9. Lk 21:20-28.  
**R:** Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.  
***Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs.***
- Friday 25 Readings: Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2. Lk 21:29-33.  
**R:** Here God lives among his people.  
***St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr.***
- Saturday 26 Readings: Rev 22:1-7. Lk 21:34-36.  
**R:** Marantha! Come, Lord Jesus!

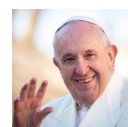


**Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary  
November 21**

Source: Ordo 2022

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2022 CHILDREN WHO SUFFER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. Amen.



## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

### Chapter 4

To apply oneself frequently to prayer.

### PARISH FUNDS

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

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:  
BSB: 062 784 Acct: 100002141  
Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:  
CBA—Catholic Development Fund

At both entrances to the church you will see two Tap 'n' Go machines. These are set at \$10. Place your credit or debit card near the screen and you will hear a beep which means you have just donated to the second collection.

Thank you to all those who contribute to the cost of running the parish in so many ways. This is another way to make it as easy as possible for you. If you have not tried it, give it a go.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

#### INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November for a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day.

There is no charge. Registration is on the day from 10am for a 10:30am start.

There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for on-going meditators also presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. There will be a book display and morning tea will be provided.

Please bring your own picnic lunch. The day will conclude around 3pm.

Enquiries about possible accommodation in the monastery guest house to Fr Michael Kelly:

[mkelly@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org)

Enquires to Ann Bergman: [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com)  
or  
Ann Lomas : [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) 9653 2637

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### PARISH COUNCIL

There is a box in the Church with "**Dear Parish Council**" written on it. If you have any suggestions or queries please feel free to write on a piece of paper and place it in the box for them to check and respond.

### PASTORAL WORKS FUND

 Please help this weekend by donating to the Pastoral Works Fund. This is a very important fund for our Diocese. More information is on the next page.

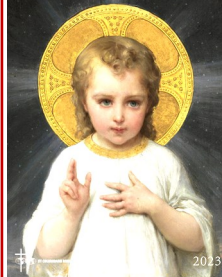
**ENVELOPES ARE ON THE PEWS AS WELL AS ENTRANCES.**

### CLEAN WINDOWS

Thank you to **Dean Faught** for cleaning the windows in our parish. We really appreciate it!

Thank You  
  
for your Kindness

COLUMBAN  
ART CALENDAR



### 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

NOW AVAILABLE \$10 EACH

Now available at the Church Sacristy entry. Thank you for your support which has enabled Columban's to provide hope for the poorest of people where Columban's missionaries work.

## 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.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, may they Rest in Peace.



## PARISH FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets are available for fundraising for the parish.

**\$5 per ticket: iPad, blowdryer & hampers prizes**  
**\$50 per ticket: Calf prize**

**Drawn Sunday 18th December 2022.**

To purchase tickets you can use the Tap'N'Go or cash.

Tickets are available from:  
*Lila, Robin, Rosie and Paula.*

**Please help support our beautiful parish.**

**Prizes include:**

- **A Calf donated by the Monastery**
- **Apple IPAD**
- **Blow-dryer and hair care package**
- **Gift Hampers**

**Thank you to all the people who donated the prizes!**

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES



### PARISH:

**Christmas EVE Saturday Vigil**

**Saturday 24th Dec 2022: 7pm**  
**11.30pm (Midnight Mass)**

**Christmas DAY**

**Sunday 25th Dec 2022: 9am & 10.30am (Latin)**

**Feast of Holy Family**

**Friday 30th Dec 2022: 7pm**

**New Year's EVE Vigil**

**Saturday 31st Dec 2022: 7pm**

**New Year's DAY**

**Feast Mary the Holy Mother of God**

**Sunday 1st Jan 2023: 9am & 10.30am**  
**4.30pm (Latin Mass)**

**Epiphany Vigil**

**Saturday 7th Jan 2023: 7pm**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday 8th Jan 2023: 9am & 10.30am**  
**4.30pm (Latin Mass)**

**Feast Baptism of the Lord**

**Monday 9th Jan 2023: 9.30am**

**MONASTERY:**

**Daily as usual 7am**



## CATECHIST NEWS

**Final SRE (Scripture) dates:**

Arcadia PS – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Galston PS & Glenorie PS – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Hillside PS – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Middle Dural PS – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

The CCD will be holding an Advent Reflection morning and thank you morning tea for all Catechists on Thursday 1 December at The Entrance 10am-1pm OR Friday 2 December at Terrey Hills 10am-1pm.  
RSVP [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au)

This year our Catechist Christmas dinner will be held at Rose Granata's house on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All current and past Catechists are invited to attend. Please RSVP to myself or Rose.

The next parish Children's Mass will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. This Mass will also recognise the children completing Year 6 this year by presenting them with a certificate and Bible. If you have a child in Year 6 who will be present at this Mass, please let me know by email.

If you are planning for next year, being a Catechist is a very rewarding ministry. We have a few Catechists retiring this year, if anyone is interested in being a Catechist or helper for next year, please contact me or talk to Fr Shansana or Paula in the parish office.

God bless,

Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto:srearcadia@gmail.com)

Parish Catechist Coordinator



## 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.



## ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



## PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL (previously known as CWF—Charitable Works Fund)



Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay. We have two major Pastoral Works appeals each year – **November and May**.

### Where does your donation go and who does it help?

The key focus for our Pastoral Works appeals will be the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners**.

More than 750 volunteer catechists (Catholic religion teachers) in our Diocese who have received specialised training, provide religious education to the 14,000 Catholic students attending public schools in our local parish communities. This is a vital evangelisation role, and a vibrant, enriching and rewarding ministry. The quality of catechists in the Diocese is second to none, many of whom have provided years of dedicated service. Our team has a wealth of experience and an undeniable desire to share their faith with the children and young people they teach.

Your donations support the **training of catechists and the development of teaching and learning materials, including multi-media resources. CCD does not receive government funding, so we are always grateful for your generosity and ongoing support.**

Our **Hospital Chaplaincy** is not always widely acknowledged – unless you find yourself directly involved. It is such an important ministry, providing comfort and care, and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation. Our chaplains are also a great source of consolation to families and loved ones.

Along with other external contributors, our pastoral works **provides assistance to students with disability** achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

In our current financial climate with living costs very much on everyone's mind, it can be difficult to look for that little bit extra for a charitable cause. However charity is not just about giving away old stuff, and volunteering when you have time. It is a continuous effort to make life a little better for others. Perhaps it is not about what we can give but what we are willing to give.

Whatever your donation it will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

"For many in our community, your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives, and introducing young people to our faith," Bishop Anthony Randazzo said in supporting the November Appeal.

"Mr prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus.

"My thanks to you and your family for your ongoing support so that together we can make a difference in the life of another."

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in your parish which can be completed and returned to the parish or you can go online by scanning the QR code



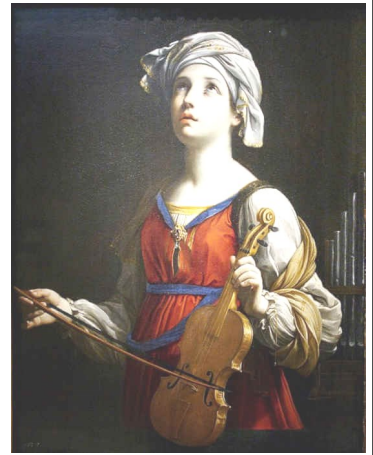
and visiting [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks)

***Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7***

## **Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

**c. Third Century**

**Feast Day: November 22**



**Patron Saint of Music and Musicians**

**A girl martyr's mysterious death seizes the imagination**

The First Eucharistic Prayer, also known as the Roman Canon, is principally a liturgical document. But like so many things liturgical, it also has immense historical value. Only a tiny fraction of the ancient world's documents have survived. Archives flood, libraries burn to ash, monasteries collapse, castles are sacked, and coastlines erode—the cities perched above them crumbling into the waves, everything lost, as the sea pushes inland. When documents disappear, historians must work from scraps of pottery and marble, or from the detritus of watery shipwrecks, to gather just tiny pieces of the fuller mosaic of what once was. The Catholic Church is a phenomenal exception to culture's progressive Alzheimer's. In its law, catechisms, calendar, feasts, buildings, hierarchy, and most especially in its liturgy, the Church's past is never really past. Catholicism's collective memory is stored, not in rack upon rack of digital servers in hermetically sealed rooms, but in the minds of its hundreds of millions of adherents. The faithful are the cloud. Priests and religious in particular circulate the living faith, ensuring that it is perpetually churning, flowing, and spreading like a rushing river.

The names of the martyrs listed in the Roman Canon include today's saint, Cecilia. From one perspective, that is all we need to know. She lived. She was martyred. She was remembered. Cecilia's name was included in the only Eucharistic Prayer then said at Sunday Mass, presumably because she stood out from the many other martyrs for a particular reason. That reason has been lost. Perhaps a stirring homily, committed to writing, preserved moving details of Cecilia's life and tragic death. But maybe that homily was converted to cinders and slowly floated away when the enormous library of the Monastery of Cluny burned during the French religious conflicts of the 1500s. Perhaps there was a biographically detailed marble epitaph over Cecilia's grave in the catacombs. Yet maybe that epitaph was wrenched from the wall by a barbarian plunderer who later used it as a sturdy doorstep for his house in Aachen. Cecilia's details are lost, for reasons unknown. But the Roman Canon is not lost, and it gathers together some notable virgin martyrs of the first few centuries: "...Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia..." Like flies in amber, their names are preserved, to be heard in hundreds of languages by millions of people every week until the end of time.

Cecilia was likely martyred by cuts to her neck after attempts to steam her to death were unsuccessful. She was then buried in a loculus near the papal crypt in the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus. After being the object of devotion in the catacombs for centuries, Cecilia's remains were transferred by the Pope in the early 800s to her own Basilica in the Trastevere neighborhood of Rome. During some restoration work on the Basilica in 1599, Cecilia's body was uncovered and found to be incorrupt. Before contact with the atmosphere caused her fragile, paper-mache like skin to disintegrate, an artist carefully noted what he saw. His sculpture of Saint Cecilia is evocative and justly famous. The marble itself seems to rest in peace. It is not a forward, glorious pose in the Counter-Reformation tradition dominant when the statue was executed. The marble is white, reflecting Cecilia's purity. The saint's face and hair are mysteriously covered by a sheet, inviting the mind to wonder. Cecilia's fingers seem to form a cryptic Christian symbol of the Trinity—Three in One. And her neck is sliced by the stroke of an axe. The sculptor's personal testimony is embedded in the floor near his work: "Behold the body of the Most Holy Virgin, Cecilia, whom I myself saw lying uncorrupt in her tomb. I have in this marble expressed for thee the same saint in the very same posture and body." We don't know the full story of our saint, but we are certain of her end—a generous act of self gift to Christ.

*Saint Cecilia, you died an early death, preserving your virginity and choosing Christ over all others. Be an example to all youth of the true goal of their lives. Help them to seek God first and the good and holy pleasures of life only after Him. Amen.*

# Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

## ROSTER AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY

### NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

26/11/22 to 27/11/22

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader1	Maria G	Rebecca R	Steve M
Reader2	Mary C	Ann L	Emma M
Prayers	Margaret B	Nigel M	Ava M
TV		Roderick R	Melanie H
Music		Mark Q	Mark Q
Music		Keith W	Theresa N
Music		Marisa Q	
Music		Teresa G	
Morning Tea		Sophie R	
 <b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>NO ALTAR FLOWERS DURING ADVENT</b>		

Parish Roster

*Thank You!*

**Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it!  
If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish.**

#### 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.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm**

**Parish Office: 02 9653 2312**  
**Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com**

**Parish Administrator: Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB**  
**Email: sanshanasamarsinghe@yahoo.com**  
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**Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia**

**Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia**



**MONASTERY: 9653 1159**

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

**Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**