

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

RECONCILIATION

FOR THE SICK

MARRIAGES

FUNERALS

Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

5 & 6 NOVEMBER 2022

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.**

REFLECTION - MARRIAGE AND RESURRECTION

Sunday's Gospel *Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection, come to Jesus to try to trick him with a doubtful story about a man who dies, leaving his wife to his brother who also dies and passes her on to the next brother. The question then is whose wife is she in eternity? Jesus responds in the other world security is found in God alone and not in anyone's spouse or child.*

(Luke 20:27-38)

- Do I look to God for hope for the future?
- Am I able to rest my hopes and dreams in God's hands?
- Am I happy being single and find fulfillment with Jesus?
- Am I happy being married and not co-dependent on my spouse or children to fulfill my happiness but seek out fulfillment with Jesus?
- Am I being fulfilled with Jesus?
- Am I seeking security in Jesus alone?



Dear Lord,

Help me to look to You for hope and dreams for the future. Help me to be happy either single or married finding fulfillment with You alone. Help me understand You are the only one who can fulfill me completely now and forever. Amen.

First Reading**Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2 (JB)****2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 (JB)**

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

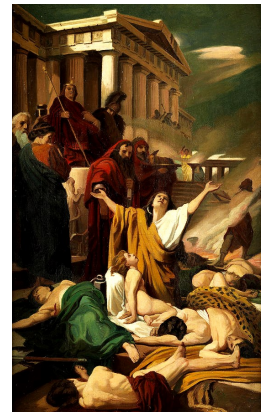
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.****Second Reading****2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5 (JB)**

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 20:27-38 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, November 6

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Psalm 17:5-6, 8, 15
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

They are the ones who will rise. (Luke 20:36)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were able to get a glimpse of heaven before we died? To experience, if only for a few moments, the grace of being fully united to our heavenly Father would radically change us. Our worldly attachments would fade, and our determination to live a life pleasing to God would grow.

Since we can't take a "round-trip" to heaven, we'll never know what's it's actually like until we get there. But we can put our faith in what Jesus tells the Sadducees in today's Gospel reading. While he provides only a small glimpse of the resurrected life, he leaves no doubt that "the dead will rise" (Luke 20:35, 37). So even without knowing more, we can place our hope in the reality of the resurrection and develop a true longing for the life that Jesus has promised us.

How would such a yearning for heaven change us? Just look at today's first reading of the woman and her seven sons who were tortured and killed for refusing to violate God's laws (2 Maccabees 7). Each of them was able to face their executioners bravely because they knew, without a doubt, that God would restore them to life again. Death wasn't the end for them.

You can have courage too, as long as you keep your eyes fixed on your eternal destiny. As you place your hope in the life to come, your problems will shrink in size and your hardships will become easier to bear. Not only that, but all your actions and decisions will be directed toward that one goal of union with God forever.

Today at Mass, try to surrender your earthly concerns to the Lord and focus instead on the life that God has promised you. Then ask him to give you a deep longing for heaven, one that casts away fear and brings you lasting hope and peace.

"Jesus, help me keep my eyes fixed on you and your promises."

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 37)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

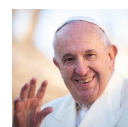
- Monday 7 Readings: Titus 1:1-9. Lk 17:1-6.
R: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
- Tuesday 8 Readings: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14. Lk 17:7-10.
R: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.
- Wednesday 9 Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Jn 2:13-22.
R: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
- Thursday 10 Readings: Philemon 7-20. Lk 17:20-25.
R: Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.
St Leo the Great, pope, doctor.
- Friday 11 Readings: 2 Jn 4-9. Lk 17:26-37.
R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
St Martin of Tours, bishop.
- Saturday 12 Readings: 3 Jn 5-8. Lk 18:1-8.
R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.
St Josaphat, bishop, martyr.

Source: Ordo 2022

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
O God, who from living and chosen stones
Prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
Increase in your church the spirit of grace
You have bestowed
So that by new growth your faithful people
May build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2022 CHILDREN WHO SUFFER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. 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.

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

9th November

For all of your wise words of wisdom, and for all of the joy and light you bring to the lives of so many, we want to thank you for all of your dedication and kindness.



Many happy returns to you, dearest Father David, and here's to many more.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Brother Mario Yong Ching

9th November 1991 - 31 years

Congratulations and best wishes on the Anniversary of your Religious profession.

The parish of St Benedict's give thanks to the Lord for Brother Mario's vocation and his faithful commitment to the Lord.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Psalm 84:5

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

NOW AVAILABLE \$10 EACH

Now available at the Church Sacristy entry. Thank you for your support which has enabled Columbans to provide hope for the poorest of people where Columbans missionaries work.



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!



Prizes!



CATECHIST NEWS

Welcome to all families joining in our Children's Mass this Sunday.

This weekend we recognised the years of service as a Catechist provided by:

Delel Touma (40 years) and

Paula and Paul El-Chaar (15 years each)

with a Mass and presentation at our Diocesan Cathedral in Waitara. We thank these Catechists for their time and dedication and congratulate them on their awards!

Lyla Abood's family was also presented a posthumous award for Lyla's 45 years of service as a Catechist.

The end of year is approaching quickly, please note the final SRE (Scripture) dates –

Arcadia PS – Wednesday 23rd November

Galston PS and Glenorie PS – Wednesday 30th November

Hillside PS – Friday 2nd December

Middle Dural PS – TBC

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@bbccatholic.org.au

A small Catechist meeting was held this week. Thanks to Mary for providing a tasty lunch!

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



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.





GCEA

PRAYER LUNCHEON



Saturday 12th November | 12pm | Gulston Uniting Church
| RSVP to gef65@hotmail.com by 9/11 | Donations welcome

THE CHOSEN: SEASON 3 COMMENCES

The next series of The Chosen is here! The Chosen is a crowd-funded project of multiple movies of the life of Jesus, giving us a fresh perspective on the Gospel stories and inviting us deeper into our friendship with Jesus. Seasons 1 and 2 each contain 8 episodes, and they are freely available.

For Season 3, Episodes 1 and 2 can be initially viewed at selected cinemas from November 18- 22. Afterwards, the episodes will also be made freely available.

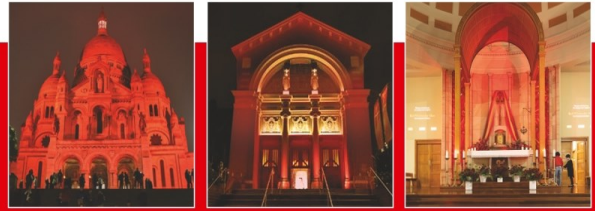
[Find Season 3 cinema viewing times here](#)

(including Chatswood, Warringah Mall and Erina cinemas in Broken Bay)

[View Season 1 and Season 2 movies here](#)

RED WEDNESDAY

STAND UP FOR FAITH & FREEDOM



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer St Chatswood
7:30pm, Wednesday 23 November 2022

All are invited to Mass to remember and pray for persecuted Christians around the world, including our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Celebrant:
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay



INFORMATION:
evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.

SUPPORTED BY:



LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY The Feast of Christ the King

Pope Francis invites dioceses around the world to celebrate World Youth Day at local gatherings on the Feast of Christ the King.

We invite you to join us, on Saturday 19 November. The day will consist of:

- Optional pilgrimage from St Agatha's Pennant Hills to OLOR Cathedral. The group will gather in the carpark at 1.45 pm and leaving at 2 pm. There will be a short stop for prayer at Haeden Park from 2.40 pm to 3.00 pm – those who wish for a shorter walk can join the pilgrimage here at 2.40 pm. The pilgrimage will then continue and arrive at the cathedral at 4.15 pm.
- From 4.30 to 4.50 pm, there will be a time of prayer and testimony inside the Cathedral.
- The Cathedral Vigil Mass will occur at 5 pm.
- From 6 pm to 8 pm there will be a festival time for youth, young adults and, families with live music, free food, games and stalls.

Please contact the EBB team at evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au if you and/or your community have any questions. If you wish to assist at the Mass, please also let us know so that we can contact you to make arrangements.

Evangelisation Broken Bay hopes that you will be able to join us, and the youth of the Diocese, on 19 November to celebrate Diocesan World Youth Day.

LOCAL WYD

The Feast of Christ the King

**SATURDAY
19 NOVEMBER**

2PM Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral from Pennant Hills

4:30PM Worship & Testimony

5PM Vigil Mass of the Feast of Christ the King, Hornsby Cathedral

6PM Community Festival Time with live music, a food truck and games!

8PM Event Concludes

Register Here:



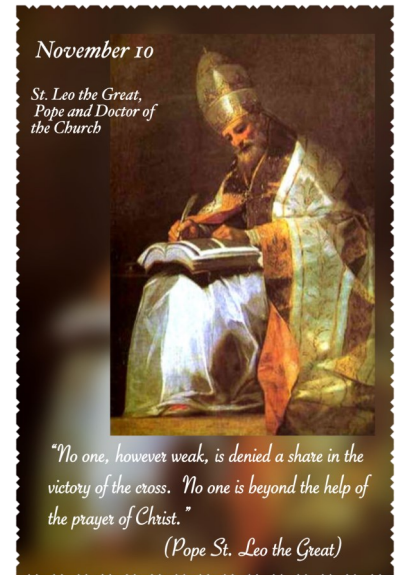
For enquiries:
evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

**Saint Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor
c. Late 4th Century—461**

Feast Day: November 10

Patron Saint of popes and confessors

**A Pope vigorously exercises his universal
ministry and defines Christ's divinity**



History has so far conferred on just two popes the title of “Great,” and today’s saint is one of them. Leo the Great’s origins are obscure, so nothing is known with certainty of his early life. He was, though, ordained into Holy Orders and rose to prominence as a papal advisor in the 420s. He corresponded with eminent theologians and acted as a papal emissary before he was elected Bishop of Rome in 440. Leo was a pope’s pope. He expanded the power and influence of the papacy at every opportunity.

The Church’s earliest theological tradition rooted Rome’s primacy in the double martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul in the eternal city. No other city could claim to have been sanctified by the blood of two martyrs. Pope Leo, however, emphasized what was to become a more dominant argument for papal supremacy—that the pope’s authority is not rooted merely on the historical fact that Peter and Paul died on Roman ground but on the theological fact that the Bishop of Rome occupies the Chair of Saint Peter.

By word and action, Leo repeatedly taught that the pope’s power was unequalled and without borders, that the pope was the head of all the world’s bishops, and that every bishop could have direct recourse to the pope, and not just to the local archbishop, in disputed matters. Pope Leo thus accelerated an existing tendency consolidating church governance and authority under a Roman umbrella. Regional or even local decision-making by individual dioceses or groups of dioceses did occur. But in important theological, moral, or legal matters that affected the entire church, every bishop rotated in a steady orbit within the powerful gravitational field of Rome. Pope Leo also enacted a more aggressive papal role directly overseeing and enforcing discipline over bishops, intervening in and settling disputes. The Catholic Church is not an international federation of dioceses, after all. It needs a strong center of gravity to ensure that centrifugal forces do not unwind the universal church into a galaxy of independent national churches, united in name only.

Nowhere was Leo’s authority exercised more clearly and successfully than at the Council of Chalcedon in 451. The theological issue at stake concerned Christ’s divinity. Some theologians in the East were espousing the Monophysite heresy, which argued that Christ had only one divine nature. The Council consisted of six hundred bishops from the Eastern Roman Empire, with a handful from Africa. Leo sent three legates from Italy who were treated with all honor and respect as representatives of Peter’s successor. They read out loud to the Council Fathers the “Tome of Leo” on the Incarnation. The pope’s words laid out, with force, clarity, and eloquence, that Jesus Christ had both a divine and a human nature “without confusion or admixture.” When the legates finished reading, the bishops’ common response to the pope’s words was “This is the faith of the fathers; this is the faith of the apostles...Let anyone who believes otherwise be anathema. Peter has spoken through the mouth of Leo.” The Tome of Leo from then on became the teaching of the Catholic Church. If Christ were not truly man, or not truly God, the babe in the manger would be just another child whose birth was no more worthy of celebration than that of Julius Caesar, Gandhi, or Marco Polo. Pope Leo the Great saved Christmas.

In 452 Pope Leo entered the history books when he rendezvoused with Attila the Hun in Northern Italy, convincing him not to sack Rome. A legend says that Attila turned back because he saw Saints Peter and Paul standing right behind Leo. Pope Leo governed the Church as the Western Roman Empire was slowly disintegrating. He was courageous in alleviating poverty, protecting Rome from invaders, and maintaining Rome’s Christian heritage. While outstanding as an effective and practical leader, Pope Leo is most known for the concision, depth, and clarity of his sermons and letters, for which he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1754. He was the first pope, after Saint Peter himself, buried in Saint Peter’s Basilica. His remains lie under a beautiful marble relief sculpture of his famous meeting with Attila.

Pope Saint Leo the Great, give to the Pope and all bishops pastoral hearts, sharp minds, and courageous wills, so that they may lead the Church by personal example, by correct teaching, and by their caring little for worldly criticism. Amen.


Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

12/11/22 to 13/11/22

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader1	Sr Carol T	Kath M	Ava M
Reader2	Matt W	Judy H	Teresa G
Prayers	Maria G	Paula E	Emma M
TV		Tyrone E	
Music		Melanie H	
Music		Helen F	
Music		Keith W	
Music		Robin B	
Morning Tea		Mary A	
 FLOWERS	Hannah A	<i>Thank you for the beautiful flowers all the volunteers have been organising!</i>	

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.

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Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.