

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

To listen gladly to Holy reading.



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE From BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO:

- Masses resuming as from October 23rd 2021.
- Masks are required.
- Please sign in using QR CODE provided.

PARISH Masses

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am
Latin Mass 4.30pm

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 Hilarion for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

23 & 24 October 2021

FR HILARION WRITES



Dear friends in Christ,

HOUR OF ADORATION

"How is that you were not able to keep watch with me even for one hour?" (*Matthew 26:40*)

Come and join us for Adoration.

Every Saturday 10am to 11am
(Reconciliation/Confession available during the hour).

"Those who want more of the Lord, will receive more of the Lord." (*Ralph Martin*)

Welcome to our Spiritual Home:

(House of God and gate of heaven, where we celebrate the sacraments, imparting divine grace—spiritual nourishment).

"What is more delightful than this voice of the Lord calling to us? See how the Lord in His love shows us the way of life".
(*St Benedict*)

Yours in Jesus,
Dom Hilarion OSB

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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.

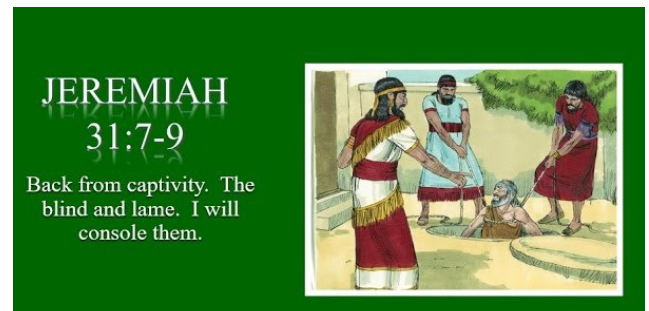
Amen.

First Reading**Jeremiah 31:7-9 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:
 Shout with joy for Jacob!
 Hail the chief of nations!
 Proclaim! Praise! Shout!
 'The Lord has saved his people,
 the remnant of Israel!'
 See, I will bring them back
 from the land of the North
 and gather them from the far ends of earth;
 all of them: the blind and the lame,
 women with child, women in labour:
 a great company returning here.
 They had left in tears,
 I will comfort them as I lead them back;
 I will guide them to streams of water,
 by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
 For I am a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my first-born son.

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.****Second Reading****Hebrews 5:1-6 (JB)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL****Mark 10:46-52 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

24 Sunday, October 24

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126:1-6

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

. . . with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jeremiah 31:8)

Did you know that in ancient Israel, conditions like blindness and paralysis were often seen as a curse from God? People with disabilities or illnesses were thus thought to be unfit to worship the Lord. This is why, when they saw a blind man begging, Jesus' disciples asked, "Master, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2).

That's what makes Jeremiah's prophecy so moving. Describing the exiles' return to Jerusalem, he includes "the blind and the lame" among the ranks of the redeemed (Jeremiah 31:8). The day will come, he promises, when no one will be excluded, not even those once considered unworthy.

Fast-forward to the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar sitting by the road in today's Gospel. Hearing that Jesus was passing by, he cried out for help, but the crowd shushed him. Surely a holy man like Jesus had better things to do than care for such a "sinner"! But Bartimaeus trusted that as "Son of David," Jesus would not reject him. And so "he kept calling out" until his voice overcame the disapproving crowd (Mark 10:48).

And he was right! In fact, Jesus even commended his faith and healed him (10:52). He made it clear that God hadn't rejected Bartimaeus. He was just as worthy of God's love and healing grace as everyone else.

This is the beauty of the gospel. Jesus has broken down every dividing wall that separates us from his heavenly Father. He welcomes everyone, no matter their situation. That includes you. Today you may feel the way Bartimaeus felt every day, hoping for just a scrap of mercy and tenderness. But that's not how Jesus sees you. In a world that often focuses on excluding the "unworthy," he stands before you right now with open arms, eager to say, "Your faith has saved you" (Mark 10:52).

"Jesus, teach me to see the world through your eyes of love."

(Source: "Word Among Us" India: Daily Gospel Reflection).

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday 28th October 2021: Sts Simon and Jude, apostles.

Source: Ordo 2021

Hymn

Metre: CMA

*A blind man sat beside the road,
And begged for charity,
Until he heard a stranger's step,
And asked "Who can this be?"*

*"Who can this be, and will he stop
For one as poor as I?"
Then voices pierced his darkness deep:
"The Lord is passing by."*

*"He must not pass me by," he cried;
"He must in pity see*

*These empty hands, these sightless eyes!
Have mercy, Lord, on me!"*

*Then Jesus stopped, in mercy spoke:
Those sightless eyes he healed
Which, opened wide, by faith made whole,
The Son of God revealed.*

*Our blindness cries for vision bright,
Our poverty for grace.
O Lord, have mercy now on us;
To us reveal your face.*

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

PARISH FUNDS

Important Update

Change of Bank Details

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few weeks. We really appreciate it.

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected, especially we have not had a fete for two years. 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:

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**

God bless you all!

ST VINNIES

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021 Newsletter:**

bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021

The 2021 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL? How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends:

Nov 13-14 2021; Feb 19-20 2022



If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

PARISH NOTICES

1. Please send in your email addresses to update our parish database.

Send an email to arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

2. If you wish to subscribe to the Catholic Weekly newspaper, published by Sydney Archdiocese please click the link below.

Details: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/product/subscription-to-the-catholic-weekly/>

3. If anyone can bring in fresh flowers for the altar it would be greatly appreciated.
4. Is anyone interested in helping out with the Sacramental Program? Contact the parish office on 9653 2312.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

Do you need gift ideas this Christmas?

That Catholic Shop is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.



In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died

We pray for the sick of our Parish,
especially Brother Mario, and Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha's mum).



FINANCIAL COUNSELLING & EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS

Throughout Australia, housing prices are on a sharp increase. Therefore, you'd think that Australia's economy is booming too, right? After all, property sales are driving housing costs up, so this means that people have the means to purchase new houses and cars. Yes? Unfortunately, this isn't always the case. Currently record numbers of Australians seeking emergency relief services and financial counselling. CatholicCare can help. This recent article provides more information: www.catholiccaredb.org.au/news/financial-counselling-emergency-relief.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021

- It is tentatively fixed on:
Saturday the 18th of December 2021 at 2pm
- The preparation day is on:
Saturday the 4th of December 2021
from 10am to 12pm.
- We request all the candidates and their parents to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/confession prior to the event.

For any information please contact:
Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077

COLLECTION BASKETS

We have placed collection baskets at both entries. As we will not be having a collection going around during mass. Would you kindly help our parish by donating in the baskets provided otherwise the TapNGo donation points are also available.

God bless you all!

PARISH MINISTRIES

Any musicians out there interested in helping once a month?

We also need Acolytes. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in any volunteer work with the parish please contact the office on 9653 2312.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

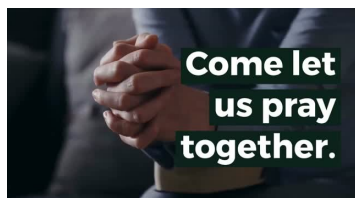
Friday nights:

after 7pm Mass

Wednesday mornings:

after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.



ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH?

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry.

CCD is offering Zoom training in Term 4 to upskill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

Click on the link for more information or contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator:

Miriam Brown on 9652 0558.



Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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



OPEN MY EYES LORD

As One Voice - Volume 1 166

Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear Your
voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like
You
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

I live within you
Deep in your heart,
oh, love
I live within you
Rest now in me

DEDICATION PRAYER:

Father, I dedicate this new day to you;
as I go about my work.

I ask you to bless those with whom I come in contact.

Lord, I pray for all men and women
who work to earn their living;
give them satisfaction in what they do.

Spirit of God,
comfort the unemployed and their families;
they are your children and my brothers and sisters.
I ask you to help them find work soon.

Amen.

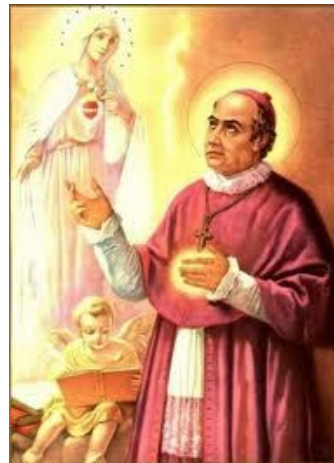
By St. Ignatius Loyola

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

c. 1807 - 1870

Feast Day: October 24



Patron Saint of textile merchants, weavers, the Catholic press, and vocational educators

A tireless priest finds an Order, becomes a bishop, and moves mountains

Today's saint was a finely tuned, high-octane engine of evangelization. Anthony Claret was from Catalonia, the region around Barcelona, Spain. He studied for the priesthood in Rome, was ordained in 1835, and then returned to Spain to spend ten years giving missions. In 1849 he founded the Congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, more commonly known as the Claretians in honor of their founder. The Order was particularly focused on publishing works of devotion and piety, books offering spiritual advice, and numerous pamphlets of basic catechesis. The Claretians filled a need and, as publishers, enjoyed enormous success. They published millions and millions of books and pamphlets. And all of this was spearheaded by Anthony, who not only generated doctrinal content but who also mastered the technical details of printing, learned the business side of the industry, and edited the published works himself.

In 1851, when Anthony was appointed the Archbishop of Santiago Cuba, the full array of his talents were put on display. He added the name of "Mary" to his baptismal name at his episcopal consecration and began a remarkably fruitful seven years as Archbishop. He traveled incessantly throughout his territory, restored the seminary, established hospitals and dozens of new parishes, and personally visited the sick and dying. He was ever present and provocative in his pastoral outreach, so much so that attempts were made on his life by the apathetic offended by his success. He was severely injured by one of these attempts but survived. Bishop Anthony was a true man of action. Creative ideas on how to spread the Gospel flowed constantly from his mind. Every tribulation and hardship was, for him, just an invitation to deeper commitment. It was nothing for Anthony to expend all of his energy one day and to wake up and do the same the next day. He was replenished by exhausting himself.

In 1857 he resigned as Archbishop when he was recalled to Spain to become the personal chaplain to the Queen. This more sedentary life was a cross for Anthony, who was a born missionary. But he continued to dedicate himself to apostolic activity as much as his court obligations allowed. At the Royal Monastery outside of Madrid where he was assigned, he set up a science library, a school for music and languages, a museum of natural history, and a fraternity composed of cultural leaders and intellectuals that grew to national prominence. Anthony was such a robust motor of evangelization and cultural advancement that he earned powerful enemies who feared his success. They eventually drove him from Spain to France, where he died in 1870.

Like so many saints, Anthony Mary Claret was a double or triple threat. He was so multi-faceted, so skilled in so many diverse fields that it is hard to believe that one man accomplished so much. He worked well and he worked quickly. Also like many other saints, behind Anthony's labors was a regimented life of prayer, daily Mass, the rosary, fasting, spiritual reading, self discipline and moral strictness. He was perpetually in the presence of God, and in his later years experienced spiritual ecstasies and performed miraculous healings. This incredible man of action and prayer was canonized in 1950.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, you outdid all your peers in dedication to Christ, Mary and the Church. We pray that you intercede in heaven to give all bishops the graces and the skills to lead their flocks in prayer, education and devotion as you did. Amen.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission,
by being witnesses of a life
that has the flavour of the Gospel.
AMEN.



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS—Masses resuming from October 23rd 2021.

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

Please use QR CODE or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of 4sqms and sanitise your hands at the door.

Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.

**IF YOU ARE NOT WELL OR EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS,
PLEASE STAY HOME, ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.**

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 Hilarion 0478 909 541, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 83791605.

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.

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

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

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:
BSB: **062 784**
Acct: **100002141 (NEW BANK DETAILS)**
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CBA—Catholic Development Fund