

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



6 & 7 November 2021

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

FR HILARION WRITES



Dear friends in Christ,

As we are slowly getting back to the normal activities, I request your inputs for various parish activities. Soon the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) and Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet to plan out for the new year. So please send in your suggestions / proposals / ideas through the Parish office. I am grateful to the members of the PFC and PPC for their services during the past years. Of course, I am grateful to all the volunteers, who kept us going even during the lockdowns.

Friends, we do need your helping hands, thinking minds, above all, your enthusiasm to move forward in our spiritual journey.

It is said that God who has made us for himself wishes to work wonderfully through our strengths and passions. That is something to value. Once we truly value it, it will transform the church and the world.

Have a wonderful week with God's blessings on you and your dear family!

Yours in Jesus,
Dom Hilarion osb

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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.

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

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16 (JB)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!



Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

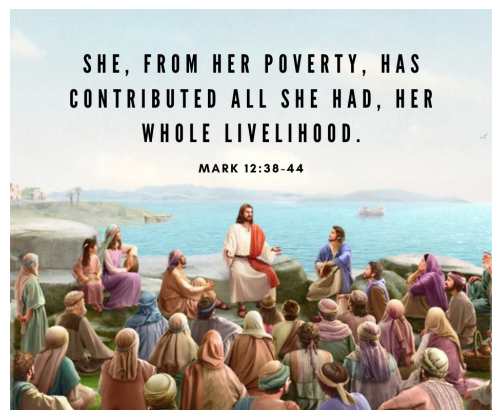
This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

7 Sunday, November 7

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 146:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had. (Mark 12:44)

What was it about this widow that drew Jesus' attention and delighted him so much? Many others had given far more to the Temple treasury than she had. No, it wasn't the size of her gift that touched him so deeply. It was her willingness to give all.

You can see a similar mindset in the widow in today's first reading. She used the last of her provisions to feed the prophet Elijah. Notice how God blessed her generosity and provided for her—and Elijah—through the famine.

The willingness of these two widows to offer their meager gifts was pleasing to the Lord. That's because sacrificial giving reflects the character of God himself. Just think of the way Jesus held nothing back when he gave himself to us. He gave every drop of blood, every ounce of mercy and love.

Does this mean that God expects us to empty our bank accounts or our pantries? Not necessarily. But he does want us to pour out our hearts. Whether we are giving financially or sacrificing our time or attention, he wants to see us become as generous as he is.

There are times when, like the widows in today's readings, you might feel as if you don't have much left. Beyond the financial, you might be "scraping the bottom of the barrel" of your patience, or your sympathy, or your forbearance.

But know that when you ask God for the grace and strength to give from what little you have, he will bless you. He might give you what you lack, or he might give you the strength to spend yourself a little more. Even when it seems like a drop in the bucket, your decision to give pleases the Lord. That's because each time you choose to give of yourself, you become more like him. He is building his own character in you!

"Lord, help me give of myself as generously as you did."

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

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday	November 10, 2021:	St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Thursday	November 11, 2021:	St Martin of Tours, bishop
Friday	November 4, 2021:	St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Source: Ordo 2021

WHY GO TO MASS?

1. At the hour of your death, your greatest comfort will be the Masses you attended during your lifetime with fervour and devotion.
2. Every Mass you attended will accompany you in the divine court and advocate for forgiveness.
3. With each Mass you can diminish the temporary punishment you owe for your sins, in proportion to the fervour with which you hear it.
4. With devoted assistance to Holy Mass, you pay the greatest tribute to the Blessed Humanity of Our Lord.
5. Holy Mass well heard supplements your many negligences and omissions.
6. For the holy mass well heard you forgive all the venial sins you are determined to avoid, and many others you don't even remember.
7. By her also loses the devil dominion over you.
8. You offer the greatest comfort to the blessed souls of Purgatory.
9. You get blessings in your business and temporary affairs.
10. A Mass heard as long as you live will profit you much more than many offered for you after death.

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!

MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be a Mass for Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday 11th of December 10.30am** at our parish. If you know anyone who is sick, housebound or elderly in need of healing, please let us know if they need transport.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament which celebrates our faith in the healing touch of Christ in our lives. We pray that the sick person be healed in body, soul and spirit. The Sacrament offers forgiveness and healing. Not only in physical healing but in mind as well, easing our anxieties, healing our wounds and fears turn to hope.

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven."
(James 5:14-15)

Morning tea will be provided afterwards. Everyone welcome.



"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


31st (Sunday) October	ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) 9:00am - 1:00pm Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George • Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass
5th (Friday) November	DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY 6:00pm - 8:30pm
6th (Saturday) November	ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT 10:00am - 2:00pm (BYO Lunch) DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY 5.30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+ For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768
28th (Sunday) November	ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) 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, drcretrearego@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
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).



ST BENEDICT'S MINI FETE

On Saturday 18th of December from 3pm and Sunday 19th December after the Masses. We will be holding stalls and items for sale.

If you have time to help out please call the office on 9653 2312.



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!

MONKS ON ANNUAL RETREAT



From the evening of 14th November until the evening of 19th November, the Monks will be on annual retreat.

During the retreat there will be only one daily Mass at 12pm in the Monastery Chapel (15th to 19th November), which you are welcome to attend.

Please pray for a fruitful retreat.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting held every

Friday nights:

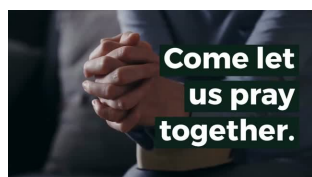
after 7pm Mass

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 DAY

Thank you for all the children who dressed up like Saints at the Mass of All Saints day. They truly looked like Saints! They were absolutely beautiful. God bless all our children!



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.

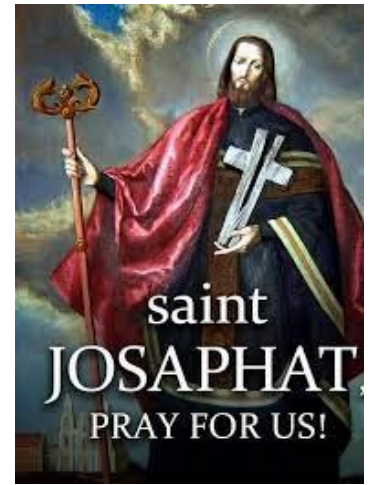
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
C. 1580 - 1623

Feast Day: November 12



Patron Saint of reunion between Orthodox and Catholics

A holy monk and bishop is murdered for his desire to unify East and West

Saint Josaphat died for something few in his era died for—ecumenism. In fact, the word ecumenism did not even exist when Josaphat was martyred. Josaphat was born in Ukraine but grew to manhood working a trade in Vilnius, Lithuania. In his late teens, he felt called to be a monk, so he rejected an offer of marriage and joined a monastery in Vilnius in 1604. Josaphat's austerities, intelligence, and prayerfulness made him a natural leader, and he was duly ordained a deacon and priest and earned a reputation as an effective preacher.

But it was a historic decision by Orthodox religious leaders, about ten years before Josaphat became a monk, that would bend the arc of his life and eventually lead to his death. In 1595 the Orthodox Metropolitan of Kiev and five other Orthodox bishops representing millions of Ruthenian (Ukrainian and Belarusian) faithful met in the city of Brest and signed a declaration of their intention to enter into union with the Bishop of Rome. The Pope accepted their conversion from Orthodox to Catholic, while allowing them to keep their Byzantine liturgical rites and traditions. The Union of Brest was a one-of-a-kind event. Yet it triggered Orthodox violence and bitterness toward the Catholic Church which has endured into modern times.

Josaphat joyfully embraced the entrance of his native Orthodox faith into the Catholic fold. But he also insisted that the Eastern traditions of his pan-Slavic people should perdure, and be respected, while his people ecclesiastically migrated into the paddock of the Roman Pontiff. Unity, yes. Uniformity, no. The Church, historically, had long been composed of various liturgical traditions reflecting its numerous cultures. The Latin Rite, though, eventually predominated as Western nations grew stronger and colonized huge chunks of the world. The Union of Brest's careful balance of accepting theological and jurisdictional unity with Rome while insisting on liturgical distinctiveness was confusing to many of the faithful Slavic peasants of Northeastern Europe. Nonetheless, when Josaphat was named a Bishop in present day Belarusia, he continued to champion the union with Rome with all his considerable powers and was largely successful in curtailing Orthodox clergy from exercising ministry in his diocese.

Because he represented something new, an Eastern Rite Catholic, Josaphat was misunderstood by his co-religionists who should have supported him the most, particularly Polish and Lithuanian bishops and princes. The tensions of the time came to a head when an Orthodox bishop established a competing diocesan and parish structure alongside that of Josaphat's diocese and parishes. The faithful experienced two church structures that were virtually identical in their liturgy but divergent in their leaders and lines of authority. In response to Orthodoxy's aggressive incursion into his ecclesial territory, Josaphat put his usual vigor into preaching and teaching the importance of union with Rome. But in 1623, while seeking to stop an Orthodox priest from secretly ministering in his jurisdiction, Josaphat was ambushed by Orthodox faithful who conspired with their leaders to rid themselves of this thief of souls. Saint Josaphat was brutally attacked by a mob, his head was cleaved by an axe, and his body dumped into a river. Josaphat was beatified in 1643 and canonized in 1867. In the twentieth century, Josaphat's remains were brought to Rome and buried under the altar of Saint Basil in St. Peter's Basilica.

Saint Josaphat, you gave your life attempting to bring East and West together. Give us your spirit of unity so that our prayers bring all Christians into common union under the leadership of a common head, the successor of Saint Peter. 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 NOVEMBER 2021

PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

*We pray that people who suffer from depression
or burn-out will find support
and a light that opens them up to life.
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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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.**