

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
10 & 11 September 2022

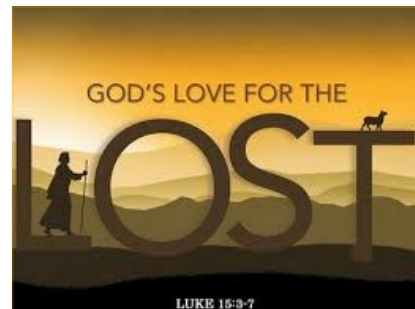
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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.**



WHEN WE ARE LOST - REFLECTION

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, "I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance." Luke 15:7

- Have I wandered away from Jesus just lost?
- Do I allow myself to be real and vulnerable with Jesus?
- Can I let him put me on his shoulders in my weakness?
- Can I pray, "carry me Lord"?
- Can I imagine Jesus going in search of me and finding me?

Dear Lord,

Lord, when I wander away from you, separating myself from your gentle shepherding, and finding myself utterly lost, grant that I may never lack the courage to call on you. Let me never doubt that I am worth searching for. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (JB)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, September 11
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

He ran to his son. (Luke 15:20)

What an image! You can picture Jesus' listeners gasping at his description of a respected, wealthy landowner, advanced in age, hiking up his robes and running to greet his wayward son! In the patriarchal culture of ancient Israel, it would have been humiliating for a father to do such a thing. The child should be the one coming to the father—humble and repentant—while the father stands firm, arms folded, waiting to see what his son has to say for himself. Any father acting as the father in the parable did would have brought scandal to himself and his family.

But "scandal" is a good way to describe Jesus' parable of the prodigal son. Jesus told this story in response to a group of Pharisees who were scandalized by his practice of openly welcoming "sinners" (Luke 15:2). It's as if Jesus' were saying, *You think I'm a cause for scandal? Let me tell you a parable about my heavenly Father and the depths of his mercy!*

God's mercy defies our fallen human logic. Whoever heard of a God who runs to welcome sinners before they have a chance to repent? Or a God who forgives sins that we think are unforgivable? Or a God who rejoices over us even when we give him very little reason to rejoice? But this is your God. His love is unfathomable and free flowing. In a world powered by pride and selfishness, a world that urges retaliation for every single slight, it's downright scandalous.

And it's for *you*. Your heavenly Father loves you completely, and there's nothing you can do to make him stop loving you. There's nothing you can do to make him give up on you—or any of your loved ones.

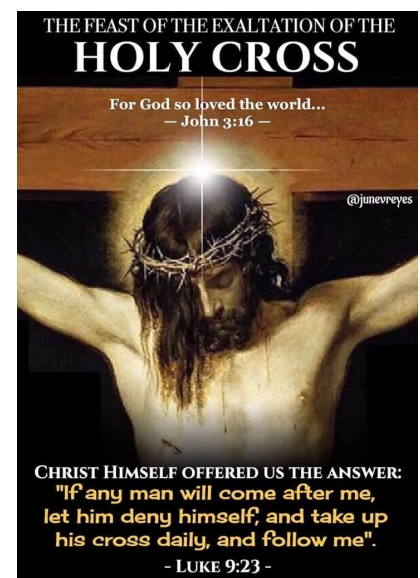
So, let God love you today. Let him run to you and embrace you and shower you with his mercy. Even if it scandalizes you, let that mercy fill your heart and flow out to the people around you.

"Father, thank you for your wondrous, scandalous love!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg 42)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33. Lk 7:1-10.
Tuesday	Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31. Lk 7:11-17. <i>St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor.</i>
Wednesday	Readings: Num 21:4-9. Jn 3:13-17. <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14)</i>
Thursday	Readings: Heb 5:7-9. Jn 19:25-27. <i>Our Lady of Sorrows.</i>
Friday	Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-20. Lk 8:1-3. <i>St Cornelieus, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr</i>
Saturday	Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49. Lk 8:4-15. <i>St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor.</i>



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: 100002141

**Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:
CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Australia-Pacific Region

The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022.

Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

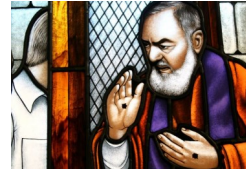
St Padre Pio parish Glenmore Park are holding a St Padre Pio Feast day and Blessing by the relic of St Padre Pio.

Date: Sunday 25th September

Time: 10am

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

Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass.



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-Chaar currently teaching there temporarily until they find someone full time. They are raising funds to help support this great work!

Our Parish St Benedict's already has a few tables booked if you would like to join us please call Paula on 0423 078 282.

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



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, Queen Elizabeth, and the 5th anniversary of Fr Simon...may they Rest in Peace.



PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers for the repose of Father Simon Aloisi
5th Anniversary of his death September 8, 2017
Fr Simon had great devotion to Our Lady and died on the
Feast of her nativity. He is greatly missed.



FATHER SIMON ALOISI



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

ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Father Shansana Samarasinghe 13th September 2000 - 22 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 Shansana'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.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The Parish of St Benedict's and the Diocese of Broken
Bay are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection
of children, young people and people at risk in our
community. Mindful of the theme for National Child
Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all
people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this
area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to all those involved in the Children's Mass
last weekend.

And a final reflection from Alison Newell, the CCD
Diocesan Coordinator. "The focus on education in the
21st Century classroom is on the student (the learner).
The teacher facilitates the students' learning and allows
them to learn through interactive engagement with the
curriculum content through the teacher, the other
students and with the resources which are used to bring
lessons to life."

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
13th September, the topic is "Introduction to the Bible".
The final topic is "Lesson Planning – Using Digital
Resources" to be held Tuesday 20th September.

The CCD will also be offering 'A Reflective Study of the
Psalms' via Zoom commencing on 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



Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

WITH MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

Here at St Benedict's Parish, Sunday 9th October 2022 at 12:30pm
Commences with recital of the Rosary in five languages followed by Mass.

For further information: 0438 521 421

There will be a nine-day "NOVENA" held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting
Fri 30th September 2022. (First Friday Mass will follow)

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.



ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.
Everyone welcome.
For more details call Angela Egiziano.
Ph: 9653 2312.



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@catholicaredbb.org.au (please also note any special dietary requirements)

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay



IT'S FOSTER CARE WEEK
CAN YOU HELP A CHILD FEEL
SAFE, HAPPY & SECURE?

(02) 4320 7700

www.fostering.org.au

FOSTER CARE WEEK

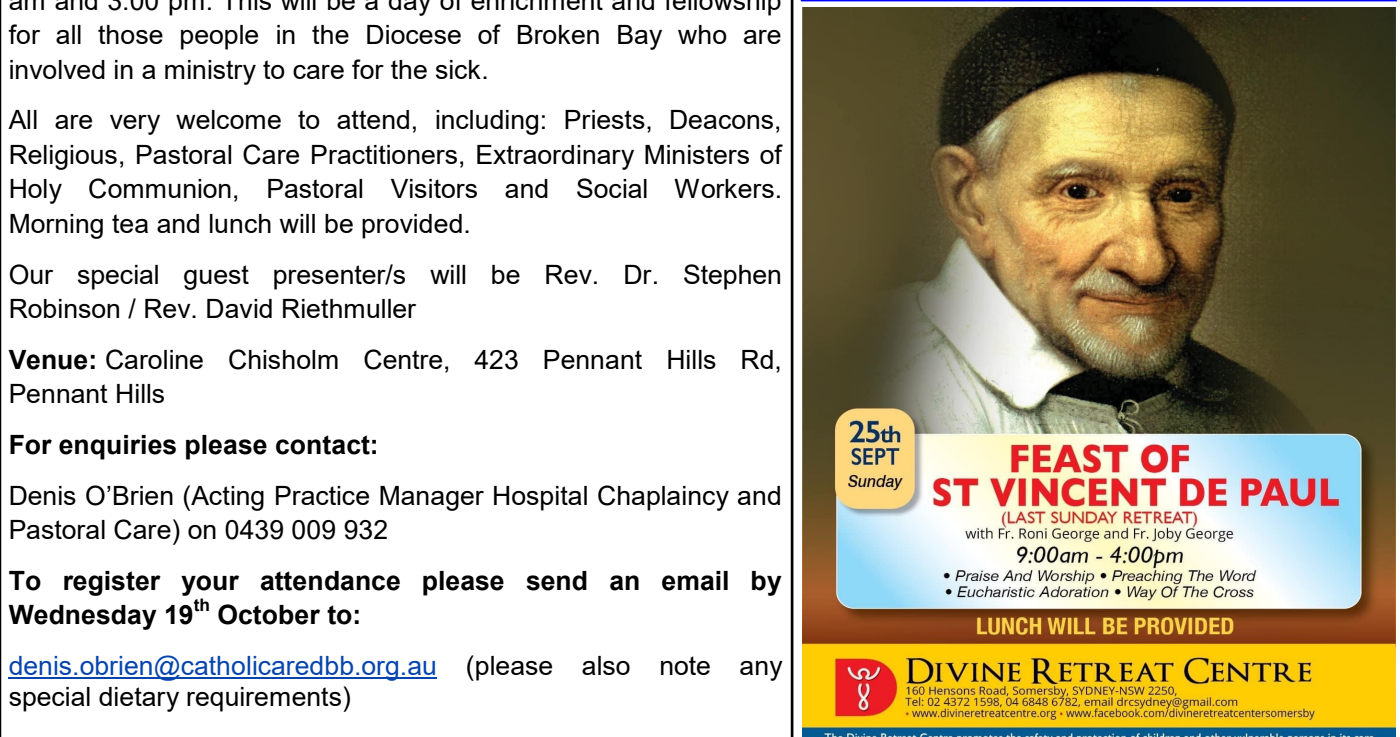
Can You Help A Child Feel Safe, Happy & Secure?

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare believe all children deserve a safe home, and by providing one we can help them build their self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

We 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.



25th
SEPT
Sunday

FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

(LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)

with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George

9:00am - 4:00pm

- Praise And Worship • Preaching The Word
- Eucharistic Adoration • Way Of The Cross

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



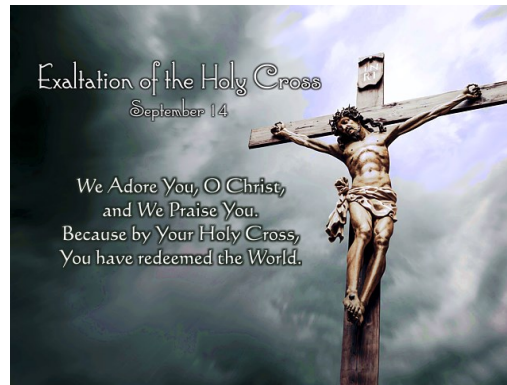
DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE

160 Hensons Road, Somersby, SYDNEY-NSW 2250.
Tel: 02 4372 1598, 04 6848 6782, email drcsydney@gmail.com
www.divineretreatcentre.org www.facebook.com/divineretreatcentersomersby

The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast Day: September 14



A torture device is transformed into a universal symbol of hope and peace

If the Romans had hung criminals from a gibbet, then Catholic churches would display a noose in their sanctuaries instead of a cross. Or a statue of Jesus' lifeless body would be hanging in the sanctuary from a sturdy branch with a rope wrapped tightly around His neck. If the Romans had practiced stoning as their chosen form of capital punishment, then there would be a pile of rocks for the congregation to gaze at in hope, with Jesus' body, bruised and broken, lying lifeless nearby. We are accustomed to the cross. We wear it around our necks, chisel it onto our tombstones, tattoo it onto our arms, and anchor it into rocky mountain peaks. We even top our steeples with the cross and illuminate it at night. The Church has been so spectacularly successful in communicating its truths about suffering and death, about resurrection and life, that we perhaps don't notice that, over long centuries, a device of torture and death has been reinterpreted as the world's greatest symbol of life and peace.

This is the paradox of the cross. Today's feast commemorates the Cross because in spiritual combat with life, the cross lost. A conqueror might plant the head of his decapitated opponent on a spike, a soldier might return from a far-away war with an enemies' flag captured in the heat of battle, or an American Indian might tuck the scalps of his poor victims under his saddle. Trophies of war take many forms. The Cross is Christ's war trophy. The Church exalts the Cross on this liturgical feast because this enemy of life was felled like timber by the Son of God. The Cross was brought low and humbled. It was mocked when Jesus rose from the dead. The Church holds up the Cross to say "Behold what the cross did not do. Behold that life conquers even a cruel and public death."

God's self-emptying started at the incarnation. He humbled himself to walk among us when He restricted Himself to the limitations of His own creatures. God continued to pour Himself out until He climbed onto the wood of the Cross, completing the total self-gift that was His life. Our God is not like a general who sends a subordinate to carry out a dangerous mission, like an absent parent who pays someone else to raise his children, or like a physician who coldly touches his patient's body and then washes in antiseptic. No, our God is like a surgeon who, before he cuts, points to his side and says to the patient with empathy, "I had the same—see my scars." Our God points to the wound in His open side and says, "I too was the victim of evil and death." God bore the Cross and its cruel death so that He could drink from the same bitter cup as man, so that He could enter more fully into the world's sorrow.

Death on the Cross was not preordained. God could have freely chosen other ways to redeem the human race—through intelligence, wisdom, charm, money, or education. But then, to participate in His redemption, we would have to study for a PhD, attend etiquette school, get a good job, earn an excellent wage, or receive good grades. Not everyone can do these things. But everyone *can* die. Death is egalitarian. Everyone does it. So God did it and "so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies," as the graveside prayer states. The Cross, then, is everyone's trophy, raised high with one arm, head cocked to the side. It is in this sense that the Cross is a sign of hope. Because the Cross lost the fight with Christ, death is not the final answer. The Cross says that our God does not answer the question of suffering and death in a partial academic way. He responds in a total human way. He responds with His life. He doesn't explain; He shares. He responds with empathy by taking up His Cross and inviting us to do the same.

Jesus Christ, Your three hours on the Cross gave that wicked device a new meaning. Through contemplation of Your sufferings, may we transform all the wickedness and sin in our lives into something valuable. May we convert evil, transform sin, and, like You, go from death to life. Amen.

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER
17/9/22 to 18/9/22
25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C**

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	
Reader1	Mary C	Rebecca R	Peter B
Reader2	Sr Carol T	Kath M	Lorna B
Prayers	Margaret B	Peter G	Joseph Y
TV		Teresa G	Melanie H
Music		Melanie H	Noelle T
Music		Theresa N	John T
Music		Keith W	Karina S
Music		Jamie L	
Morning Tea		Robin B	

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:

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After hours: 0437 884 233

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Website:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

Facebook:

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Address:

**2 Fagans Road,
Arcadia NSW 2159**

Monastery:

9653 1159

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

Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.