

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Desire eternal life with all spiritual yearning*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 and 9 September 2018

### First Reading

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7**  
*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened  
and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 145:7-10**  
**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

### Second Reading

**A reading from the letter of  
St James 2:1-5**  
*Has not God chosen the poor of the world  
to inherit the kingdom?*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.**  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark 7:31-37**  
*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

### **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

## Child Protection Sunday - 9 September

We pray for the parish community in which our children are nurtured. May we treasure our children, be vigilant and fearless in protecting them from harm, and live as a community in which all may speak boldly.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - REACHING COMMUNITIES WHO SPEAK LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH:

Thank you for your tremendous support of the Plenary Council process, enabling our people in Broken Bay to have their say toward the Plenary Council as we shape the agenda through *Listening and Dialogue Sessions*.

Our parishes and schools have begun to hold listening sessions for parishioners, St Vincent de Paul groups, ministry groups, school staff and students.

We are pleased to share that our Listening & Dialogue Guide is now also available in CHINESE, ITALIAN and KOREAN. We pray that this resource will enable those who might otherwise have found it challenging to find their voice in the Plenary Council dialogue, to more readily participate and to have their voices heard.

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

These resources are now available on the diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/plenary-council/our-resources>

### SAVE THE DATE!

**1 November 2018:** Annual Broken Bay Charity Race Day, The Entertainment Ground, Gosford  
**10 March 2019:** St Benedict's Parish Fete

### Season of Creation 1 September to 4 October

Christian Churches all over the world will be celebrating 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 [SeasonofCreation.org](http://SeasonofCreation.org).

### MOVING FORWARD IN SOLIDARITY WITH

#### SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: Our hearts are wounded.

So why are we still here? An evening of prayerful affirmation of solidarity with people who have experienced abuse, and a forum to explore the issues. Special Guests: Thea and Neil Ormerod, authors of *When Ministers Sin: Sexual Abuse in the Churches*.

Date **Wednesday, 19 September at 7.15pm**

Venue St Anthony of the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills. A project of the Frenches Forest Catholic Parish Solidarity Group.

Enquiries: Carmel and Tony Smith on 0412 532 657 Anne Lanyon 0408 279 871

## Lectio Divina

*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.parity@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.parity@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 & Freya Sunderland.

**CHILDREN'S MASS** IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH CHILDREN'S MASS ONCE A MONTH DURING SCHOOL TERM? This involves organising readers and prayers of the faithful. If so, please contact the office on 9653 2312 or see Sandra after Mass.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:** At each mass this weekend Kathryn Endicott will be speaking about the work of Catholic Mission and asking for your support.

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers of St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

Freecall: 1800 257 296      catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

The **2018 DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR GAMES**

will be held on **Sunday, 21 October** at St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge. Open to any young singer from Year 2 to Year 12. Registration opens at 12.30pm, followed by workshops and rehearsals plus a break for socialising. Families and friends are invited to join the action at 3pm and watch the choirs compete. Afternoon tea for all will be provided after the Games. Registration \$5 per singer  
Places are limited - please RSVP to music@ins.org.au or 9958 8846.

**VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA- MAKE A WHEEL DIFFERENCE!**

It's not just teachers - Mission also needs mechanics, tools and trades! What skills can you share with our neighbours? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. Right now, the community of Mawlmayine, Myanmar requires a volunteer mechanic to provide mentoring and support for local livelihood programs.

For more mission opportunities, visit [palms.org.au/volunteer](http://palms.org.au/volunteer). Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)

**CATECHIST NEWS** A big thanks to those who helped to organise the Children's Mass last week! We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group! If you would like to be involved, please call the parish office 9653 2312.

Also thanks to Fr Bernard for presenting a thought-provoking reflection at our Catechist meeting, encouraging us to see prayer in a different light. Thanks to those who were able to attend, we are planning on doing something similar at our next meeting.

As St Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 *"I did the planting (of the seed of faith), Apollos did the watering, but God made things grow. Neither the planter nor the waterer matters: only God, who makes things grow. It is all one who does the planting and who does the watering, and each will duly be paid according to his share in the work. We are fellow workers with God; you are God's farm, God's building."* As Catechists we join with St Paul in planting and watering this seed of faith in the children we teach.

If you would like to be involved in being 'fellow workers with God' in the local primary schools either as a Catechist or a helper, please contact Fr Bernard or myself. Please keep in prayer all our Catechists especially Lyla Abood at this time.

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

**PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR DAY:** to celebrate Pastoral Care Week 2018, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our Pastoral Care Seminar Day on **Wednesday 24 October** between 9am and 3pm. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick. All are very welcome to attend, including: Priests, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors, Religious and Social Workers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Our special guest presenter will be Sr Maryanne Confoy RSC.

Venue Caroline Chisholm Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills. For enquiries: Denis O'Brien on 0439 009 932. To register your attendance please send an email by 15 October to [denis.obrien@catholicareddb.org.au](mailto:denis.obrien@catholicareddb.org.au)

**MEETINGS** this week 10 to 14 September

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Tuesday	7.30pm	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

That consecrated religious men and women may  
bestir themselves, and be present among the poor,  
the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

# Safeguarding Month - September 2018

'Communities of Safety and Care'

The children, young and vulnerable people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay must be kept safe.

# Gospel reading for Next Week

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

*You are the Christ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...



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## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 15-16 September

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Cascun	Gebzan Azzi
R2	Mary Camilleri	Helen Facione
P	Miriam Brown	Jo-Ann Mathyi
AS		
EM	Pip Gibian	Jessie Guiana
EM	Angela Scotti	Nigel Morgan
EM		Bernadette Watt
EM		Liliana Nati
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		Peter Bellew
CL2		Teresa Gambino
MT		Karen De Souza
CT		Bernadette & Margaret
WEL		Jessie

## PLAYGROUP Mondays during school term(s)

Please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 if you would like to join us. 10am-12noon

### 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, 2 October

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