

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)

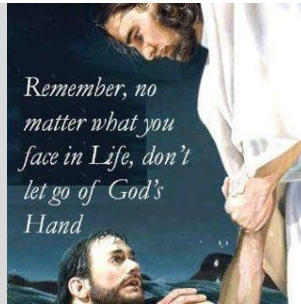
MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C

15 & 16 October 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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.**

REFLECTION - PERSISTENT PRAYER

Sunday's Gospel Jesus told the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow. To pray continually and never give up.

- Am I tempted not to pray and to just give up?
- What is causing me to lose hope and give up?
- Am I always looking for instant answers?
- Do I treat God like the unjust judge?
- Do I see myself as the hopeless widow?
- Do I frequently find myself losing patience?
- Will I pray and not give up?

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should...

**ALWAYS
PRAY
&
NOT
GIVE UP**

Luke 18:1

Dear Lord,
Thank you for being a just, loving and wise God who hears and responds to my prayers in your time. Help me to be patient and not give up even when it looks hopeless. I submit to your perfect wisdom and timing. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13 (JB)

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 (JB)

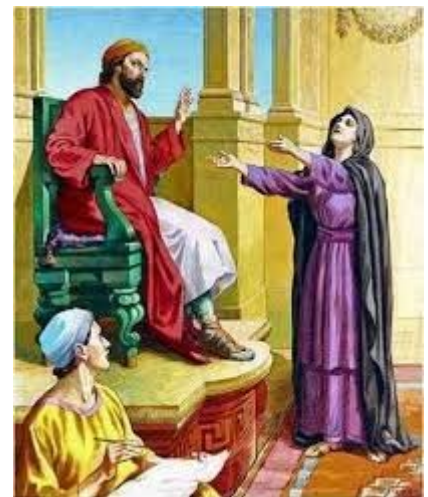
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The word of God is living and active;
 it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, October 16

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm 121:1-8

2 Timothy 3:14–4:2, Luke 18:1-8

Pray always. (Luke 18:1)

Do you want a summary of today's readings? Keep praying! You may need support, like Moses in the first reading, but "Keep praying!" You may need to persevere, like the widow in the Gospel, but "Keep praying!" Why? Because our God is far better than the unjust judge. Our God loves us; he desires our good and promises to answer us.

It sounds so simple: if we just pray hard enough, with enough faith, God will act. He will bring healing or reconciliation or victory over sin—and all will be well. But let's be honest; sometimes it doesn't work that way. Sometimes God is "slow to answer" (Luke 18:7). And sometimes it seems that he doesn't answer us at all.

So how do we handle unanswered prayers? This is one of life's hardest questions. Even Jesus prayed that his "cup" of suffering would pass—and it didn't (Matthew 26:38). He prayed for all believers to be one—and we aren't (John 17:21). Even so, Jesus tells us to pray always and not grow weary because in the end, God will see that justice is done (Luke 18:1, 7).

Perhaps there's more to persisting than praying hard until we get our answer. Maybe it also means clinging to God when he seems distant. Maybe it means praying for a miracle while also surrendering to God's mysterious plan. Maybe persisting looks like Jesus in Gethsemane.

So, like Jesus, we can keep bringing our prayers to God. Like him, we can hold on to God's love and trust him. And like Jesus, we can persist in surrendering to God's ways, even when we don't understand. "Not my will, but yours be done" (Matthew 26:39).

Jesus knows that none of this is easy. But the God who sent angels to comfort Jesus will strengthen you. And one day, he will bring you into his presence. So, until then, keep praying. Trust and hope in the Lord who will make all things new.

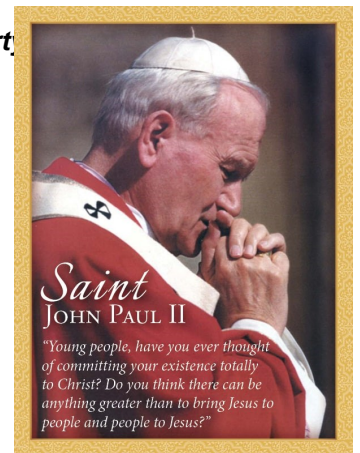
"Lord, in your goodness, answer me."

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 16)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

- Monday 17 Readings: Eph 2:1-10. Lk 12:13-21.
R: The Lord made us, we belong to him.
St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr.
- Tuesday 18 Readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17. Lk 10:1-9
R: Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.
St Luke, evangelist.
- Wednesday 19 Eph 3:2-12. Lk 12:39-48.
R: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, companions, martyrs.
St Paul of the Cross, priest.
- Thursday 20 Readings: Eph 3:14-21. Lk 12:49-53.
R: The earth is full of goodness of the Lord.
- Friday 21 Readings: Eph 4:1-6. Lk 12:54-59.
R: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
St Callistus I, pope, martyr.
- Saturday 22 Readings: Eph 4:7-16. Lk 13:1-9.
R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
St John Paul II, pope.

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
To apply oneself frequently to prayer.

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

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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:



Giuseppina Finocchiaro
RIP October 3rd 2022

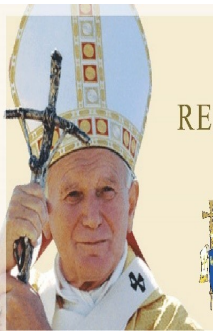


*Eternal Rest grant to her O Lord,
And let the Perpetual light shine upon her,
May he Rest in Peace.
Amen*

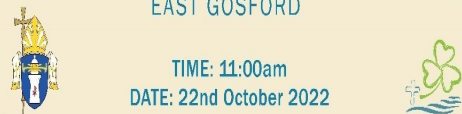
***Our prayers and thoughts are with the
Finocchiaro family
and friends.***

FUNERAL DETAILS:

St Benedict's Parish Church
Wednesday 11am
19th October 2022



INSTALLATION MASS
RELIC of SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II
at St PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
EAST GOSFORD
TIME: 11:00am
DATE: 22nd October 2022



WORLD MISSION DAY

Sunday 23 October

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church run mission programs around the world.

This year, we are invited to support a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society.

Please give generously today to help continue these life-giving programs by donating online at

www.catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

Envelopes are at the parish entrances. Please help out.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



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



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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST DAY

Last Sunday 9th October at our Parish, the sky cleared as we celebrated the most wonderful Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima.

It commenced at 12:30pm with a short play about the story of Fatima. Then Rosary was recited in five languages, followed by a procession in the Parish Grounds and then Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo in the Parish Church. Fr Alberic, Fr Hilarion and Fr Shansana were present also concelebrating Mass with Bishop Anthony.

There was a raffle with prizes and afternoon tea at the end that was enjoyed by all. It was a very beautiful and spiritual day, with about 215 attendees.

Thank you to all those that offered help especially:

*Robert Pirina for the delicious cake,
Cosimo and Michelle Murdocca for the beautiful flowers,
John Belcastro for the rose petals,
Pina Frasca for baking
and Lila Bacha for holding the piety stall and donating cakes.*

May Mary, the Mother of Our Lord Jesus, through her intercession, shower upon us all the beautiful blessings from heaven.

God bless, The Fatima committee



CATECHIST NEWS

How quickly the year is passing! SRE (Scripture) classes resumed this week for the final term of the year. Wishing all students sitting the HSC all the very best over the next weeks!

'A Reflective Study of the Psalms' presented on Zoom by the CCD commenced last Monday 10th October and continues to Monday 28th November from 10am – 12:15pm. These free sessions are available to all parishioners. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

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



PARISH FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets are 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, Rosie and Paula. Please help support our parish.

Prizes include:

Apple IPAD

**Blowdryer and hair care package
and gift hampers.**



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.



Please join us at the
St Madeleine's Dinner Dance



Oatlands House
Friday 4th November 2022

Tickets \$150 each
Tickets can be ordered via
stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com

Payments can be made via
Kenthurst Catholic Church

BSB: 067 950
Acct number: 00000388

Reference Surname/DD in payment details.

If you have questions or queries please
email or call

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986
Kim Parslow 0418 220 963



HOW DO WE PRAY?

A SHORT COURSE

LED BY FR GERARD MORAN, OCD

"For me, prayer is a **surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.**" St. Therese of Lisieux.

In this short course we will look at: "How we pray". We will try to address together the basic questions: What is prayer? Why pray? When do we pray? Where do we pray? With what do we pray?

Each evening will include an input, an opportunity for questions and comments and a short period of praying quietly together.

When: Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9pm on 13, 20, 27 October and 3 November.

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Registration: You can register by emailing the Parish Office, office@corpuschristi.com.au or by calling 9144 6998. This is important for preparing the hall for the event.

Payment: There will be a donation box for people to contribute if they wish.

All who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God are welcome.

CYBB BROKEN BAY YOUNG ADULT BUSHWALK 23 OCTOBER

Spring has sprung and it's a great time to come out, meet some new people and enjoy the glorious sunshine on another CYBB bush walk! This time young adults from all over the diocese are invited to head to Manly to do part of the Manly to Spit Bridge walk. The distance of the walk is achievable for any fitness level and includes some great segments along the ocean. Those who wish to can swim after the bushwalk, so make sure you bring your bathers.

Meet at St Mary's (6 Raglan Street, Manly) on Sunday 23 October for 10.30 Mass, in the carpark at 11.30 after Mass.

Finish time will be 3.30 pm back at St Mary's Manly.

Search Catholic Youth Broken Bay on Facebook for more details.

Holy & Hour Discernment Evening

GUEST SPEAKER
TOM WAUGH

6PM FRIDAY 21,
OCTOBER 2022

HOLY NAME PARISH
35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga 2076



RSVP to: Ph: 0418 522 449 / vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



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CUPPA WITH
AN OLDER
PERSON
IN YOUR
COMMUNITY
ONE HOUR A
FORTNIGHT



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COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

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Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

c. 1694—1775

Feast Day: October 20



Patron Saint of Ovada, Italy, and founder of the Passionists

He was a spiritual marathoner whose “runner’s high” lasted a lifetime

After unsuccessfully living the life of a soldier, today’s saint left the military to live a secluded life of prayer for over five years. But then in 1720, he received a vision instructing him to found a Congregation devoted to Christ’s passion. In 1727 he was ordained a priest by the pope, along with his brother, and novices began to come to his new Congregation in greater numbers. Paul was not a frivolous man, though, and the Congregation’s Rule was grueling.

He and his brethren lived strict austerity, and their ministry focused on preaching the passion to the poor. The new priests did not socialize with people of means and lived as desperately poor as those they served. The effects of poverty encompass more than economic deprivation. Poverty means lack of privacy, bed bugs, rotten teeth, soft apples, little rest, flea-infested clothes, open wounds, infection, putrid water, cold nights, going to bed hungry, violent fights over a handful of coins, lack of hope, and bitterness at one’s own miserable plight. The deep resentment poverty can engender powers the poor man’s emotions over the cliffs of envy and hate.

Living radical poverty, and experiencing life among the poor and their emotional plight, was too much for some of Father Paul’s novices. Rigors such as this were for the few, and many novices abandoned ship. But enough hardy and faithful men remained to enable the new Congregation to succeed. Provisional church approval came in the 1740s on the condition that the Congregation ameliorate its tough-as-nails Rule. Full papal approval for the Congregation came slowly, in 1769. The Congregation’s members were known as the Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They were more simply known as Passionists. All Passionists took a special fourth vow to preach Christ’s passion so that it never faded from the faithful’s memory. The Passionists’ black habits bore the distinctive badge of their brotherhood—a heart emblazoned with the words JESU XPI PASSIO mounted by a white cross with instruments of Christ’s crucifixion displayed below.

Saint Paul of the Cross was so united to the passion that it was said that his heart pulsated more quickly on Fridays. He was a powerful preacher, and both he and the Passionist fathers in general became known as expert retreat masters, confessors, and directors of parish missions. Paul’s heart melted with love for Christ his entire life.

He spent hours in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, never failed to subjugate his body with mortifications and austerities, and was insistent about living radical poverty. Paul seemed to experience a type of spiritual “runner’s high,” something common to many saints known more for their ardor than their originality. As Paul fasted and prayed and lived poverty, it became easier and more joyful for him to fast and pray and live poverty. His virtues gained steam as he rolled through life and as his body sunk deeper and deeper into the person of Christ.

Paul also founded a Congregation of contemplative nuns devoted to the passion. The Passionists remained a relatively small order until they spread beyond Italy in the mid-1800s, including to England, a country which Paul always intended to bring back to the Church. Providentially, it was a Passionist priest, Blessed Dominic Barberi, who received the great Englishman Saint John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church. Saint Paul of the Cross’ legacy is his Congregation more than his few published works. He even developed a reputation as a miracle worker and healer in his old age. He was raised to the altars in 1867.

Saint Paul of the Cross, you lived an exemplary life of poverty, obedience, prayer, and mortification throughout your span of many years. May your followers remain faithful to your charism, and may all priests see in you an example of holiness. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

Parish Roster

DRAFT ROSTER NOW AT SACRISTY WINDOW			
NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER			
22/10/22 to 23/10/22			
29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader1	Miriam B	Matt W	Steve M
Reader2	Mary C	Paula E	Matthew M
Prayers	Sr Carol T	Peter G	Lorna B
TV		Sebastian W	Mary A
Music		Noelle T	Melanie H
Music		John T	
Music		Karina S	
Music			
Morning Tea		Robin B	
 FLOWERS	Tania T		

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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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
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