

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia



### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

**12 & 13 NOVEMBER 2022**

#### PARISH Masses

##### Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil  
Sunday 9:00am  
Sunday 10:30am

##### Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

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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

#### 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

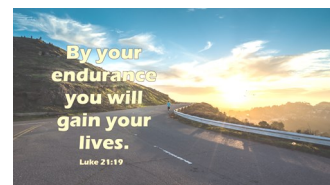
*Let us pray:*

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.**

#### REFLECTION - ENDURANCE

**Sunday's Gospel** Jesus speaks about the end of time, and the destruction of the temple. That temple is replaced by the spirit within us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a living hope. We will endure as children of God, dependent on God's grace alone. (Luke 21:5-19)

- Do I believe the end of time is near every time the media brings us news of disaster?
- Am I afraid or do I just trust in God?
- Do I believe Jesus will give me the words of wisdom when I am questioned about my faith?
- Do I believe that God's grace will be with me when I am tested with suffering?
- Do I have the gift of strong faith that will see me through and endure whatever may come, whenever it happens?



**Dear Lord,**

**We live in risky times. Help me not to be fearful or weak when I am being tested and persecuted for your sake. Help me have peace, faith, strength and endurance with whatever may come my way. Help me not to be afraid but to trust in You always. Amen.**

**First Reading****Malachi 3:19-20 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**The word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.****Second Reading****2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 (JB)**

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

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL****Luke 21:5-19 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.'

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, November 13  
Malachi 3:19-20  
Psalm 98:5-9  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

*By your perseverance you will secure your lives. (Luke 21:19)*

Apocalyptic readings in Scripture can be frightening, but passages like today's Gospel can also fill us with hope. Today, we read about Jesus teaching in the Temple, surrounded by all its grandeur. For the Jewish people, the Temple was a sacred place. It stood as a reminder that God had chosen Israel as his own. So when Jesus warned, "There will not be left a stone upon another stone," his message troubled his listeners (Luke 21:6).

But Jesus wasn't just predicting the destruction of Jerusalem (which actually took place in AD 70). He was also unveiling a spiritual reality. Like the prophet Jeremiah centuries before him, Jesus was warning the people not to place all their confidence on the Temple alone (see Jeremiah 7:1-7). Rather than placing their hope in bricks and mortar, they needed to look to the God who inhabits the Temple.

It wasn't just the Temple, either. Jesus also foretold earthquakes, famines, wars, and persecutions. Nations would fall; good health, peace, and stability would collapse. Everything the people relied on—everything we rely on—would one day pass away. Only God lasts forever.

So where's the hope? By exposing the lie that says security comes from money, status, or well-being, Jesus is pointing us to what does last: heaven. Because he loves us, he is warning us not to rely on fleeting things that will only disappoint us. As much as we enjoy the consolations and blessings of life on earth, they can't possibly compare to heaven!

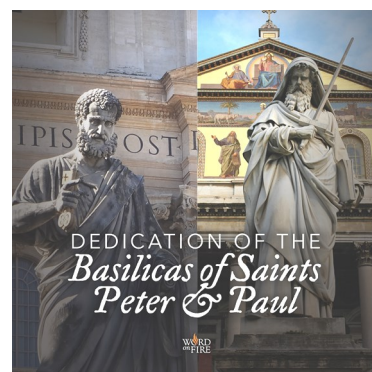
That's the hope: Jesus is showing us the greatness of our God and the glory of the life to come. He's opening our eyes to the only One who lasts: our faithful God. With him, we find everlasting life. That's why, as we persevere and cling to him, we will "secure our lives" (Luke 21:19).

*"Lord, my hope is in you!"*

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 44)

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

- Monday 14 Readings: Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Lk 18:35-43  
**R:** Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.
- Tuesday 15 Readings: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22. Lk 19:1-10.  
**R:** The one who is victorious I will sit beside me on my throne.  
**St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor.**
- Wednesday 16 Rev 4:1-11. Lk 19:11-28.  
**R:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!  
**St Margaret of Scotland. St Gertrude, virgin.**
- Thursday 17 Readings: Rev 5:1-10. Lk 19:41-44.  
**R:** The lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
**St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious.**
- Friday 18 Readings: Rev 10:8-11. Lk 19:45-48.  
**R:** How sweet to my taste is your promise!
- Saturday 19 Readings: 3 Jn 5-8. Lk 18:1-8.  
**R:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
**Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles.**



Source: Ordo 2022

## 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org)

Enquires to Ann Bergman: [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or

Ann Lomas : [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) 9653 2637

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#### HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING

Pray, Discern & Act: Pray, Discern & Act with us as we seek God's guidance in our lives!

This is a time for us to reflect on God's call in our lives, and to seek His will for our lives.

Special guest speakers, **Sr Josie & Sr Jennifer.**

Do you want to learn how to listen to God and be more attentive to His will for your life? Join us for Holy Hour, a special conversation and of course, a delicious bite to eat. You won't regret it!



**Friday November 18, 6pm**

**Holy Name Parish Wahroonga**

**35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga 2076**

RSVP to: [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au) message or phone: 0418 522 449



#### 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 Columban's 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, 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!**



## CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to all involved in the Children's Mass last weekend.

**Final SRE (Scripture) dates:**

Arcadia PS: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Galston PS & Glenorie PS: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Hillside PS: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Middle Dural PS: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

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](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au)

This year our Catechist Christmas dinner will be held at Rose Granata's house on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All current and past Catechists are invited to attend. Please RSVP to myself or Rose.

Being a Catechist is a very rewarding ministry, if anyone is interested in being a Catechist or helper for next year, please contact me or talk to Fr Shansana or Paula in the parish office.

God bless,

Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL**  
(previously known as CWF—Charitable Works Fund)



Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay. We have two major Pastoral Works appeals each year – **November and May**.

**Where does your donation go and who does it help?**

The key focus for our Pastoral Works appeals will be the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners**.

More than 750 volunteer catechists (Catholic religion teachers) in our Diocese who have received specialised training, provide religious education to the 14,000 Catholic students attending public schools in our local parish communities. This is a vital evangelisation role, and a vibrant, enriching and rewarding ministry. The quality of catechists in the Diocese is second to none, many of whom have provided years of dedicated service. Our team has a wealth of experience and an undeniable desire to share their faith with the children and young people they teach.

Your donations support the **training of catechists and the development of teaching and learning materials, including multi-media resources. CCD does not receive government funding, so we are always grateful for your generosity and ongoing support.**

Our **Hospital Chaplaincy** is not always widely acknowledged – unless you find yourself directly involved. It is such an important ministry, providing comfort and care, and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation. Our chaplains are also a great source of consolation to families and loved ones.

Along with other external contributors, our pastoral works **provides assistance to students with disability** achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

In our current financial climate with living costs very much on everyone's mind, it can be difficult to look for that little bit extra for a charitable cause. However charity is not just about giving away old stuff, and volunteering when you have time. It is a continuous effort to make life a little better for others. Perhaps it is not about what we can give but what we are willing to give.

Whatever your donation it will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

"For many in our community, your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives, and introducing young people to our faith," Bishop Anthony Randazzo said in supporting the November Appeal.

"My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus.

"My thanks to you and your family for your ongoing support so that together we can make a difference in the life of another."

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in your parish which can be completed and returned to the parish or you can go online by scanning the QR code



and visiting [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks)

***Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7***

## ***Saint Margaret of Scotland***

**c. 1045—1093**

***Feast Day: November 16***



***Patron Saint of Scotland, large families, and parents who have lost children  
A foreign-born royal becomes queen and inspires by her refinement and devotion***

In the early eleventh century, a Danish Viking named Canute reigned as King of England. Canute exiled his potential rivals from an Anglo-Saxon royal family. One of these exiles, Edward, made his way to Hungary, married, and had a daughter named Margaret who grew up in a well-educated, royal, Catholic home. Margaret's father eventually returned to England at the request of the king, his uncle Saint Edward the Confessor, and he brought his family with him, including Margaret. But Edward died shortly after coming home, leaving Margaret fatherless, and then Edward the Confessor died without an heir. War broke out. In 1066 at the Battle of Hastings, the Anglo-Saxon English lost to the Norman French. Margaret and her siblings were displaced to Scotland, far away from French efforts to eradicate Anglo-Saxon royals who had claims to the English throne. Thus was the circuitous route by which a woman of English blood who grew up in Hungary is commemorated today as Saint Margaret of Scotland.

Saint Margaret was known to her contemporaries as an educated, refined, and pious woman. She married a Scottish King named Malcolm who was far more rustic than herself. He could not even read. The earliest *Life* of Margaret, written by a monk who personally knew her, states that Malcolm depended on his wife's sage advice and admired her prayerfulness. According to Margaret's biographer, Malcolm saw "that Christ truly dwelt in her heart...What she rejected, he rejected...what she loved, he, for love of her, loved too." Malcolm embellished Margaret's devotional books with gold and silver. One of these books, a selection of Gospel passages with illuminated miniatures of the four Evangelists, still exists and is preserved in an English museum. King Malcolm and Queen Margaret, along with their six sons and two daughters, truly created a domestic church centered on Christ. One son, David, became a national hero as King of Scotland and is popularly referred to as a saint.



Margaret's presence infused the unsophisticated, rural, Scottish court with culture. She brought her more Roman experiences of Church life with her to Scotland, and so pulled the Scottish Church into conformity with Roman and continental practice regarding the dating and observance of Lent and Easter. She encouraged the faithful to more fully observe Sunday by not working and, like so many medieval royals, she was also a prolific foundress of monasteries, including one she intended to be the burial place for Scottish kings and queens. Margaret was known for her concern for the poor, for dedicating hours a day to prayer and spiritual reading, and for her skill in embroidering vestments and church linens.

Saint Margaret died, not yet fifty years old, just a few days after she was informed that her husband and son were killed in battle. Margaret and Malcolm were buried together under the high altar of a monastery. Devotion to the holy queen began soon after her death, and she was canonized in 1250.

*Saint Margaret of Scotland, you were the model of a virtuous queen who cared for both the spiritual and material welfare of your people. Inspire all leaders to give personal witness to holiness so that, through their leadership role, they inspire their people to be more virtuous.*



Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

<b>NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY</b> <b>NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER</b> <b>19/11/22 to 20/11/22</b> <b>FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR C</b>			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	
Reader1	Teresa G	Melanie H	Gebran A
Reader2	Miriam B	Lorraine D	Miriam Y
Prayers	Sr Carol T	Peter G	Joseph Y
TV		Sebastian W	Joshua A
Music		Karina S	GREGORIAN CHOIR
Music		Noelle T	
Music		John T	
Music			
Morning Tea		Rosie S	
 <b>FLOWERS</b>	Rose G	<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.

#### OFFICE HOURS:

**Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm**

#### Website:

**www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia**

#### Facebook:

**stbenedictsarcadia**

#### Parish Office:

**9653 2312**

#### Monastery:

**9653 1159**

#### Email:

**arcadia.parish@bigpond.com**

#### Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

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**CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

#### Parish Administrator:

**Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB**

#### Email:

**sanshanasamarasinghe@yahoo.com**

#### After hours:

**0437 884 233**

#### Address:

**2 Fagans Road,  
Arcadia NSW 2159**

**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety  
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#### Postal address:

**121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia NSW 2159**

**Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**