

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

To fulfil God's commandments daily in one's deeds.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



COVID-19 STAGE 2 RE-OPENING:
CHURCH ATTENDANCE BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

ONLY 50 people maximum allowed.

Contact Paula for:
Parish bookings
on 9653 2312 (Mondays & Fridays)
or 0423 078 282

Online Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>

PARISH:

Weekend Mass

Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 11:00am
Sunday Latin 4.30pm

Weekday Mass

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Contact Father David for:

Monastery Bookings on 0400 371 260

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Bernard for the following:

BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Father Bernard: 0416 032 497

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)
Year A

13 & 14 June 2020

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16
*He gave you food which you and your
ancestors did not know.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-20 R v.12
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17
*Though we are many, we form a single body because we
share this one loaf.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
To God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 3:16-18

The Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Gospel reading for this Week The Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi Sunday after Trinity Sunday - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel reading for next Week Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday after Trinity Sunday - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus said to the Jews:

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Anthony of Padua Priest and Doctor of the Church

Feastday: June 13

Birth: 1195 Portugal

Death: 1231 in Padua Italy

At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles. He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles."

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Prayer:

***Dear Lord, teach us to be like St Anthony, to have love and devotion to the poor and sick.
AMEN.***

REFLECTION

The Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi (John 6:51-58)

Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes present to us today the Paschal mystery, his death and Resurrection.

Through the offering of the bread and wine, and through the words of consecration, these simple gifts from the earth become the body and blood of Jesus.

At Passover, the Israelites ate unleavened bread, as they do today, as a reminder of the hasty departure that liberated them from Egypt; bread reminds us of the manna in the desert and the belief that Israel lives by the bread of the Word of God; daily bread for the Israelites was a sign of God's faithfulness to his promises. The wine, too, has a special meaning: the Passover meal ends with a "cup of blessing" representing the joy of the messianic expectation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Jesus gave a new meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we give thanks to God for God's superabundant blessings. The sacrament helps us recall that all we have is this gift, including life itself.

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THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with him:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

PRAYER TO THE HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST- CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever.

Amen

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

— Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR June 2020

The Way of the Heart

**We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life,
allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.**

AMEN



NEW ADDITIONAL PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 7:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 11:00am

Sunday Latin 4.30pm

Weekday Mass

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 7:00pm followed by Confession

Maximum 50 people (not including celebrant, servers or musicians)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact office on 9653 2312 or Paula on 0423 078 282

Online Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJSGK>

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers - all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Frank Saliba and Ben Lucas.

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, our country and throughout the world.

PARISH FUNDS

We are just amazed at the wonderful support our community has given to our Parish. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few months. We really appreciate it.

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected. Planned Giving, Donations and Electronic Transfers can keep us going during this difficult time. If you are in a position to do so, please consider maintaining your Planned Giving donations:

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

BSB: **062 784**

Acct: **1446 8001**

Name: **Catholic Parish of Arcadia**

Bank: **Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Catholic Development Fund**

Another option is to pay by credit card just contact the parish office on 9653 2312.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The Charitable Works Fund supports five charities that provide faith based services to the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of our lives. Donations can be made online:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf>

When you give to the CWF, your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you have any Project Compassion Boxes at home please bring them back as soon as possible so we can forward them to Caritas. collections to Caritas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The last two weeks of June have been set aside for the 2020 Winter Appeal.

Members of your local Conference will not be speaking at Masses on this occasion nor will we be providing envelopes for donations.

If it is possible for you to make a donation to the Appeal at this time, you are encouraged to do so online via the Vinnies website: vinnies.org.au

At a local level, there has not been a lot of demand for our help over recent months. Many of our "regulars" have been assisted by various government initiatives. This will change in the coming months when those current benefits are phased out.

CATECHIST NEWS

Free training is being provided by the CCD online to all Catechists. **The CCD will be hosting online training for Safeguarding Children via Zoom next week on Wed 17th Jun 12:30-2:30pm, Wed 24th June 7-9pm and**

during the school holidays Wed 8th July 10am-12pm. Please register one week prior to the date on 8379 1643 or registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

SRE (Scripture) classes continue to be available online as approved by the Department of Education. Below is the link which is available for students and families to easily access these lessons at home.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/ccd/curriculum/learning-from-home-sre-lessons>

While Catechists cannot be involved in the lesson delivery at this time, we will continue praying for all our children and their families, asking the Holy Spirit to continue to work in the students' lives.

Let us all keep our parish and community in our prayers at this time.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.30pm. Everyone welcome. Contact Parish Office to book as bookings are essential at the moment. For more details call Angela Egiziano.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting will resume every Friday night 7.30PM, as well as Wednesday mornings 10.45am. Bookings are essential. Everyone welcome.

For more details please contact Mary Camilleri on 0403116987.

CLEANING AFTER MASS

It would be appreciated if each person would wipe down the pews they were sitting on after each Mass please. There are gloves provided and cleaning products at front of church.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY PAGE

We are trying to raise funds for our Parish as the fete did not go ahead this year. We have so many bills to pay so we have decided to start a Business Community Page at the back of the bulletin.

If anyone is interested in this sponsorship for their business to be advertised at the back of the bulletin please email your business card to arcadia.parcia@bigpond.com so we can add it in. The cost will be \$50 per month.

Help us to help you!

If you have any other ideas for fundraising we would love to hear from you. Contact the office on 9653 2312.

PLANNED GIVING

How is Parish Planned Giving used? A parish is dependent on the generosity of its parishioners to sustain itself and its many charitable and pastoral works. Generally, this support is through two collections at each Sunday Mass. The first collection is for the Priests: Salary, health insurance, Superannuation etc.

The second collection for the Parish Community: Operating costs, parish expenses, parish programs, parish staff, Diocesan programs.

In addition to traditional forms of planned giving such as putting planned giving envelopes into the collection baskets during Mass, parishioners are encouraged to join the parish planned giving program electronically via the following two options:

1. Transferring weekly to the bank account on previous page.
2. Create your own recurring payment via your internet banking.

Please help us out by planned giving. For further information please contact the office on 9653 2312.

Here is some information regarding planned giving participation in Arcadia compared to the other Diocesan parishes. This is historical information from the 2018/19 year (parish names have been left blank):

No	Second Collection 2018-19			
	Parish	Planned Giving	Loose 2nd Plus T&G	Total Second Collection
1		87%	13%	100%
2		84%	16%	100%
3		81%	19%	100%
4		79%	21%	100%
5		79%	21%	100%
6		77%	23%	100%
7		75%	25%	100%
8		75%	25%	100%
9		74%	26%	100%
10		74%	26%	100%
11		73%	27%	100%
12		73%	27%	100%
13		72%	28%	100%
14		72%	28%	100%
15		72%	28%	100%
16		71%	29%	100%
17		70%	30%	100%
18		67%	33%	100%
19		67%	33%	100%
20		64%	36%	100%
21		62%	38%	100%
22		60%	40%	100%
23		55%	45%	100%
24		52%	48%	100%
25		50%	50%	100%
26		50%	50%	100%
27	Arcadia	36%	64%	100%

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Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for BBNeighbourhoods
9 June 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Food satisfies physical hunger. However, sharing a meal is more than just satisfying physical hunger. It is also satisfying the deeper human need of fellowship and welcome, solidarity and hospitality. It facilitates interpersonal exchange. It would be true to say that meal sharing promotes significant human values. It creates and reveals unity among people. Jesus knew this well and so it is no surprise that he chose a meal with his friends to give us the Eucharist. This Sunday, we commemorate the great feast of Corpus Christi. It is one moment in our liturgical year when we spend particular time and energy venerating the Body and Blood of Jesus. There are two dimensions to our remembering.

The first dimension is the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his Twelve Apostles. In this meal, he took bread, blessed it, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body". Likewise, he took a cup of wine saying, "This is my blood". When he had finished, he instructed, "Do this in memory of me". (cf 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

The second dimension of our remembering is Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus foretold his death on the Cross. At the Supper the bread became His body and the wine became His blood. On the Cross, His body was broken and His blood was poured out. On the Cross, Jesus is the sacrificial lamb, who dies for our sins (cf Isaiah 53:7). Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, this holy meal re-presents the sacrifice of the Cross. The significance is clear: there is a real physical re-presenting of Christ. His physical body is presented again. He is present in truth – as real flesh and real blood (cf Catechism of the Catholic Church n.1366).

The Eucharist is an experience of personal, spiritual fellowship with Christ. At the same time, it is the great action of the gathering into one body all who are redeemed in Christ through His sacrifice on the Cross.

The Eucharist is real. It is the greatest gift because Jesus Himself is really present. He is food for our journey and forgiveness for our sins.

I would like to encourage you this week to take some time to think and pray about your Eucharistic life. Be inspired by Saint Paul in your life of holiness as he reminds us, "you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Might I also invite you to consider your mission in the Body of Christ, the Church. What gifts has God given you, and how might you exercise those gifts for the common good and for the building up of the Kingdom of God?

With every blessing in the Lord,

+Anthony

