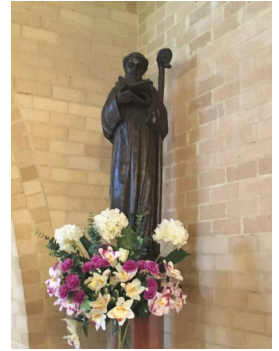


# St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE From BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO:

- Welcome to all Masses.
- Masks are required.
- Please sign in using QR CODE provided.

### PARISH Masses

#### Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil  
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

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

30 & 31 October 2021

### POPE BENEDICT WRITES

*Yearning for Sanctity*



The saints are not a small caste of chosen souls but an innumerable crowd to which the liturgy urges us to raise our eyes. This multitude not only includes the officially recognised saints, but the baptised of every epoch and nation who sought to carry out the divine will faithfully and lovingly. We are unacquainted with the faces and even the names of many of them, but with the eyes of faith we see them shine in God's firmament like glorious stars.

Being a saint means living close to God, to live in his family. And this is the vocation of us all. But how can we become holy, friends of God? We can first give a negative answer to this question: to be a saint requires neither extraordinary actions or works nor the possession of exceptional charisms. Then comes the positive reply: it is necessary first of all to listen to Jesus and then to follow him without losing heart when faced by difficulties.

The example of saints encourages us to follow in their same footsteps and to experience the joy of those who trust in God. In the Preface of the Mass we will proclaim that the saints are friends and models of life for us. Let us invoke them so that they may help us to imitate them and strive to respond generously, as they did, to the divine call. In particular let us invoke Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. May she, the All Holy, make us faithful disciples of her Son Jesus Christ! Amen.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

*His Holiness Benedict XVI was Pope from 2005 until 2013.*

### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

*Let us pray:*

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm:

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

## Second Reading

**Hebrews 7:23-28 (JB)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Mark 12:28-34 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

31 Sunday, October 31

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

**You shall love . . .** (Mark 12:30, 31)

What does it mean to love God and neighbor? How do we keep these two great commandments, especially when we aren't *feeling* the love? Let's look to the greatest Lover of all time, Jesus, to find some answers.

How did Jesus love God? His relationship with his heavenly Father was the focus of his life. Jesus spent hours—and even whole nights—praying so that he could converse with his Father. Every action and decision he took reflected his Father's will.

Out of this loving relationship flowed Jesus' love for his neighbor. No matter what he was feeling at each moment, Jesus did what God asked of him. He taught and healed people. He forgave his persecutors. Ultimately, he gave his life out of loving obedience to his Father and deep love for each of us.

There are—and will be—many times when we don't feel particularly loving. But as Jesus showed us, love is more than an emotion; it's a series of actions and decisions that reflect God's will. When we make our relationship with our Father the focus of our lives, he will give us the grace to love, even when our emotions don't fall in line.

So how do you love your heavenly Father? Spend time in prayer each day. Read his word in Scripture. Seek his grace and mercy in the sacraments. Try to fulfill the unique mission you believe God has given you.

And how do you love your neighbor? Care for the people God has put in your life. Build up rather than tear down. Forgive those who have hurt you. Tell people about Jesus. Reach out in love to people in need.

Today, think about all the opportunities you will have to love God and your neighbor. Then go ahead and do these things. Don't worry if you don't "feel the love." What matters is that you are obeying the two most important commandments—and reflecting God's love into your very own corner of the world.

**"Jesus, show me how to love today."**

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

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	November 1, 2021:	ALL SAINTS
Tuesday	November 2, 2021:	All Souls' Day
Thursday	November 4, 2021:	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Source: Ordo 2021



*All holy men and women, so close to us yet still so far, gather our prayers to yourselves and intercede in heaven on our behalf. May our holy desires be accomplished through that chorus of prayers you constantly present to the Father surrounded by all His angels in heaven.*

*All Holy Souls, our prayers and Mass offerings are directed to you this day, in the hope that what we do on earth may benefit your advancement toward a fully divine life in heaven where you may, in turn, pray that we may one day join you there.*

**AMEN**

## 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 has been keeping us going during that difficult time.

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!

#### PARISH NOTICES

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

Send an email to [arcadia.parish@bigpond.com](mailto: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.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
*Matthew 11:28*

#### OCT-NOV PROGRAMS

<b>31st</b> (Sunday) October	<b>ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George • Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass
<b>5th</b> (Friday) November	<b>DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY</b> 6:00pm - 8:30pm
<b>6th</b> (Saturday) November	<b>ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm (BYO Lunch) <b>DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY</b> 5:30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+ For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768
<b>28th</b> (Sunday) November	<b>ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)</b> 9:00am - 1:00pm Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George • Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

**MASKS MANDATORY**

• **BOOKING REQUIRED • LIMITED NUMBERS**  
Pls contact 02 4372 1598, [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com)

**DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE**  
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Tel: 02 4372 1598, 04 6848 6782, email [drccsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drccsydney@gmail.com)  
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**Help your Parish to help your community**

**Your generosity supports our vital ministries and Parish Mission.**

**1st collection supports our clergy**  
**2nd collection supports our parish upkeep**

Visit [www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving)  
or search your App Store for "Parish Giving Broken Bay"

Available on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play



May Christ bless you for your gifts.

#### 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.catholiccaredbb.org.au/news/financial-counselling-emergency-relief](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/news/financial-counselling-emergency-relief).

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021

- It is tentatively fixed on:  
Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 at 2pm
- The preparation day is on:  
Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

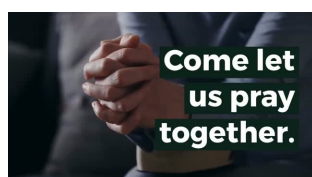
after 7pm Mass

**Wednesday mornings:**

after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



### 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.



### ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

November is the month of remembrance for those that have passed away. We begin the month with All Saints and All Souls days to remember our loved ones and all who have gone before us. It is a time to remember them and pray for them as we hope they do for us.

I invite you to send the names of your loved ones to us with the envelopes provided at both entries of the church so they may be included in our remembrance prayers during the month of November.

- **All Saints Day Mass - Monday 1st November:**  
7am Mass at Monastery chapel.  
9.30am Parish Church (children are invited to dress in their favourite Saint outfit.)
- **All Souls Day Mass - Tuesday 2nd November:**  
7am Monastery Chapel  
9.30am Parish Church  
7pm Parish Church

You are encouraged to obtain plenary indulgences for the Departed, may they Rest in Peace.

### INVITATION TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS

Rev Fr Yuhanna Azize is conducting classes on Thursdays during November from 5.30pm at the parish Church preparing for Confirmation. You are most welcome to attend these classes to deepen your faith.

### ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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



## November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.



The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks).

**Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ALL SAINTS DAY

*Feast Day: November 1st*



***Heaven is populated with uncanonised holy men and women known to God alone***

Martyrs were so revered in the early Church that their places and dates of death were sanctified by the candles, prayers, and votive offerings of the faithful grateful for their witness. So many were the martyrs, though, that by the early fourth-century it became impossible to solemnize each individually on the Church's crowded calendar. There thus arose, over centuries, and in different ways in different regions, the custom of commemorating the memory of all the holy ones on one specific day of the year. By the early eighth-century, a Feast of All Saints was celebrated in Rome on November 1. The Feast was extended to the entire Church in the next century.

The universal sanctoral calendar of the Catholic Church is like a saint's All-Star team. Only the most talented make the cut. There are many more canonised saints besides those on the universal calendar. Some saints are commemorated only locally or regionally, others are historically obscure, and still others did not give a sufficiently universal witness to merit inclusion on the Church's universal calendar. The Church defines a saint as a soul enjoying the Beatific Vision in heaven. So, besides the famous saints found on the universal calendar and the lesser-known saints not on that calendar, there are still many more souls in heaven not officially recognized as saints at all. These are the saints we celebrate in a particular way today.

The Solemnity of All Saints commemorates all those holy men, women, children, martyrs, confessors and unknown others who lived lives of such holiness that upon death they either entered directly into God's presence in heaven or duly purified their soul of every imperfection in purgatory before then advancing into His presence. All-Star saints such as Saint Augustine and Saint Francis of Assisi stand shoulder to shoulder in heaven with forgotten grandmas, quiet uncles, and unknown martyrs. These unrecognized but holy souls did not convert entire tribes, found religious communities, or have their bones crushed by the jaws of lions in the arena. Maybe they just kept their mouth shut when they had just the right words to humiliate a family member. Magnanimity. Perhaps they cooked dinner night after night for their family out of a sense of duty, while they gazed out the kitchen window, dreaming of another life far away doing greater deeds. Humility. Or maybe they refused to cooperate with an immoral boss and lost their job, never to recover financially, their dreams ruined for a principled stance. Fortitude.

The dense population of heaven is unknown to us on earth, but not to God, the audience of One we should most desire to please. There are as many pathways to God as there are people, since God wants to make a project of each and every one of us. All the saints lived heroic lives in their own unique ways. Some were the steeple to the village, seen by all and inspiring others to greatness. But most saints had lower profiles. They were more like the squat stone blocks forming the church's foundation, silently holding up the entire structure. They received little notice or credit despite buttressing the entire building. Without their support the church, and all of its flash, would collapse. Today we commemorate those silent and sturdy ones who, without cease and without complaint, buttressed the family, the marriage, the parish, the Church, the community, the faith. Among the communion of saints are some few illustrious citizens whose virtues sparkle on their special days. But today we honor, remember, and seek to imitate that broader population of heaven never raised to the public altars but who offered their lives in quiet ways to God. They received the Body of Christ and lived His teachings in an exemplary manner in season and out of season until all seasons converged and God called them back to Himself.

*All holy men and women, so close to us yet still so far, gather our prayers to yourselves and intercede in heaven on our behalf. May our holy desires be accomplished through that chorus of prayers you constantly present to the Father surrounded by all His angels in heaven. 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](http://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](http://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 resumed 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.*

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**9.30am to 2.30pm**  
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**Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:**  
BSB: **062 784**  
Acct: **100002141 (NEW BANK DETAILS)**  
Name: **Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:**  
**CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

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