

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
17 & 18 September 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 - SERVING TWO MASTERS

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, "No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money." Luke 16:13

- Who, or what do I serve Jesus or money?
- What are some things I am holding on to too tightly?
- Am I giving enough of my gifts, talents and abilities to others?
- How can I show my generosity to others?
- Who will I choose to be my master?
- Am I willing to make God the centre of my life for inner peace?

Dear Lord,

Lord, give me strength for a life full of meaning by choosing you to be in my life. Fill me with your grace so that I will live the values of the Gospel. Help me to have inner peace with Your love in my heart. Amen.



**YOU CANNOT SERVE
BOTH GOD AND MONEY**

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.



Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.



Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, September 18

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

I ask that . . . prayers . . . be offered up for everyone, for kings and for all in authority. (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Pray for kings and other secular leaders? Why would the early Christians want to pray for the Roman authorities who were, at best, suspicious of them and, at worst, their persecutors? Yet St. Paul said such prayer was necessary, not only so that the community of believers might worship the Lord in peace, but also so that these leaders might come to know the Lord (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

This is good advice for us to follow as well. So often we are disturbed by what we see and hear in the news. We might feel anger toward a particular leader or anxious about an uncertain future. We might also feel helpless, thinking that we can't make a difference in the events unfolding all around us.

But we *can* make a difference through "supplications, prayers, [and] petitions" (1 Timothy 2:1). In fact, that's the most powerful thing we can do! God hears our prayers, and through them, he can change hearts, turn situations around, and even bring good out of evil.

Just as importantly, those prayers can change *us*. Sometimes we get into an unhealthy pattern of reacting with anger or resentment when we read the news. Then we risk hardening our hearts, not only toward our leaders, but toward anyone who doesn't agree with our own views. But when we turn to God, he will show us who and what to pray for. He will also help us realize how much he loves all people, even those we consider our "enemies."

Next time you find yourself angry about a leader or a situation, try to let go of the anger and pray instead. The more you do this, the more you'll find your own heart softening. Not only that, but one prayer at a time, you'll be doing your part to change the world!

"Lord, give me the grace to pray for all those in authority."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg 42)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday Readings: Prov 3:27-34. Lk 8:16-18.
St Januarius, bishop, martyr.

Tuesday Readings: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13. Lk 8:19-21.
Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs.

Wednesday Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13. Mt 9:9-13.
St Matthew, apostle, evangelist.



Thursday Readings: Eccl 1:2-11. Lk 9:7-9.

Friday Readings: Eccl 1:2-11. Lk 9:7-9.
St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest.

Saturday Readings: Eccl 11:9-12:8. Lk 9:43-45.

Source: Ordo 2022

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human persons, may be legally abolished in every country.

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: 10002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**.

We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world.

Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching! In just over 44 weeks Bishop Anthony will depart Sydney, along with youth and young adults, to pilgrimage through Italy before heading to Lisbon for WYD 2023.

Expressions of interest for a leadership role are now open!

Chancery and Parish leaders are welcome to apply for a supervisory role in the WYD23 leadership structure. If you would like to be considered for one of the leadership roles, please complete this [form](#).

The expression of interest leadership applications will close on Monday 17th October.

Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/> to read more about the pilgrimage.

If you have any questions, please email wyd@bbcatholic.org.au

ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

St Padre Pio parish Glenmore Park are holding a St Padre Pio Feast day and Blessing by the relic of St Padre Pio.

Date: Sunday 25th September

Time: 10am

Address: 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park.

Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass.



HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING

Pray, Discern & Act

Journey of Discernment

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23
6PM



Holy Name Parish

RSVP to:

Ph: 0418 522 449

vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

35 Billyard Ave,
Wahroonga
NSW



CATHOLIC
VOCATIONS
BROKEN BAY



HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING

Invitation for all young adults to:

Pray, Discern and Act with us as we seek God's guidance in our lives! We will be praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who are discerning their own vocation. This is a time for us to reflect on God's call in our lives, and to seek His will for our lives.

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, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter)**.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially:
Lyla Abood and Queen Elizabeth...may they Rest in Peace.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST DAY

Please join our parish St Benedict's Arcadia to celebrate this wonderful event of Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day. This year will be our 25th Anniversary and it will be celebrated with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Procession followed by Mass.

Date: 9th October 2022
Time: 12.30pm



There will be a nine day Novena prior to the feast day commencing on Friday 30th September 2022 at 6.25pm followed by Mass at 7pm daily until Saturday 8th October 2022.

For further details and if you would like to help in any way please contact the parish office.

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.



CATHOLIC CARE FOSTER CARE

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay are looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home – to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 4320 7700 or visit www.fostering.org.au.



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

Term 3 concludes this week. Wishing all Catechists, students and their families a restful and enjoyable holiday break. Term 4 commences Monday 10th October.

The Ministry Induction training for all new Catechists via Zoom, concludes this week. The final topic is "Lesson Planning – Using Digital Resources" to be held Tuesday 20th September 6:30pm-8:30pm.

The CCD will also be offering 'A Reflective Study of the Psalms' via Zoom commencing this Monday 19th September for all interested parishioners. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

There will be 2 sessions on the first Monday being from 10am to 3pm.

If anyone is interested in attending this training or learning more about becoming a Catechist or helper, please feel free to contact me or talk to Fr Shansana.

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



QUEEN ELIZABETH II (1926-2022)

MEMORIAL MASS



Please join us at our parish St Benedict's on:
Thursday 22nd of September 9.30am Mass.

We will be holding a **Memorial Mass** to honour Queen Elizabeth II.

Everyone welcome to attend.

THANK YOU

The parish would like thank **AnaLiza Magalued** for stitching the altar vestments. It is 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).

SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY

BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together, bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for
more
activity
ideas



bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational entries will be showcased on our Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



SCAN
TO
ENTER



Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.

*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share

bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022

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@catholicareddb.org.au

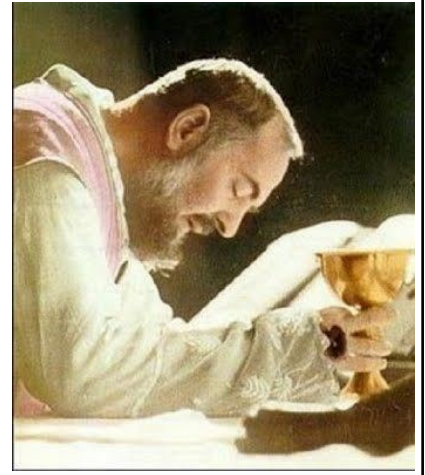
(please also note any special dietary requirements)

St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

(Padre Pio)

1887 - 1968

Feast Day: September 23



Patron Saint of civil defense volunteers and adolescents

A humble friar's love for Christ burns holes through the palms of his hands

Long-married spouses often develop similar patterns of speech. A boy might learn to walk just like his father, and a girl might favor the same hairstyle as her mom. Teenagers in the same cliques dress alike and cut their hair in a similar fashion. It is natural to adopt the traits of the one you love, to mimic their behavior, dress, speech, and habits, consciously or unconsciously. Lover and beloved converge, master and disciple unite, leader and follower bond. Today's saint did not have a reference group apart from Christ Himself. Jesus Christ inhabited every corner of the mind, soul, and imagination of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Pio's life fused with Christ's so totally that Pio's very body bore the marks of his beloved. Not the same haircut, clothes, or gait, but the same nail marks and bloody wounds. Father Pio merged with Christ such that to look upon the friar's hands was to see the crucified palms of the Son of God on Calvary.

Padre Pio grew up dirt poor and uneducated in a village near Naples, Italy, in 1887. Neither his parents nor his grandparents could read or write. He was baptized as Francesco and helped on the family's small plot of land as a boy. The family was deeply religious, in the good, medieval way that perdured in rural, southern Europe far longer than it did in northern lands. Saints, feast days, devotions, processions, fasts, the Mass, angels, saints, the Virgin, and God saturated the atmosphere of Pietrelcina. Little Francesco and his family breathed Catholic air. It entered their bloodstream, circulated in their veins, and oozed out of every corpuscle. When he was about ten years old, Francesco decided to dedicate his life to God as a Franciscan friar. After completing some schooling and being privately tutored, he entered a nearby Franciscan friary at age fifteen. He took the name Pio (Pius) in honor of a saint honored in his hometown. He was ordained a priest in 1910.

Padre Pio lived virtually his entire priestly life at a modest Franciscan friary in the rural town of San Giovanni Rotondo. Beginning in 1918 he began to experience the stigmata, or marks of the sufferings of Christ. He bled where Christ bled. Holes perforated his hands. He had sharp pains in his side. He also began to display supernatural gifts: bilocation, prophecy, miracles, and healings. His personal routine of prayer and mortification was itself stupefying. He did not want his private passion to play out in public, but it did. He became famous in Italy for being holy. Then he became widely known the world over. By the time of his death in 1968, Padre Pio was a bona fide Catholic superstar.

Padre Pio had mystique. That mystique was not rooted in good looks, a chateau on the Côte d'Azur, or in movie roles. It was how he said Mass. People flocked to witness Padre Pio say long, intense, devotional Masses. In the modern world, sin has mystique. It's cool, retrograde, impulsive, and "edgy." A life of sin and vice is seen as more authentic than a life of goodness and virtue, because the sinner does not hide his real self behind a social curtain. Padre Pio hid nothing. He was totally authentic, totally sincere, and totally holy. His life was a rebuke of sin. He did not fake "share" others' burdens by joining them in sin. He entered into the real drama of life by embodying Christ. A true Christian is authentic when he separates himself and his friends from sin, when he creates the mystique of Christ around him, and, like Christ, draws all men to himself.

Saint Pio, your intense love of God was communicated to the faithful in your celebration of Mass, your wise counsel in the confessional, and in your mystical experiences. What was so manifest in you was rare, but lies latent in every priest. Help every priest to be an icon of Christ. Amen.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9AM MASS**

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 24/9/22 to 25/9/22 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorrain D	
Reader1	Sr Carol T	Ann L	Matt W
Reader2	Margaret B	Nigel M	Peter B
Prayers	Maria G	Roza N	Emma M
TV		Roderick R	Sebastian W
Music		Mark Q	Mark Q
Music		Marisa Q	Adam F
Music		Theresa N	
Music			
Morning Tea		Teresa G	

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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9653 1159

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.