

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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
20 & 21 August 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.**

NARROW DOOR - REFLECTION

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." Luke 13:24.

- Will I be saved?
- Will I go to heaven?
- How can I know God will save me?
- Will I be saved when I die?
- Am I working hard to enter the narrow door?
- Am I following all the commandments?
- Am I helping others get in the narrow door?



Dear Lord,

Strengthen our faith, hope and love. Shed Your clear light on our hearts walking the way of Your commandments. May we do with loving hearts what You ask of us. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (JB)

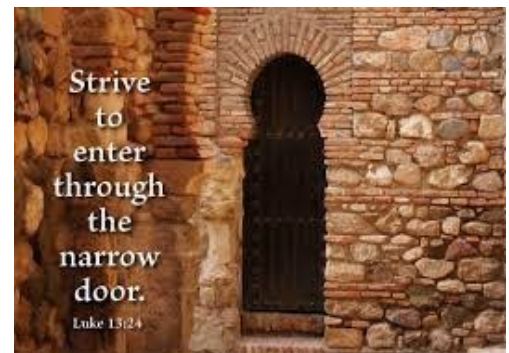
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, August 21

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 117:1-2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. (Luke 13:24)

Have you ever noticed how rarely Jesus gave a direct answer to a direct question? More often than not, he told a parable instead or changed the subject altogether.

Take today's Gospel. Someone asks, "Will only a few people be saved?" (Luke 13:23). Instead of saying, "Yes, and here's how many," or "No, a whole host of people will be saved," Jesus pivots. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate," he responds (Luke 13:24). He warns the people that rather than look for an inside scoop about who is in and who is out of the kingdom of God, they should be concerned about their own hearts.

It's tempting to get caught up in a similar kind of speculation. Will heaven be full or empty? What about hell? How about this person or that person? Will they get in? But Jesus tells us the same thing he told the crowd: don't focus on who is in and who is out. That's for the Lord to decide.

You don't need to know how big heaven is in order to get there. But you do need to follow Jesus' command to love the Lord with your whole heart and to love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:25-28). Do that, and everything else will fall into place.

Of course, as simple as the call to love is, it is also challenging. That's why Jesus says that the gate is narrow. And the love he talks about is not a matter of conjuring up loving feelings but of dedicating ourselves to acts of kindness, mercy, and compassion. It's why he tells us not to get caught up in those times we have failed to love but to rely on the mercy of God to heal us and strengthen us for the next challenge.

So, keep your eyes focused on that narrow gate, and don't get distracted by side concerns or questions. Because the more you love, the easier you will make it for other people to pass through that gate as well.

"Jesus, help me to make loving you and your people my highest goal."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg 21)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday Readings: 2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12. Mt 23:13-22.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday Readings: 2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17. Mt 23:23-26.

St Rose of Lima, virgin.

Wednesday Readings: Rev 21:90-14. Jn 1:45-51.

St Bartholomew, apostle.

Thursday Readings: 1 Cor 1:1-9. Mt 24:42-51.

St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz, priest.

Friday Readings: 1 Cor 1:17-25. Mt 25:1-13.

Saturday Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 25:14-30.

St Monica.



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2022

SMALL BUSINESSES

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

To pray for one's enemies in the love of Christ.

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**

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from

22nd August 2022 reopen Friday 2nd September.

Fr Shansana is contactable on 0437 884 233 for urgent matters.

ORDINATION JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

FATHER DAVID ORR

19th August 1972

50 YEARS JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

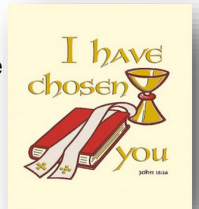
Congratulations and best wishes on your Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood!

Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate Father David's 50th year Jubilee.

Date: Sunday 21st August 2022

Time: 9am Mass

We will celebrate after Mass with cake and morning tea.



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
A BELATED 40TH FOR THE GCEA AT OUR ANNUAL

Spring Dinner

In support of the ministry at Galston High School

17 SEPTEMBER | 6PM
THE GALSTON CLUB
2 course meal, tea & coffee

\$55 Concession | \$65 Adult

RSVP Sept 5th
[www.gcea.org.au](https://events.humanitix.com/gcea-spring-dinner-2022)



GCEA SPRING DINNER

Please join us at the Spring Dinner to support teaching scripture at Galston High School. We have Paul El-char currently teaching there temporarily until they find someone full time. They are raising funds to help support this.

Call the parish office on 9653 2312 if you would like to join a table with some parishioners.



Dear Father David,

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, we pray that Jesus the High Priest will continue to renew, increase, and strengthen in you the graces received at ordination as you carry out his sacred ministry in the Holy Church. Thank you for everything you have done for our parish.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever" (Psalm 23:6)

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) and Mary Camilleri.

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



NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

DIOCESE OF BROOME WA Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** **Placements** are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060
Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
Web: www.broomedioocese.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



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**YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN BISHOP ANTHONY
IN LISBON PORTUGAL, IN AUGUST 2023**

58 weeks 06 days 09 hours 47 minutes 18 seconds

WYD

World Youth Day 2023 is a global gathering of Catholic Youth – and it is just one year away!

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to Italy and onto Lisbon, Portugal where thousands of young people will gather for this amazing event.

There are two Information Nights coming up.

Tuesday 23 August at 6.30pm at The Light of Christ Centre and
Wednesday 24 August at 6.30pm at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah.

It will be a huge night of information the about the pilgrimage, WYD and our journey to Fatima after Lisbon.

Food, fun and facts!

Register at <https://bbwyd.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

We continue with Alison Newell's (CCD Diocesan Coordinator) reflections on the Walking with Jesus curriculum, which we teach in the SRE (Scripture) classes in our Diocese. "The six elements mentioned last week – Recognise, Relate, Respect, Reflect, Respond and Rejoice - not all six elements are used in every lesson plan, but they will be found across each unit of work. They are not used in the same sequence each time. However, the fundamental goal of each unit of work is to elicit from students a discipleship response appropriate to their stage of faith development."

The Ministry Induction training continues to be available to all new Catechists via Zoom on Tuesday evenings 6:30pm-8:30pm. The next session will be this Tuesday 23rd August, the topic is "Lesson Planning: Teaching the Authorised Curriculum" The following topic is "Development of the Child and Adolescent" to be held Tuesday 30th August.

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

VOLUNTEERS COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

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.

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



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CONGRATULATIONS FATHER DAVID!

at 1972.

Ordinations



On Saturday, August 19, in St. Patrick's Church, Asquith, Bishop Dogget, O.F.M., will ordain to the priesthood the first ex-student of St. Leo's College, Wahroonga.

He is Brother David Orr, O.S.B. (above), who enrolled in St. Leo's in 1957, after receiving his early education at Our Lady of the Rosary School, Waitara. Upon completing his Leaving Certificate in 1965 he joined the Benedictine Monastery at Arcadia.

Brother David is the third son (Denis) of Mr. and Mrs. David Orr of St. Ives.

The ordination will be at 10 a.m. and the newly ordained priest will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving the following day at St. Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia, at 2.30 p.m.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Louis, King

Feast Day: August 25

C. 1214 - 1270



***Patron Saint of barbers, groomers, and Saint Louis, Missouri
A king leads in piety, mortification, and faith, and dies crusading for the King of all***

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” ([Mt 16:24](#)). Today’s saint fulfilled Christ’s commandment in two ways. First and most obviously, King Louis IX of France, or Saint Louis, took up his cross by practicing serious physical mortifications his entire life. He wore a hair shirt, fasted, never took God’s name in vain, and would not tell jokes or even laugh on Fridays. Secondly, he had a cloth cross woven onto his tunic and thus became a knight crusader. Louis and countless other medieval knights understood the commandment to “take up their cross” to be fulfilled not merely through physical mortification but by wading into battle with the sign of Christ on their chests. That visible cloth cross boldly proclaimed a man’s commitment to liberating the Holy Land from Muslim control through hard battle.

When Louis was a child his mother told him, “I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should ever commit a mortal sin.” He never forgot her words. After his father’s early death, Louis was crowned, or anointed, king in the quasi-liturgical ceremony whose main elements can still be seen at modern coronations. He married at twenty, and he and his wife had eleven children. He was totally devoted to Christ and the Church. He prayed the breviary every day, attended daily Mass, and constructed stunning churches, including Paris’ Saint Chapelle to house his collection of relics, including the true Cross of Christ. He was so disturbed by the sin of blasphemy that he promulgated a law that all blasphemers be branded on the lips. He waged war against the Cathars of Southern France and, together with the Dominicans and the Inquisition, vanquished their heretical movement.

Louis possessed an elusive charisma that made people not only want to be in his presence but also to touch his person. He was well educated, friendly, curious, and truly humble. Every man was his friend. He invited the quiet Saint Thomas Aquinas, who was studying in Paris at the time, over to dinner for the joy of theological conversation. He promulgated laws respecting the presumption of innocence and due process for everyone. He was, in short, a model Christian king who reigned over a golden century in which France was the largest, most unified, and wealthiest kingdom in Europe.

Despite his fame and the creature comforts of home, Louis made the courageous, if reckless, decision to personally lead two crusades. The first was initially successful but ended disastrously with Louis’s capture and his army being crushed in battle. Only a king’s ransom secured his release. The second crusade he embarked on was even more disastrous. King Louis died of typhus, along with many men in his camp, on the shores of modern Tunisia, having just begun their journey. One of his last acts was to kneel by his bed to receive Holy Communion. He had wanted to die a martyr, or a confessor, for the faith. His desire was not technically fulfilled. But he did give his life sacrificially in the noble, centuries-long, quixotic quest to reconquer Jerusalem and the Holy Land for Christian pilgrimage. He was canonized in 1297.

Saint Louis of France, you were intrepid in your love for Christ and the Church. Impart from heaven to all modern Catholics some of your same daring spirit—to be courageous in living and spreading the faith, to give and not count the cost. Amen.

**THE ROSTER IS READY TO BE COLLECTED
IN THE SACRISTY.**

Parish Roster

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 27/8/22 to 28/8/22 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	
Reader1	Mary C	Melanie H	Teresa G
Reader2	Maria G	Lorraine D	Emma M
Prayers	Sr Carol T	Matt W	Miriam Y
TV		Sebastian W	
Music		Noelle T	Melanie H
Music		John T	Adam F
Music		Karina S	Cameron M
Music			
Morning Tea		Rosie S	

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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9653 1159

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

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.