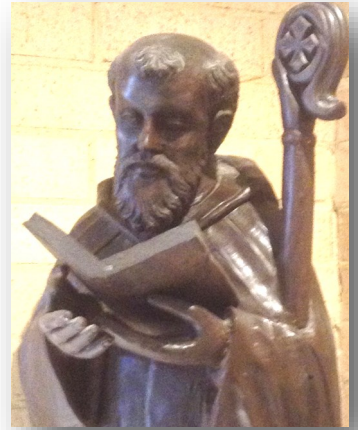


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Engage in prayer frequently*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 and 26 August 2018

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18  
*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

*This is the great mystery,  
it applies to Christ and the Church.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John 6:60-69

*Lord, whom shall we go to?  
You have the words of everlasting life.*

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm  
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am

### Weekday Mass

Daily at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Wednesday at Parish Church 9:30am

### Special Masses at the Parish

#### Monthly Mass

1st Friday of the month 7:00pm

#### Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month 9:00am

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm

**Liturgy of the Word** invites all children to attend during 9:00am Mass.

**Baptisms** are celebrated at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please see Father Bernard.

**Reconciliation** is on every Friday evening at the Parish Church from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and available by appointment.

**For the sick** who require a priest, please call Father Bernard.

**Marriages** by appointment, please see Father Bernard.

**Funerals** to be arranged through Father Bernard.

### Liturgy of the Hours

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel at the following times:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6pm	Evening prayer
8pm	Night prayer

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1 September

We are faced with the devastating effects of climate change as we have seen through extreme drought in Australia and floods in Kerala, India. The need to care for our creation is even more urgent today. On 1 September, Christian Churches all over the world will be celebrating the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on **1 September**, and the Season of Creation between **1 September** and **4 October** - the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We pray that all people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. For further information and resources please visit [SeasonsofCreation.org](http://SeasonsofCreation.org).

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay are holding Listening and Dialogue sessions so that all can contribute towards the Plenary Council 2020.

Keep up to date at  
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

The next ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FETE will be on  
**Sunday, 10 March 2019**

### Liturgy of Commitment and Care

To officially begin Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay, the Liturgy of Commitment and Care will be held on **Tuesday, 4 September at 7pm** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**.

The Liturgy is an opportunity for all to commit to ensuring a culture of safety and care prevails in all our Parish communities. A letter introducing Safeguarding Month from the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Dr David Ranson, is available at the front entrance to the Church.

### WHY ARE WE INVOLVED IN A MOVEMENT FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY?

Come and hear Rev Professor Gerard Kelly speak at Warnervale Parish, Mary MacKillop Drive off 91 Sparks Road, **Wednesday 29 August at 7pm**.

Rev Professor Gerard Kelly is a priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney, and a lecturer in Theology at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. For over twenty years he has been involved in local ecumenical dialogues. He is currently the co-chair of the Australian Lutheran Roman Catholic dialogue. He is also the chair of the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) and a member of the NCCA Assembly.

### Lectio Divina

*read meditate pray contemplate*

*Is anyone interested in meeting on a regular basis to pray through Scripture?*

Proposed times and days:  
**every second and fourth Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 10am.**  
Start date to be confirmed.

Sandra m. 0410 587 735  
e. [arcadia.parish@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.parish@bigpond.com)

### In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome into God's family ~ all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister) & Sr Monica.

## Migrant & Refugee Sunday - 26 August

*Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating  
Migrants and Refugees*

This Sunday is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. A copy of the Migrant and Refugee Sunday toolkit, published by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, is available at the front entrance to the Church.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING:** Training will be available for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist following 9am Mass this Sunday.

**FATIMA COMMITTEE MEETING:** All Committee members are asked to attend the next Fatima Committee meeting - please note change of day.

Date **Wednesday, 29 August**  
Time 7pm  
Where Parish Meeting Room.

Visitors are welcome.

**A PASTORAL LETTER FROM MOST REV COLUMBA  
MACBETH-GREEN, BISHOP OF WILCANNIA FORBES,**  
regarding the drought is available at the front entrance to the Church. Please continue to pray for those affected by drought.

God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and  
give us life

And Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us

We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with  
favour on our drought stricken land

Our starving animals and failing produce

Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and  
all those affected by this drought

In your loving providence send abundant rain soon

And renew the faith of your people and the face of our  
land

We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who  
gives new life to all living things

Amen

### CATECHIST NEWS

"SRE (Special Religious Education) supports the Australian Government's values for Australian schooling and the NSW Department of Education's Wellbeing Framework for Schools which states:

'The NSW Department of Education is committed to creating quality learning opportunities for children and young people. This includes strengthening their cognitive, physical, social, emotional and spiritual development.' The framework says: 'Spiritual wellbeing relates to our sense of meaning and purpose.'  
Alison Newell CCD Diocese of Broken Bay

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist or being a helper, please contact Fr Bernard or myself.

God bless, Miriam Brown 9652 0558  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

### JOHN L ALLEN LECTURE AND DINNER

Date **7 September**

Venue Villa Maia Parish Hall, Cnr Mary St & Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill

Time 7 for 7.30pm Cost \$60

Topic "Pope Francis and His Critics" - A Vatican Insider's View.

Ph. 9990 7003 e.catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

### MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE RETREATS

**BENEDICT'S TOOLS FOR PEACE 8 September**

**TEN PLACES** have been reserved for St Benedict's parishioners: if you would like to join us or find out more about this retreat day please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 by Friday, 31 August. 10am-3pm Gold coin donation; morning tea provided, bring your own lunch.

### MEETINGS this week

Sunday	10am	Eucharistic Minister training
Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Tuesday	7.30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Wednesday	7pm	Fatima Committee
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

The **ROSTER** is available and can be collected from the sacristy.

### OPEN DAY - Sunday, 9 September 2018

St Aloysius' College

Junior School (Yrs 3 to 6) 9.30am -12pm 29 Burton St, Milsons Point  
Senior School (Yrs 7 to 12) 10.30am -1pm, 47 Upper Pitt Street, Milsons Point.

For further information contact the Registrar : ph. 9936 5535

## Office of Safeguarding– Broken Bay

“A child-focused complaints process is an important strategy for helping children and others in institutions to make complaints.”  
(Final Report 2017, Royal Commission)

This means

- ◊The process is not slow in addressing the concern/complaint
- ◊Children know who to speak to if they have a concern/complaint
- ◊Children are listened to, they are believed, they are supported and
- ◊Children feel comfortable and empowered by the complaints process

For more information contact the Office of Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 1-2 September

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul El Char
R1	Teresa Gambino	<b>Children's</b>
R2	Miriam Brown	<b>Mass</b>
P	Margaret Bensley	
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Trish Shipley
EM	Mary Camilleri	Jim Shipley
EM		Marisa Quattrocchi
EM		Margaret Florian
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		N/a
CL2		N/a
MT		Catechists
CT		Peter Goodwin & Lyla
WEL		Jessie & Bernadette

**PLAYGROUP** Mondays during school term(s)

**Monday, 27 August** LIVVI'S PLACE, KELLYVILLE

**Monday, 3 September** BAKING AND BOATS: Come along

for a morning of baking cookies and making boats!

RSVP by Thursday, 30 August. Gold coin donation.

Please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 if you would

like to join us.

10am-12noon

## Gospel reading for Next Week

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

***You forget the commandments of God, and hold on to human tradition***

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### TRADITIONAL OWNERS

St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia, acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting  
7.30pm Tuesday, 4 September

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm

Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883

Email: arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com

Website: www.arcadia.dbb.org.au

*For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.*