

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
8 & 9 October 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 - BEING GRATEFUL

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says....

"Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'" Luke 17:14-19

- Do I sometimes forget to thank people when they help me?
- Do I remember to thank God when He helps me?
- Do I know the importance to give thanks to God?
- What things am I grateful for?
- How can I be more grateful to God for what He has done for me?



Dear Lord,
I am thankful for your forgiveness when I am ungrateful. You never take back your gifts or punish me. I thank you for my well-being today and for my relationships with others. I thank you for everything you have given me. I am truly grateful. Amen.

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17 (JB)

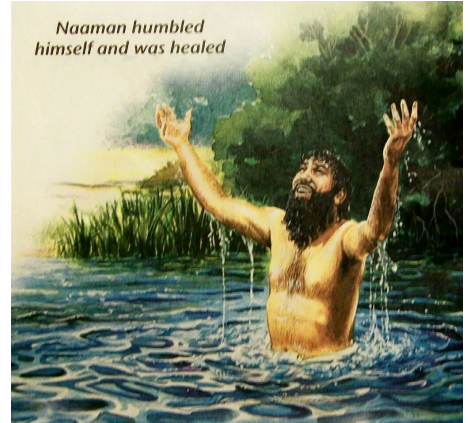
A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

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



Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

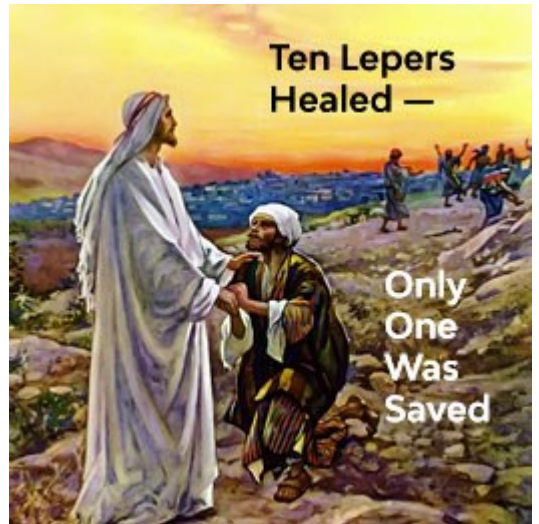
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

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



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, October 9

2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm 98:1-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Your faith has saved you. (Luke 17:19)

Imagine how this Samaritan must have felt when he heard Jesus say these words to him! As a foreigner, he was outside of God's covenant with Israel, and yet this Jewish miracle worker had just assured him of salvation—albeit because of his faith. His heart must have been bursting with gratitude!

But what about his nine friends, who did not return to Jesus? Surely, they had faith as well. What else would compel them to cry out to Jesus for healing or to call him "Master" (Luke 17:13)? Why would they show themselves to the priests if they didn't believe that Jesus would heal them? Of course, they had faith!

But there was something different about this Samaritan. He had the kind of faith that opened him up to worship and gratitude and praise to God. He saw Jesus in a different light than the other nine. Jesus wasn't just a "Master," as in a teacher of spiritual truths. He was a vessel for God's grace. Realizing he was healed, this man knew that God was working through Jesus, and that moved him to return and praise the God who had been so good to him. And that act of worship opened him up to the greatest healing of all: salvation.

Readings like today's can prompt us to examine our faith. Does it include the grateful, joy-filled worship of the Samaritan? Or like the nine, do we limit ourselves mostly to prayers of petition and acts of obedience?

Don't worry; everyone needs to deepen their faith. Just don't think that you have to do it on your own. Worship is a two-way street. Just as deeper faith can lead to more joyous worship, so too can prayers of worship and praise deepen your faith. So, lift your heart to Jesus. Proclaim his greatness. Praise him for his love and mercy. Let your worship—and your faith—help you experience his salvation more and more.

"All praise to you, Jesus, my Savior and my healer!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 9)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 10 Readings: Gal 1 Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1. Lk 11:29-32.
R: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

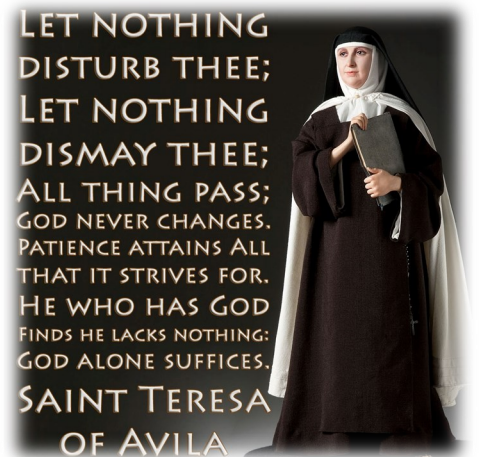
Tuesday 11 Readings: Gal 5:1-6. Lk 11:37-41.
R: Let your loving kindness come to me, O Lord.
St John XXIII, pope.

Wednesday 12 Readings: Gal 5:18-25. Lk 11:42-46.
R: Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Thursday 13 Readings: Eph 1:1-10. Lk 11:47-54.
R: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Friday 14 Readings: Eph 1:11-14. Lk 12:1-7.
R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
St Callistus I, pope, martyr.

Saturday 15 Readings: Eph 1:15-23. Lk 12:8-12.
R: You gave your Son authority over all your creation.
St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor.



Source: Ordo 2022

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2022 A CHURCH OPEN TO EVERYONE

We pray for the church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the gospel, may the church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of Synodality. Amen.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to fulfill the desires of the flesh.

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**

SEPTEMBER 2022

PARISH GIVING TOTAL: \$4,820

LESS PARISH EXPENSES TOTAL: \$4,690

NET PROFIT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022: \$130

This shows how important the second collection is as this is the only money that helps pay all parish expenditure. Your ongoing financial support of the parish through your planned giving and plate collection is greatly appreciated.

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:

Giuseppina Finocchiaro

October 3rd 2022



*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon her,
May he Rest in Peace.
Amen*

***Our prayers and thoughts are with the
Finocchiaro family
and friends.***

(Funeral details to be advised)

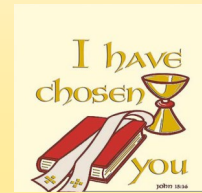
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Father Shansana Samarasinghe

11th October 2007 - 15 years

Congratulations and best wishes on your Anniversary of Priesthood.

Your holy service to the Lord touches so many hearts and inspires so many lives. May God's goodness and kindness be with you on this special day and all the days of your life. God bless you and may He keep you safe in the palm of His hand.



PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR DAY

To celebrate **Pastoral Care Week 2022**, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our **Pastoral Care Seminar Day on Wednesday 26th October** between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. 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, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Our special guest presenter/s will be Rev. Dr. Stephen Robinson / Rev. David Riethmuller.

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

For enquiries please contact:

Denis O'Brien (Acting Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care) on 0439 009 932

To register your attendance please send an email by Wednesday 19th October to:

denis.obrien@catholicaredbb.org.au

(please also note any special dietary requirements)

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 **Giuseppina Finocchiaro**...may they Rest in Peace.



ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Father Alberic Jacovone

11th October 1953 - 69 years

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

The parish of St Benedict's give thanks to the Lord for Father Alberic's vocation and his faithful commitment to the Lord. May God continue to bless and accompany him to be a wonderful instrument in proclaiming His mercy and love.

PARISH FUNDRAISER

This weekend there will be raffle tickets available for fundraising for the parish.

\$5 per ticket. Drawn Sunday 18th December 2022.

To purchase tickets you can use the TapNGo or cash. Tickets are available from: Lila, Robin, Paula and Rosie. Otherwise at the Piety Stall this weekend! Please support our parish.

PIETY STALL



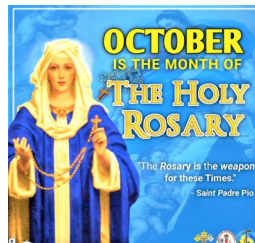
The next piety stall will be held on the Fatima weekend on Saturday night 8th October 2022 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and Sunday 9th October 2022 all day from 9am to 3.30pm. We will also have sweets and cakes.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

ROSARY AFTER WEEKDAY MASSES

We will be reciting the Rosary after the weekday Masses for the month of October. Please join us after Mass.

Father Shansana



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.



CATECHIST NEWS

Welcome back to all Catechists and students. Term 4 commences this week with all SRE (Scripture) classes resuming (Galston resume on the 19th October). I hope all have had an enjoyable holiday break and looking forward to the start of classes again.

'A Reflective Study of the Psalms' presented on Zoom by the CCD commences this Monday 10th October from 10am – 12:15pm. These sessions are available to all parishioners. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

God bless,
Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Coordinator



PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Nick Facione.
Nick's **29th Anniversary** of his death occurs on Tuesday 11th October 2022

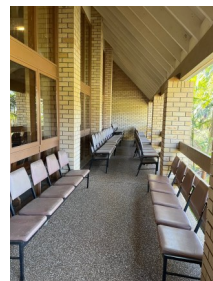
NICK FACIONE



*Eternal Rest grant to him O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon him,
May he Rest in Peace.
Amen*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with
Helen Facione and family.*

CHAIRS GIFTING



If anyone is interested in these chairs for free, 5-seaters attached, please contact the parish office.

We really appreciate the people who donated them so many years ago when the Church was built.

They were very much appreciated.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.





Our Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

WITH MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

Sunday 9th October 2022 at 12:30pm
Here at St Benedict's Parish Church

Beginning with a play about Fatima and recital of the Rosary in five languages, followed by a Procession and Holy Mass.

Anyone wishing to make special petitions to Our Lady, there will be a "PETITION BOX" at the foot of the statue. The petitions will be taken to the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal.

The day will conclude with the cutting of the anniversary cake, & the drawing of raffle prizes. All are invited for refreshments.

All Are Welcome

For Further Details: 0438 521 421

There will be a nine-day "**NOVENA**" held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Fri 30th September, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm (subject to priest availability).



HAVE A CHAT & SHARE A CUPPA WITH AN OLDER PERSON IN YOUR COMMUNITY ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer

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We are seeking volunteers for our Community Visitors Scheme
JUST ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT IS REQUIRED

Would you like to volunteer for an organisation with exceptional values? Are you passionate about achieving positive outcomes for seniors?

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking volunteers for our federally funded Community Visitors Scheme. Our volunteers have flexibility to choose a day and time that suits them, we just ask for a commitment of at least one hour per fortnight. As a volunteer you will support seniors in a local Aged Care facility or in their own home to help improve their quality of life.

Affectionately referred to as CatholicCare's 'friendship program', you will be able to build new connections and positive relationships with someone who will greatly appreciate your company. The time will be spent having a cuppa, going on outings, reading together, listening to music, playing games and other activities. We receive regular requests for volunteers who speak other languages so it's a bonus if you are multilingual! All volunteers are supported with regular check-ins. Can you help? Please call Nicki on 0418 435 304, email:

nicki.bispham@catholiccaredbb.org.au or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/volunteer

Saint Callistus, Pope, Martyr

c. Late Second Century—222

Feast Day: October 14

Patron Saint of Cemetery Workers

A slave takes charge of the premier Roman catacomb and rises to the papacy



Popes owned slaves for centuries to row their boats, cook their meals, and care for their horses and carriages. Kings, nobles, and middle class families owned slaves. It was a ubiquitous institution not necessarily rooted in racism, which was a latecomer as a rationale for enslavement. Rather, prisoners of war and criminals of every skin color were enslaved as alternatives to capital punishment. Others were born into slavery from slave mothers, and still others in desperate circumstances sold themselves into slavery in exchange for food, shelter, and security. Today's saint, according to ancient sources, served as a slave in a Roman home for many years and thus was part of that massive social reality of slavery that not even Saint Paul explicitly condemned in his letter to Philemon. Since he was an intelligent and resourceful servant, Callistus' master put him in charge of his personal bank. But when Callistus lost its deposits, he was blamed and was eventually exiled to the mines of Sardinia. At some point he was released from this hard labor and earned freedom from his slave status.

Pope Zephyrinus, elected in 199, placed the capable Callistus in charge of the most important underground Christian cemetery in Rome. Under Callistus it eventually grew into a sprawling, thirteen mile warren of dark, narrow tunnels lined with tombs chiseled out of the soft tufa stone. 500,000 bodies were encased in its walls! Callistus was so successful in managing the cemetery that it came to bear his name, and bears it still—the Catacombs of Saint Callistus. Besides numerous martyrs, it also houses a famous chapel for nine third-century popes. The Catacombs were ground zero for early Christian devotion in Rome. They were not hiding places from persecution but sacred ground on which to kneel beside a martyr's lifeless body. Saint Jerome himself writes about his regular visits to pray at the martyrs' tombs in the catacombs a century and a half after Callistus expanded them. There were no Viking funerals, Hindu pyres, or urns on the mantle for these early Christians. They believed in the resurrection of the body, as the Church still does. They knew, instinctively, that it was more fitting to bury a body, to keep watch with the dead, than to casually dispose of a body or to bake it like a pie.


The same Pope Zephyrinus ordained Callistus a deacon. Deacons have a tighter bond, theologically, with bishops than with priests. Since the Acts of the Apostles, they were ordained specifically to assist the first bishops, the Apostles. The first three centuries of the Church resound with the names of deacons, such as Saints Lawrence and Vincent, who were martyred alongside the popes and bishops they served. Pope Saint Sixtus II was killed, in fact, along with his coterie of deacons after they were all arrested in the Catacombs of Callistus in 258. In approximately 217, Deacon Callistus was elected the Bishop of Rome, crowning his long and arduous path from slavery to a more exalted form of service to the Divine Master.

Pope Callistus encountered resistance over the perennial third-century theological-pastoral issue of how to reintegrate into the Body of Christ Catholics who had been forced to engage in emperor worship. Callistus held that if God could forgive murder and adultery he could forgive idolatry too. No sin was unforgivable. His bitter enemies, including the first antipope, Hippolytus, considered Callistus too lax and committed their calumnies to writing. This damaged Callistus' reputation into modern times, when scholarship finally called into question the veracity of his enemies' accounts. Saint Callistus' life is not richly detailed, but he died in 222, most likely by martyrdom and, ironically, was not buried in his eponymous Catacomb. His tomb was rediscovered in 1960. His remains were transferred in the ninth century to Rome's Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, which tradition holds was built over, or next to, an earlier church of which Callistus was the patron.

Saint Callistus, you served an earthly master as a slave and a heavenly master as a deacon and pope. You made Christian burial and praying for the dead a defining feature of the Church of Rome. May we honor you in death just as you honored so well your own forebearers in the faith. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass.

DRAFT ROSTER NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW			
NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER			
15/10/22 to 16/10/22			
29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader1	Maria G	Rebecca R	Lorna B
Reader2	Sr Carol T	Gebran A	Matt M
Prayers	Miriam B	Ann L	Miriam Y
TV		Joshua A	Mary A
Music		Mark Q	Mark Q
Music		Marisa Q	
Music		Theresa N	
Music		Keith W	
Morning Tea		Teresa G	
 FLOWERS	Mona M		

Parish Roster

Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it! If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office. We would love the extra help!

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

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Parish Administrator:

Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB

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