

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

2 & 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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 - SELF DENIAL

Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27: "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'"



Jesus is saying that we need to take up the cross of doing what is right and willing to bear it. It is accepting it and living with pain, suffering of any sort and the griefs of life we cannot do anything about. Jesus bore a cross to the end of his convictions and love.

- *Am I willing to deny myself, take up the cross and follow Jesus?*
- *Am I willing to lose my life for Jesus and allow him to rule my life?*
- *Can I deny myself all the worldly things and follow Jesus, for a complete submission of myself to God alone?*

PRAYER

Lord, I love to see you in beautiful churches, with music and warm light. Let me recognise you too in pain, loss and insecurity. Give me grace to always walk in your ways. Amen.

PARISH MASS TIMES

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 10:00am to 11:00am
Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am

Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
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FUNERALS**

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
 you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
 I am a daily laughing-stock,
 everybody's butt.
 Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
 and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
 The word of the Lord has meant for me
 insult, derision, all day long.
 I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
 I will not speak in his name any more.'
 Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
 imprisoned in my bones.
 The effort to restrain it wearied me,
 I could not bear it.



The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

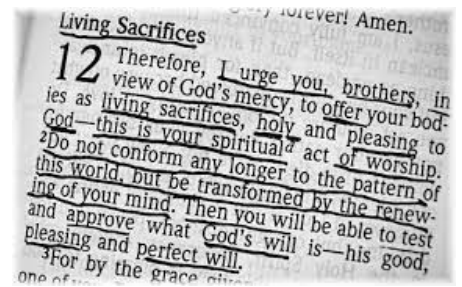
Responsorial Psalm:

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

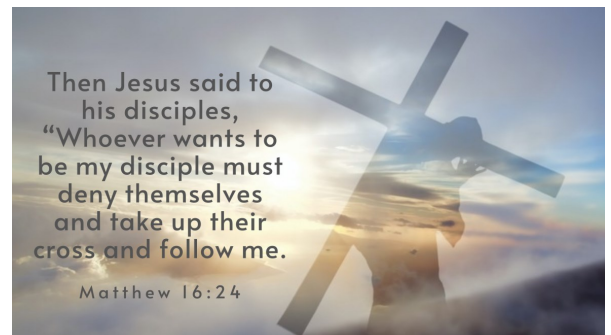


Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 enlighten the eyes of our heart,
 that we might see how great is the hope
 to which we are called.
 Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, September 3

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

God forbid! (Matthew 16:22)

Isn't that the way these things often happen? One minute, you're filled with good and holy thoughts. Then the next minute, someone says something that upsets you, and you respond with anger, jealousy, resentment, or some other negative emotion. We all know what that's like!

So, it should be no surprise to see Peter "rebuke" Jesus, the man he had just proclaimed to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, 22). When he heard Jesus predict his coming death, Peter became upset. In a flash, he lost his peace and clarity. Instead of humbly asking Jesus what he meant, he tried to tell him what he should and should not do. And that passionate response earned Peter a stern rebuke of his own: "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23).

So how can we get to the point where we can hold onto our peace and our trust in the Lord no matter what happens? The answer lies in today's second reading: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). We *can* change. We can learn how to put aside our fallen sinful thoughts and ideas and take on Jesus' way instead. Or, as Jesus told Peter, we can learn to think "as God does" (Matthew 16:23).

For Peter, this meant accepting that the way of Jesus, the Messiah, is the way of self-giving love, not self-preservation. For us, it may mean asking for the grace to embrace Jesus' call to forgive "seventy times" (Matthew 18:24), or to turn the other cheek (5:39), or to choose not to be served "but to serve" (20:28), or any of Jesus' other teachings that we find difficult.

Today's story about Peter shows us that this kind of change is not a once-and-done event. It happens over time, often with stops and starts. But it does happen, day after day, decision after decision. We can be transformed!

"Jesus, teach me how to think and act as you do!"

Source: Word Among Us India

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 4 Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-18. Lk 4:16-30.
R: The Lord comes to judge the earth.
- Tuesday 5 Readings: 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11. Lk 4:31-37.
R: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.
- Wednesday 6 Readings: Col 1:1-8. Lk 4:38-44.
R: I trust in the kindness of God for ever.
- Thursday 7 Readings: Col 1:9-14. Lk 5:1-11.
R: The Lord has made known his salvation.
- Friday 8 Readings: Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30. Mt 1:1-16, 18-23.
R: With delight I rejoice in the Lord.
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday 9 Readings: Col 1:21-23. Lk 6:1-5.
R: God himself is my help.

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



When you follow her, you will not go astray;
When you pray to her, You will not despair;
When you think of her, You will not err;
When she holds you up, You will not fail;
When she protects you, You will not fear;
When she leads you, You will not be fatigued;
When she favors you, You will arrive safely.

She keeps her Son from striking us;
She keeps the devil from hurting us;
She keeps our virtues from escaping us;
She keeps our merits from being destroyed;
She keeps our graces from being lost.

-St Bernard.

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Source: Ordo 2023

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4 - To keep constant guard over the actions of one's life.

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

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:

Sr Patricia McGrath



Sr Patricia McGrath, who was one of the first and one of the longest serving Good Samaritan Sisters in our parish. She passed away on Sunday, 27 August.

The funeral will be at
St Scholastica's, Glebe
on Tuesday 5 September at 11.00am.

*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon her,
May she Rest in Peace.
Amen*

***Our prayers and thoughts are with
Sr Patricia's family
and the Good Samaritan Sisters.***

GCEA SPRING DINNER

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE CONTINUED MINISTRY OF GCEA AT GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL



16 SEPTEMBER | 6PM

THE GALSTON CLUB
2 course meal, tea & coffee

\$55 Concession | \$65 Adult



To book visit the URL below or scan the QR code:
<https://events.humanitix.com/gcea-spring-dinner-2023>

RSVP Sept 5th
www.gcea.org.au

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us at the GCEA Spring Dinner. This is to celebrate and support the ministry of Paul El-Chaar to continue to teach Religious Education at Galston High School.

Last year our parish had a table and we had such a wonderful night. Please call Paula or the parish office so you can join our table and **support our own Paul El-Chaar** with this wonderful work he is doing. It is definitely an enjoyable evening!

Purchase Tickets at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/gcea-spring-dinner-2023> or contact parish office.

Father Shansana

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

Thank you to everyone who helps out our parish making it into the beautiful community we have.

For the nomination this week we would like to thank:



TERESA GAMBINO

Thank you for your time volunteering to be in Parish Pastoral Council, Fatima committee, readings, morning tea, TV and many other help when we need you. Thank you for doing so much for our parish. Your help is greatly appreciated! God bless you in all you do!

(Is there someone you would like to nominate? Please mention it to Fr Shansana or Paula.)

In Our Parish

(please let us know if you would like someone added here)

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially **Gina Volpato (John's mum), Brother Mario & Brother Terry, Koana Zouein (Rita Sarkis' mum) and Jenny Taylor.**

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Sr Patricia, Antoinette Nati, Tony Takchi and Rosaria Cali. **May they rest in Peace.**



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN CURRENTLY ENROLLED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- Confirmation:
THURSDAY September 7th 6.30pm
- Certificates' distribution:
SUNDAY September 16th 9.00am

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday night.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS

PRAISE THOSE FATHERS



Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

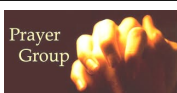
Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD

Source: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource>

CCC PRAYER GROUP



Prayer meeting held every
Wednesday morning: after 9.30am Mass.
Everyone welcome.

Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!
For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

CATECHISTS' NEWS

As we have been reflecting on Pope Francis' Apostolic letter from May 2021, he has established the lay ministry of the Catechist to reach out to others by being witnesses of our faith. Just as Jesus chose his disciples and empowered them to go out to all nations, Jesus calls Catechists and empowers us to witness to the children in our local schools.

We are in need of Catechists to help at Glenorie (Wednesdays 10:10am – 10:50am) and Hillside (Fridays 8:50am – 9:40am) schools. If you are interested in joining this ministry and are available at these times, please contact me or the parish office. Training, a Teacher's Manual and workbooks are provided free.

Current training available for all Catechists who have completed the induction training – 'Level 2 Certificate – The Church in the 3rd Millennium' – Fridays 10am – 12:15pm via Zoom. This week's topic will be 'Development of the Child and Adolescent II'.

To register email registrations@bbcatholic.org.au, for further information please contact me.

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator



PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Finance & Parish Pastoral Council Committees will both join meetings on:

Tuesday 5th of September 7.15pm

This is to discuss various items that both need to agree on.

If anyone has any feedback or questions to either committees please feel free to write a note and place it in the box near the entry of the sacristy. Otherwise please email the parish office:

arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

Parish Finance will issue a report for the past financial year and place it on the noticeboard next week after approval.

THE Catholic Weekly

The Catholic Weekly Newspaper is now available for purchase at our parish for \$2. Please ensure you buy a copy so we can continue to provide this for our parishioners.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.
Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.
Ph: 9653 2312.





SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

1910-1997

Feast Day: September 4

Patron Saint of Calcutta and the Missionaries of Charity

It was a call within my vocation. It was a second calling. It was a vocation to give up even Loreto where I was very happy and to go out into the streets to serve the poorest of the poor. It was in that train, I heard the call to give up all and to follow Him into the slums—to serve Him in the poorest of the poor...I knew it was His will and that I had to follow Him. There was no doubt that it was going to be His work. ~Saint Mother Teresa

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in Skopje, present-day North Macedonia. At the time of her birth, Anjezë's hometown was part of the vast, predominantly Muslim Ottoman Empire, which spanned three continents. Today, Skopje is considered the political, cultural, economic, and academic center of North Macedonia, with a rich and ancient history dating back to Roman times. Anjezë was the youngest of five children, two of whom died in infancy. Her parents were devout Catholics who raised her in the faith. Her baptismal name was Gonxhe, meaning "rosebud" or "little flower" in Albanian, and it was by this endearing name that she was often called as a child.

When Gonxhe was eight, her father died suddenly, plunging the family into financial difficulties. At the age of twelve, Gonxhe felt a divine calling to serve the poor. Upon turning eighteen, she left home, never to see her mother or sister again, and entered the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ireland, known as the Loreto Nuns, with the desire to serve in India. After learning English in Ireland, she moved to India in 1929 and became a novice at the Loreto house in Darjeeling. In 1931, she made her first profession of vows, taking the name Teresa, after Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. She was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta, where she taught at Saint Mary's Bengali Medium School for girls. She made her final vows in 1937, upon which she assumed the name "Mother Teresa," as was customary among the Loreto Sisters. She spent the following eleven years in Calcutta with the Loreto Sisters, totaling twenty years in all.

On September 10, 1946, when Mother Teresa was thirty-six, she was traveling by train roughly 400 miles from Calcutta to the mother house in Darjeeling for an annual retreat and time of rest. It was during this trip that something mystical occurred. Although she kept the details of that experience private, she later recounted, "I heard the call to give up all and to follow Him into the slums—to serve Him in the poorest of the poor...I knew it was His will and that I had to follow Him. There was no doubt that it was going to be His work." How she heard this call remains a mystery, but it was so compelling and convincing that she spent the subsequent two years discerning this call, consulting her spiritual director, and ultimately obtaining permission from her religious superiors. Mother Teresa had received a "call within a call" to quench the thirst of Jesus by serving the poorest of the poor. September 10 would henceforth be celebrated as "Inspiration Day," the day on which she believed God founded what would become the Missionaries of Charity. Over the next year-and-a-half, Mother Teresa repeatedly heard the "Voice" speak to her, guiding her and calling her to trust, surrender, and love. "Come, come, carry Me into the holes of the poor. Come, be my light."

The theme of Jesus' thirst on the Cross would permeate everything Mother Teresa did from that time forward. It was the central mission she had received, the purpose of her life, and the reason God wanted her to found the Missionaries of Charity. Jesus, as the Infinite God, had an infinite thirst. With no end to the depth of Jesus' thirst, there was no end to the depth of love she was called to give to Him by loving the poorest of the poor and all of God's children. Not only was Mother Teresa called to quench Christ's thirst in those whom she served, she was also called to encounter Jesus in them. They were Jesus, hidden in the distressing disguise of the poor.

After her retreat, Mother Teresa spoke to her spiritual director, Father Van Exem, about her calling. Although he knew this was from God, he decided to test the call and forbade her to talk about it or even to think about it. After four months, however, Father Exem felt the time was right and gave her permission to write to the archbishop. She wrote to him, sharing what Jesus spoke to her, "I want Indian nuns, Victims of My love...I want free nuns covered with my poverty of the Cross...I want obedient nuns covered with My obedience of the Cross...I want full of love nuns covered with the charity of the Cross. Will you refuse to do this for Me?"

During the four months prior to sending this letter, the other sisters noticed that Mother Teresa spent an unusually long time in the confessional with Father Exem. Suspecting an unhealthy attachment between them, her superiors transferred her to another convent. Furthermore, the archbishop had concerns about her call and instructed her to wait and pray. He informed her he was traveling to Rome and would not return for several months, at which time he would reconsider her request. After more back-and-forth letters and conversations with Father Exem, Father Exem presented Mother Teresa with a final test. He told her that she was to "drop the whole thing for eternity," never to bring it up again unless he or the archbishop initiated the conversation.

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Mother Teresa obeyed, and some months later Father Exem raised the topic again. He and the archbishop continued to test her and even challenge her. She responded from her heart, sharing everything the "Voice" had said to her. Finally, on January 6, 1948, the archbishop gave her permission to proceed. He later wrote to the Loreto superior, "I am deeply convinced that by withholding my consent, I would hamper the realization, through her, of the will of God." After receiving permission from the Loreto Superior, as well as from the Holy See, Mother Teresa began her new mission on August 17, 1948, almost two years after her "Inspiration Day."

On December 21, 1948, after completing medical training, Mother Teresa began her life as a Missionary of Charity in the slums of Calcutta. Calcutta had been heavily affected by World War II, famine, and ongoing riots. Countless people were homeless, poor, uneducated, and suffering intensely. After securing a place to live, Mother Teresa began caring for the poor. She dressed their wounds, showed compassion for the suffering, listened to their stories, provided them with food, and treated them as if they were Jesus. This was a novel approach in India where poverty was sometimes viewed as a result of bad karma. In March 1949, one of her former students joined her in the work. By the following year, her companions numbered twelve. On October 7, 1950, with the approval of the Holy See, the Missionaries of Charity were formally established in the Archdiocese of Calcutta. In addition to the usual three vows, the Missionaries of Charity took a fourth vow "to devote themselves with abnegation to the care of the poor and needy who, crushed by want and destitution, live in conditions unworthy of human dignity."

By the early 1960s, the number of sisters continued to grow, and houses were established in various parts of India. Shortly thereafter, the Missionaries expanded their reach to Venezuela, Rome, and Tanzania. In 1963, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers was established. A contemplative branch of the sisters was founded in 1976, followed by the Contemplative Brothers in 1979, and the Missionaries of Charity Fathers in 1984. In 1962, Mother Teresa received the Padma Shri Award from the Republic of India, and in 1979, she was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize, which she accepted "in the name of the hungry, of the naked, of the homeless, of the crippled, of the blind, of the leprous, of all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared, thrown away of the society, people who have become a burden to the society, and are ashamed by everybody." After that, she was sought out and welcomed by kings, dictators, presidents, prime ministers, and religious leaders and enjoyed an open door from the pope any time she was in Rome. Her influence on an international level was profound, yet she remained deeply humble and devoted to her central mission of love. By the 1990s, houses had been set up on every continent, including nearly every communist country. By the time of her death in 1997, the Missionaries of Charity numbered about 4,000, across 610 foundations in 123 countries. Two years after her death, Pope John Paul II opened her cause for canonization. He beatified her in 2003, and she was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta was one of the greatest saints in all of history. After her death, those closest to her shared many of her private letters that tell an incredible story. From the time she began her work with the poor and suffering, she started to experience an inner darkness, a complete loss of the sense of God's presence. This interior darkness mirrors the spiritual writings of the greatest mystics, such as Saints John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila. God stripped her of every interior consolation so that her charity would be absolutely pure and devoid of all selfish motivation, resulting in pure selfless giving, fueled by unshakable faith, and driven by divine hope. She was truly a mystic in the deepest sense, an icon of the satiation of Christ's Thirst.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Thirst of Christ so permeated your soul that you experienced His longing within the depths of your being. This Thirst drove you to charity, endlessly searching for every way possible to bring satiation to our Lord in the distressing disguise of the poor and suffering. Please pray for me, that I will be freed of every selfish motivation in life so that I can give myself to others, freely and wholeheartedly, as an instrument of the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholic.life



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Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

Parish Roster

<p align="center">NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 9/9/2023 to 10/9/2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A</p>			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	Paul C
Reader1	Maria G	Ann L	Volunteer
Reader2	Mary C	Teresa G	Michael E
Prayers	Miriam B	Judy H	Lorna B
TV		Mary A	Volunteer
Music		Melanie H	Karina S
Music		Pauline H	Noelle T
Music		Helen F	John T
Music		Theresa N	
Morning Tea		Lila B	
 FLOWERS	Tania T		

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


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