

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:

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Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

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29 & 30 OCTOBER 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

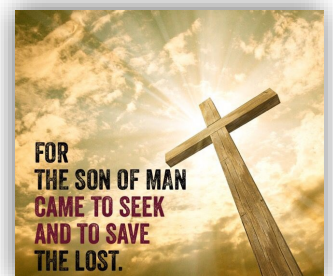
Let us pray:

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.**

REFLECTION - SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

Sunday's Gospel *Jesus looks up and sees Zacchaeus up on a tree waiting to see Jesus. Jesus told Zacchaeus, a sinner, that he was going to stay in his house. Everyone complained as he was going to a sinner's house. Yet Zacchaeus was showing remorse. (Luke 19:1-10)*

- *Am I seeking Jesus?*
- *Am I feeling lost?*
- *Is Jesus willing to come to my house?*
- *Am I sorry for my past sins?*
- *Am I willing to repent and follow Jesus?*
- *What is Jesus trying to say to me now?*
- *What is standing in my way?*



Dear Lord,

When I am feeling lost help me to always seek you first. I ask you to come in to my house. Forgive my sins and help me follow you. Bring peace into my heart and make it your dwelling place. Amen.

First Reading**Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2 (JB)**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.****Second Reading****2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2 (JB)**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 19:1-10 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Wisdom 11:22–12:2
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2, Luke 19:1-10

You overlook people's sins, that they may repent. (Wisdom 11:23)

God sure does think differently than we do, doesn't he? Especially when it comes to sin. How many times have we been deeply offended by someone's sins? Even if we aren't the one being sinned against, our sense of justice is aroused. We respond with anger. We may even imagine just the right retort or act of vengeance that we would deliver to the offender. We can be just as harsh when it comes to our own sins as well. We are often our own worst judge, jury, and executioner!

But that's not God's way. Today's first reading tells us that he chooses to "overlook" our sins and give us time to turn back to him. Or he may decide just to "rebuke [us] little by little" in the hope that we will ultimately repent (Wisdom 11:23, 26; 12:2).

Today's Gospel reading shows us this approach in practice. Seeing Zacchaeus up in that sycamore tree, Jesus said nothing about whatever sins Zacchaeus might have committed. He didn't even tell him to leave his job as a tax collector. And if Zacchaeus was corrupt, as many people believed, Jesus didn't command him to repent. All he did was . . . invite himself to dinner (Luke 19:5).

It turns out, that's all Zacchaeus needed. Moved by Jesus' love and openhearted approach, Zacchaeus took it upon himself to make restitution. He promised to do whatever was necessary to maintain his new relationship with the Lord. And Jesus affirmed that Zacchaeus' acts were signs that "salvation" was indeed his (Luke 19:9).

It may be hard to believe, but Jesus is not up in heaven keeping track of your offenses and devising your punishment. He's standing before you, asking you to welcome him. He knows that if you do, his perfect, unending, personal love for you will bring you to a repentance that will bear sweet, abundant fruit.

"Lord, help me welcome you with an open heart."

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 30)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

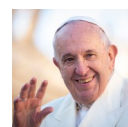
- Monday 31 Readings: Phil 2:1-4. Lk 14:12-14.
R: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
- Tuesday 1 Readings: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14. Mt 5:1-12.
R: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
ALL SAINTS
- Wednesday 2 2 Maccabees 12:43-45. Romans 5:17-21.
R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
ALL SOULS' DAY
- Thursday 3 Readings: Phil 3:3-8. Lk 15:1-10.
R: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
- Friday 4 Readings: Phil 3:17 - 4:1. Lk 16:1-8.
R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
St Charles Borromeo, bishop.
- Saturday 5 Readings: Phil 4:10-19. Lk 16:9-15.
R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.



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.

CHILDREN'S MASS

NEXT SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022 9AM

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 20th November for a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day.

There is no charge. Registration is on the day from 10am for a 10:30am start. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for on-going meditators also presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. There will be a book display and morning tea will be provided.

Please bring your own picnic lunch. The day will conclude around 3pm.

Enquiries about possible accommodation in the monastery guest house to Fr Michael Kelly:
mkelly@silvestrini.org

Enquires to Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com
or Ann Lomas : atlomas@bigpond.com 9653 2637

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Mass and Evening Prayer Schedule



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 - Tuesday 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 - Wednesday 2nd November:**
7am Monastery Chapel
9.30am Parish Church
7pm Parish Church

You are encouraged to obtain plenary indulgences for the Departed.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing **FATHER BERNARD** a very happy birthday!

30th October

God bless you on your birthday
and keep you healthy always!



Happy Birthday



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.

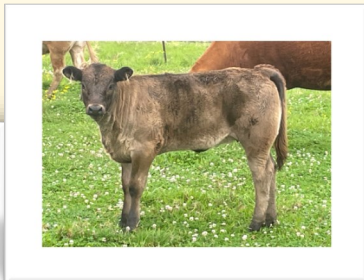
To purchase tickets you can use the Tap'N'Go or cash.
Tickets are available from:
Lila, Robin, Rosie and Paula.

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!



**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**



Prizes!



CATECHIST NEWS

Our next Catechist meeting is this Wednesday 2 November at 12:45pm in the meeting room. All are welcome.

The CCD will be holding an Advent Reflection morning and thank you morning tea for all Catechists on Thursday 1 December at The Entrance 10am-1pm OR Friday 2 December at Terrey Hills 10am-1pm. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

If anyone is interested in knowing more about being a Catechist or helper, please contact me or talk to Fr Shansana or Paula in the parish office.

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



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& SHARE A
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IN YOUR
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ONE HOUR A
FORTNIGHT



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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.



**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 91446998. 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.

CHILDREN’S WEEK 22-30 OCTOBER 2022

Children’s Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills, and abilities. Thousand of children and their families around the country are involved in activities and events during the week through participation of schools, playgroups, childcare, culture groups, libraries, and community groups.

How will you celebrate Children’s Week?



POSITIONS VACANT

The Chancery and Parishes of the Diocese have a number of vacant roles:

1. Chatswood Parish – Business Manager
2. Chatswood Parish – Parish Services Officer
3. Lower North Shore Parish – Parish Secretary
4. Lower North Shore Parish – Sacramental Coordinator
5. Chancery – Administration Assistant to Director, Evangelisation Broken Bay
6. Chancery – Clergy Administration Assistant
7. Chancery - Development & Relationships Manager

Visit this website for more details:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/contact-us/positions-vacant>

Saint Charles Borromeo
Bishop
c. 1538 - 1584



Feast Day: November 4

Patron Saint of bishops, cardinals, and seminarians

A young nobleman becomes a Cardinal, exemplifies holiness, and reforms the Church

Today's saint was born in a castle to an aristocratic family. His father was a count, his mother a Medici, and his uncle a pope. This last fact was to determine the trajectory of Charles Borromeo's entire life. Pope Pius IV (1559–1565) was the brother of Charles' mother. At the tender age of twelve, Charles received the external sign of permanent religious commitment, the shaving of the scalp known as tonsure. He was industrious and extremely bright and received advanced degrees in theology and law in his native northern Italy. In 1560 his uncle ordered him to Rome and made him a Cardinal at the age of just twenty-one, even though Charles was not yet ordained a priest or bishop. This was brazen nepotism. But in this instance it was also genius. The Cardinal-nephew was a man of rare gifts and his high office afforded him a wide forum to give those gifts their fullest expression.

At the Holy See, Charles was loaded down with immense responsibilities. He oversaw large religious orders. He was the papal legate to important cities in the papal states. He was the Cardinal Protector of Portugal, the Low Countries, and Switzerland. And, on top of all this, he was named administrator of the enormous Archdiocese of Milan. Charles was so bound to his Roman obligations, however, that he was unable to escape to visit Milan's faithful who were under his pastoral care. Non-resident heads of dioceses were common at the time. This pained Charles, who would only be able to minister in his diocese years later. Cardinal Borromeo was a tireless and methodical laborer in the Holy See who nevertheless always found ample time to care for his own soul.

When Pope Pius IV decided to reconvene the long suspended Council of Trent, the Holy Spirit placed Cardinal Borromeo in just the right place at just the right time. In 1562 the Council Fathers met once again, largely due to the energy and planning of Charles. In its last sessions the Council completed its most decisive work of doctrinal and pastoral reform. Charles was particularly influential in the Council's decrees on the liturgy and in its catechism, both of which were to have an enduring and direct influence on universal Catholic life for over four centuries. Charles was the driving force and indispensable man at the Council, yet he was still just in his mid-twenties, being ordained a priest and bishop in 1563 in the heat of the Council's activities.

In 1566, after his uncle had died and a new pope granted his request, Charles was at last able to reside in Milan as its Archbishop. There had not been a resident bishop there for over eighty years! There was much neglect of faith and morals to overcome. Charles had the unique opportunity to personally implement the Tridentine reforms he had played such a key role in writing. He founded seminaries, improved training for priests, stamped out ecclesiastical bribery, improved preaching and catechetical instruction, and combatted widespread religious superstition. He became widely loved by the faithful for his personal generosity and heroism in combating a devastating famine and plague. He stayed in Milan when most civil officials abandoned it. He went into personal debt to feed thousands. Charles attended two retreats every year, went to confession daily, mortified himself continually, and was a model Christian, if an austere one, in every way. This one-man army for God, this icon of a Counter Reformation priest and bishop, died in Milan at the age of forty-six after his brief but intense life of work and prayer. Devotion to Charles began immediately, and he was canonized in 1610.

Saint Charles Borromeo, your personal life embodied what you taught. You held yourself and others to the highest standards of Christian living. From your place in heaven, hear our prayers and grant us what we ask for our own good and that of the Church. Amen.

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

5/11/22 to 6/11/22

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader1	Miriam B	<i>CHILDREN'S MASS</i>	Matt M
Reader2	Margaret B	<i>CHILDREN'S MASS</i>	Miriam Y
Prayers	Mary C	<i>CHILDREN'S MASS</i>	Lorna B
TV		Roderick R	Joseph Y
Music		Melanie H	Mark Q
Music		Helen F	Melanie H
Music		Theresa N	
Music		Marisa Q	
Morning Tea		Teresa G	
 FLOWERS	Gabrielle W		

Parish Roster

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.



OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Fridays:

9.30am to 2.30pm

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Parish Administrator:

Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB

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After hours: 0437 884 233

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.

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