

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



13 & 14 November 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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.**

FR HILARION WRITES



Dear friends in Christ,

Next Sunday 19th November, on the Feast of Christ the King, we honour Rev. Fr. Alberic Jacovone osb, OAM, as he celebrates the 60th Anniversary of his Priestly ordination at 10.30am Holy Mass. All are welcome to honour this great son of Sts. Benedict and Sylvester, a great missionary monk, who laboured in NSW all his priestly life and still continues to do his bit for the Good Lord.

On the 28th of November we begin the season of Advent to prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus. On the 5th of December at 10.30 am Holy Mass, we welcome our children who attend public schools and home schooling, with their parents and family for a bit of early Christmas celebrations.

On 11th of December (Saturday) at 10.30 am, we celebrate healing and anointing Holy Mass for the sick, house-bound and elderly with a bit of Christmas flavour. (If anyone needs transport, please inform the parish office).

On the 18th December (Saturday) we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 2pm. On that weekend (18th and 19th December) we will hold a mini-fete, as we missed all parish fund raising events during the lockdowns.

Your attendance and support will be highly appreciated.
Thanks and God's blessings! Dom Hilarion OSB

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES 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

Daniel 12:1-3 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (JB)

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mark 13:24-32

There is no escaping the apocalyptic writings in the Bible. We need to come to terms with the fact that some of what we read is dark and scary, bringing us face to face with the prospect of trials, tribulation and turmoil, both on earth and in the heavens.

We can nevertheless discern a consolation at the heart of such passages that overcomes the terror and darkness, which is the coming of Jesus, the Son of Man. Borrowing the image of God's deliverance from Daniel (Dan.7:13-14), Mark leaves us in no doubt that one day the world will end. No one knows when: not the Church, not the Son, but only the Father (v.32).

Drawing on all the wisdom of the ages which it teaches with authority, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, 'Since the Ascension Christ's coming has been imminent even though "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority". This coming...could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are delayed' (para. 673).

St Bernard of Clairvaux explained Christ's three comings: first, the incarnation; second, his return to earth; and third, his coming into our lives and hearts. We rejoice in his first coming and long for his second. Perhaps if we prayed and longed for Christ's Second Coming more, we would help to usher it in. Imagine, we could play some part in his return! Jesus urges us to be on our guard and keep watch (v.33-36). But what are we to guard and keep watch over? Our minds, hearts and lives, but also time.

St Augustine said, 'Time is a threefold present: the present as we experience it the past as a present-memory, and the future as an expectation.' In guarding and keeping watch over our time we learn to put our lives at God's service, striving to live in his presence, with a growing awareness that the Lord will return, wrap up time and history, and usher in the eternal kingdom of God.

'Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.' (Pope John XXIII)

(Source: Bible Alive UK—Daily Reflections pg. 33).

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	November 15, 2021:	St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
Tuesday	November 16, 2021:	St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude
Wednesday	November 17, 2021:	St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Thursday	November 18, 2021:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

Source: Ordo 2021

WHY GO TO MASS? (continued from last week).

11. You get rid of many dangers and misfortunes you might fall into if it weren't for Holy Mass.
12. Also remember that you shorten your Purgatory with it.
13. With each Mass you will increase your degrees of glory in Heaven. In it you receive the blessing of the priest, which God ratifies in heaven.
14. To him who hears Mass every day, God will deliver him from a tragic death and the Guardian Angel will take into account the steps he takes to go to Mass, and God will reward him in his death.
15. During the Mass you kneel in the midst of a multitude of angels invisibly attending the Holy Sacrifice with extreme reverence.
16. When we hear mass in honor of a particular Saint, giving thanks to God for the favours given to that Saint, we can only gain his protection and special love, for the honor, joy and happiness that our good work is Follows him.
17. Every day we hear Mass, it would be nice if in addition to other intentions, we were to honor the Saint of the Day.
18. 18. Mass is the greatest gift that can be offered to the Lord for souls, to remove them from purgatory, deliver them from their sorrows and lead them to joy of glory. - Saint Bernard of Sena.
19. Whoever hears Mass, makes prayer, gives alms or prays for the souls of Purgatory, works for his own advantage. - St. Augustine.
20. For every Mass held or heard with devotion, many souls leave Purgatory, and those left there are lessened sorrows they suffer. - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope.

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

PARISH FUNDS

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.



NEW GIVING APP

A new online App to assist Parish giving Parish Giving Broken Bay is a newly developed digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers weekly giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections.

Straightforward, modern and easy to use, you can:

- give regular weekly offerings to 1st and 2nd Collection
- donate to Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB)
- see readings of the day;
- find Mass times and Livestream information;
- discover Catholic news highlights.

The App is available on desktop or mobile at www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving

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.

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!



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 fundraising.

Update on our new puzzles that have just come in. Are you looking for a Christmas, communion, or any other present. Puzzles are 500 pieces \$25. I will be selling these to raise money for our local parish St Benedict Arcadia. The supplier will donate \$13 from every puzzle sold. Please private message me to place an order on the new or our older puzzles (limited stock we still have). Thankyou.



Lila Bacha Phone: 0418 360 024

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.



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

#RedWednesday

Red Wednesday is an annual event to remember and pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed for their Christian faith. Churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need.

The Diocese of Broken Bay will mark this occasion with a Red Wednesday Mass. Details are as follows:

Date: **Wednesday 24 November 2021**
Time: 7:30pm Mass
Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church,
94 Archer St Chatswood
Celebrant: Fr David Ranson VG

Registration for the Mass is essential. Please register at www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday

The Mass will also be live streamed, and can be accessed from this webpage.

Take a prayer card from the back of the church to join in prayer for Christians persecuted around the world. Please consider supporting the work of Aid to the Church in Need at <https://aidtochurch.org/>



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.



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay



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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 Gertrude the Great, Virgin
C. 1256—1302

Feast Day: November 16



Patron Saint of nuns and of the Diocese of Magdeburg, Germany

Incandescent visions of Christ drew her into the deep

Today's saint, known as Saint Gertrude the Great, is one of the most provocative spiritual writers in the long and rich history of the Church. When just a child, she was placed in the care of Benedictine nuns, perhaps because of her parents' early deaths. The high walls surrounding the cloister broadened the young girl's mind, instead of confining it. For Gertrude, as for so many women of her era restricted by custom to narrow cultural lanes, a monastery-sponsored education amidst a self-governing community of women was superior to the forms of life otherwise available to them. Gertrude flourished in religious life and became well versed in the humanities, theology, and Latin, a language which she showed mastery of in her spiritual writings. At the age of twenty-five, Sister Gertrude had a jarring spiritual experience which would divide her life dramatically into two halves, "before" and "after." "Before," Gertrude was a faithful nun but overly interested in secular writers and knowledge for knowledge's sake. "After," she buried her head in Scripture, read widely in the Fathers of the Church, and melted under the high-amperage gaze beaming at her from the eyes of Christ.

Gertrude struggled to convey in words the richness of her spiritual experiences. A distillation of her visions covers five volumes known in English as the *Revelations of Saint Gertrude*. Metaphors, adjectives, and other superlatives flow from our saint's pen on page after page as she tries to capture the incandescent mystery of what she sees, hears, and feels. In a heavy, syrupy style common to her era, Saint Gertrude oozes about the intense love of Christ for mankind as symbolized by His Sacred Heart. More than three centuries before the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in France, Saint Gertrude had visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus! In one vision, Saint John the Evangelist placed Gertrude close to Christ's wounded side, where she could feel His pulsating heart. Gertrude asks John why he did not reveal the mystery of Christ's loving heart to mankind. Saint John responds that his duty was to reveal the very person of Christ, but it was for later ages, colder and more arid in their love of God, to discover His Sacred Heart.

Gertrude lived a "nuptial mysticism" in which she was Christ's bride and the Mass was the wedding banquet at which a chaste self-giving consummated the sacred bond of lover and beloved. Gertrude's vowed virginity was the proof and basis of her enduring commitment to Christ, a promise made in the company of His mother, Mary, and all the angels and saints. Gertrude composed her spiritual diaries at the express command of her spouse, Christ. Their hymns, prayers, and reflections also show a profound concern for the holy souls in purgatory. Gertrude continually begged Christ's mercy on them, and Christ responded that merely petitioning for the release of such souls was sufficient for Him to grant the favor.

In Gertrude's visions, Jesus speaks to her almost exclusively at Mass and during the Liturgy of the Hours. This is consoling. Most Catholics meet Christ more through the Sacraments than through books, so Christ appearing in priestly vestments, holding a chalice, or standing at an altar is absolutely congruent with our experience of Sunday Mass. Apart from her writings, few details of Gertrude's life are known. She left virtually no footprint besides her life of quiet fidelity as a contemplative nun. Like John the Baptist, she decreased so the Lord could increase. Gertrude's alluring private revelations became common spiritual reading among the saints of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and continue to fire the imagination of all who read them today.

Saint Gertrude, as we turn the pages of your mystical revelations, we meet the true Christ, so powerful yet so close to us in His Sacred Heart. May we respond as you did to Jesus' invitation and dedicate our lives totally to Him. AMEN.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

PARISH:

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December 2021: 7pm & 11.30pm (*Midnight Mass*)
Christmas Day Saturday 25th December 2021: 9am
25th December 2021: 10.30am (*Latin Mass*)
25th December 2021: 7pm (*Vigil for The Holy Family*)
New Years Day Saturday 1st January 2022: 7pm

MONASTERY:

Christmas Day Friday 25th December 2021: 7am
New Year Day Saturday 1st January 2022: 7am



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 SAFETY RULES

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 2sqms 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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