

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



PARISH Masses

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 6.30pm Adoration

7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)

Saturdays 10am to 11am

Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am

Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Shansana for the following:

BAPTISMS
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FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

22 & 23 OCTOBER 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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.**

REFLECTION - HUMBLING OURSELVES

Sunday's Gospel Jesus told the parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." John 18:9-14

- *Is my prayer pleasing to God?*
- *Am I praying proudly to God like the pharisee?*
- *Am I praying humbly to God like the tax collector?*
- *Do I boast of my good deeds to be recognised by God?*
- *Do I boast about myself and despise others?*
- *Am I able to recognise the truth of my sinfulness?*
- *Can I get rid of the Pharisee within me?*



Dear Lord,

I pray that you hear my inner thoughts and intentions. Help me to always be humble. I ask for the grace of a pure heart. Amen.

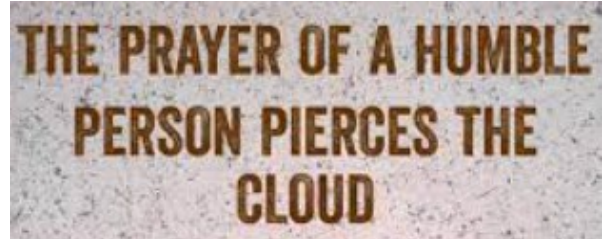
First Reading**Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
 who is no respecter of personages.
 He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
 he listens to the plea of the injured party.
 He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
 nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
 his petitions will carry to the clouds.
 The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
 until it arrives he is inconsolable,
 nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
 acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
 And the Lord will not be slow,
 nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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


THE PRAYER OF A HUMBLE
 PERSON PIERCES THE
 CLOUD

Responsorial Psalm:**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.****Second Reading****2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (JB)**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 18:9-14 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, October 23, World Mission Sunday

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

One was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. (Luke 18:10)

Let's not get off on the wrong foot with the Pharisee in this parable. He seemed to be doing pretty well spiritually. He was not greedy, dishonest, or adulterous. He fasted twice a week and went so far as to pay tithes on all his income. He prayed at the Temple regularly. That was better than most people. So why did Jesus say he didn't go home justified?

Because the Temple was a place of encounter with God. A holy location where God and his children came together. This Pharisee seemed to be missing that connection with the Lord. Instead of speaking his prayer to God, he prayed "to himself" (Luke 18:11) and itemized his accomplishments. By focusing on his righteous acts, he was not really making himself present to God. He wasn't inviting God to be present to him either. So, he missed the chance to encounter God and receive his mercy and grace. In that sense, the Pharisee left the Temple basically the same way he had entered.

The tax collector, on the other hand, laid himself bare before God. He knew his failings and unworthiness, and had no list of righteous acts to display to God. He opened his heart and begged for mercy. There, in that vulnerable, humble moment, God and man came together in a real way. And as a result, the tax collector went home a new man.

Prayer isn't always a raw, gut-wrenching experience like the tax collector had. But if we want to encounter God as we pray, we do need to approach him with honesty and humility. We need to open our hearts to God and ask him to come in.

When you go to Mass today, you'll be entering a holy place where God and his children come together. Come, like the tax collector, without pretense and ready to receive his grace and mercy.

"God, you alone are holy. I open my heart and invite you to cleanse me. Make me like you!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 23)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 24 Readings: Eph 4:32-5:8. Lk 13:10-17.
R: Behave like God as his very dear children.
St Anthony Claret, bishop.

Tuesday 25 Readings: Eph 5:21-33. Lk 13:18-21.
R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Wednesday 26 Eph 6:1-9. Lk 13:22-30.
R: The Lord is faithful in all his words.

Thursday 27 Readings: Eph 6:10-20. Lk 13:31-35.
R: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Friday 28 Readings: Eph 2:19-22. Lk 6:12-19.
R: Their message goes out through all the earth.
Sts Simon and Jude, apostles.

Saturday 29 Readings: Phil 1:18-26. Lk 14:1, 7-11.
R: My soul is thirsting for the living God.



Source: Ordo 2022

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2022 A CHURCH OPEN TO EVERYONE

We pray for the church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the gospel, may the church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of Synodality. 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.

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:



Vincenzo Luca
16th October 2022



Funeral details:

Wednesday 26th October - 11am
St Anthony's Church
54 Agincourt Road, Marsfield

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

***Our prayers and thoughts are with Luca family
and friends.***

WORLD MISSION DAY

Sunday 23 October

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church run mission programs around the world.

This year, we are invited to support a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society.

Please give generously today to help continue these life-giving programs by donating online at

www.catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

Envelopes are at the parish entrances as well as pews. Please help out.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

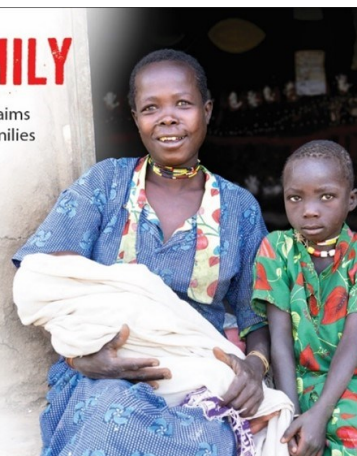
The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



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



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 especially **Vincenzo Luca and Leanne Miller (Leonie Miller's daughter)**...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!



CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to Fr Shansana and Gebran for filling in with my classes while I have been away. It was lovely to be back in class this week! Sharing God's message with the students is always special.

Just as I have been away, there are times when Catechists are away, either on holidays or due to sickness, and these are the times when having a few reserve Catechists makes a big difference. Without someone filling in these classes, the students would not have a class. This is something that we, as a parish, have worked hard to avoid. If you feel that you can help as a reserve or if you are interested in knowing more about being a Catechist, please contact me or talk to Fr Shansana or Paula in the parish office.

Free training available to all parishioners - 'A Reflective Study of the Psalms' presented on Zoom by the CCD commenced on Monday 10th October and continues to Monday 28th November from 10am – 12:15pm. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

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



HAVE A CHAT & SHARE A CUPPA WITH AN OLDER PERSON IN YOUR COMMUNITY ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

www.catholiccarebb.org.au/volunteer

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.



NATIONAL APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE

22 October is the fourth anniversary of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Abuse. This is an important day of reflection for many organisations and for all Catholic entities. The Diocese of Broken Bay acknowledges the lifelong trauma of abused victims, survivors and their families, the failure of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of community trust. During this year's liturgy of lament we publicly acknowledged the suffering to those who had been victims of abuse, those left by the side and those who have felt not welcomed.

Four years on from the National Apology, the Diocese's work remains focused on strengthening our Commitment to Safeguarding, implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and expanding those recommendations to prevent any form of abuse or risk within our organisation through the implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and NSW Child Safe Standards.

It is our aim that safeguarding becomes entrenched in all aspects of our lived experiences and that we continue to improve our awareness and practices to achieve this aim.

A message from Jodie Crisafulli, Director, Diocesan Safeguarding Office

HOW DO WE PRAY? A SHORT COURSE LED BY FR GERARD MORAN, OCD

"For me, prayer is **a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.**" St. Therese of Lisieux.

In this short course we will look at: "How we pray". We will try to address together the basic questions: What is prayer? Why pray? When do we pray? Where do we pray? With what do we pray?

Each evening will include an input, an opportunity for questions and comments and a short period of praying quietly together.

When: Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9pm on 13, 20, 27 October and 3 November.

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Registration: You can register by emailing the Parish Office, office@corpuschristi.com.au or by calling 9144 6998. This is important for preparing the hall for the event.

Payment: There will be a donation box for people to contribute if they wish.

All who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God are welcome.

POSITIONS VACANT

Clergy Administration Officer

The Chancery is seeking to recruit a permanent full-time Clergy Administration Officer. You'll be responsible for maintaining clergy records including personnel files & clergy databases, process visa applications, marriage celebrant registrations, clergy private health insurance membership, coordinate clergy vehicle arrangements, administer arrangements for international clergy and those departing the Diocese, clergy retirement and deceased estates. The role works collaboratively with clergy, Chancery and parish staff providing administrative support for clergy events. Comprehensive administration experience coupled with excellent organisational skills and an ability to manage priorities are crucial to success in this role.

This role is noted as full-time, however there is flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate.

For further information on these roles including to obtain a copy of the position description and details on how to apply, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Saint Simon and Jude, Apostles

c. First Century

Feast Day: October 28



**Patron Saints of hopeless causes (Jude) and tanners (Simon)
The Apostles laid the foundation for a later generation's household of faith**

There is often a crosshatch of bloody scratches on the right cheek of statues of the suffering Christ in Latin America. It's called the "Judas Kiss," a reminder of Judas Iscariot's act of both affectionately greeting Christ and betraying Him in one sinister gesture. No one kneels before a statue of Judas Iscariot in a Catholic church. No one lights a candle to Judas asking that he restore their lost sight or heal their child's cancer. But Judas Iscariot wasn't the only Judas among the Twelve Apostles. Today's Saint Jude (or Judas) was often confused with his evil contemporary. Since Judas Iscariot was so despised and ignored, and since he shared a name with the good Jude, a tradition gathered over the centuries of petitioning today's saint only when all other saints had failed to answer one's prayers. Saint Jude became the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, then, probably because of the faithful's reluctance to seek the intercession of one whose misfortune it was to share a name with Christ's betrayer. Out of confusion or an abundance of caution, Saint Jude thus became a saint of last resort. When the dam was barely holding, when a pulse could no longer be felt, when the rains wouldn't come, a candle was lit to Saint Jude, hoping against hope, that he would respond.


Saint Simon the Apostle is called the "Zealot" in Saint Luke's Gospel. This may describe his zeal for the house of the Lord or denote his membership in a radical Jewish sect. Zeal is, in any case, a virtue. It must be joined with prudence to ensure that it does not offend for the sake of offending. A zealous soul will, however, lovingly provoke others to consider the things of God through his words, actions, and appropriate silences. Zeal for the house of the Lord has migrated to other concerns in many parts of today's world. While religious zeal has unfortunately come to be understood as a negative virtue, zeal for planet earth and various other more "acceptable" causes are now seen as positive. The intentional disciple, however, understands zeal in its historical sense as a burning concern for perennial truths, not mere fads, and as a proactive form of love for all those things that lead mankind to God. God is a person, after all, and depends on His friends to defend Him.

Saints Simon and Jude disappear from the pages of the Gospels after the brief mentions of their names. Nothing is known of either of them with any certainty, not even where they evangelized or where they met death. As Apostles, however, we know with certainty that they were key actors in laying the deep foundations of the Church in the rock-solid substrata of the Middle Eastern culture in which they lived. The Catholic Church is the household of faith. An earthly family is united by blood, while the theological family of the Church is united by the Sacraments and the Creed. But it is not sufficient for a family to be united by biological or theological DNA. A family is little if it is not a household. A household works together, prays together, and eats together. A household is where a family feels like a family. A boy may know who his father is, but if he doesn't share everyday life with that father, their family relationship means little. It is in the household that life happens all over the globe. Mom and dad, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, in the kitchen, around the table, in the garden, at Mass, a band united in both mundane and sacred duties. The Church is the household of faith where God's family gathers week in and week out, century after century. Christians must not only be united intellectually, but must live united, and feel that unity in their bones. Today's saints worked long ago to build the household we now enjoy. They dug the well so that we could pull up the water and drink. They planted so that we could reap. They lit the fire so that we could warm ourselves close to the flames, one universal family living in one universal household we call the Church.

Saints Simon and Jude, we ask for your intercession in heaven as members of the Twelve Apostles. Approach the Lord Jesus with our needs in your hands. Answer the prayers we present. Fulfill the petitions we seek. Amen.

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

Parish Roster

NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 29/10/22 to 30/10/22 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	
Reader1	Margaret B	Glenice L	Matt W
Reader2	Miriam B	Rebecca R	Miriam Y
Prayers	Maria G	Teresa G	Matthew M
TV		Roderick R	Sebastian W
Music		Melanie H	Noelle T
Music		Keith W	John T
Music		Marisa Q	Karina S
Music			
Morning Tea		Mary A	
 FLOWERS	Angela S		

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

These people in our parish can help:

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

Office Hours:

Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm

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