

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
27 & 28 August 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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.**

HUMILITY - REFLECTION

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesies by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

- What influences us when we invite someone to sit at a social gathering of some kind (e.g., a meal, a lecture, church, wedding)?
- Who would you choose to attend? Someone of high influence or someone who is humble and wants nothing from you?
- When you invite someone do you expect to be invited in return?



Dear Lord,

Help me to choose my seat properly, a lowly place because I am aware of my status. Help me to learn to appreciate and recognise others so I may raise someone up with my words and actions. Amen.

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 (JB)

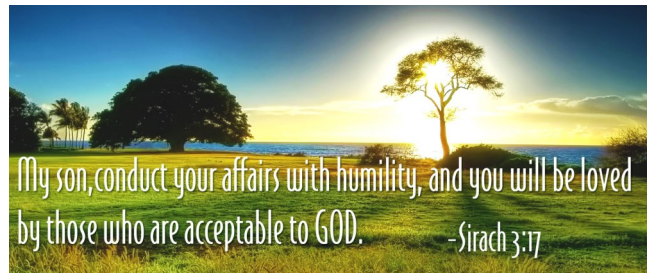
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, August 28
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Take the lowest place. (Luke 14:10)

A wise man once said that humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. That's what both Sirach and Jesus tell us in today's readings. Humility helps us take the spotlight off ourselves. And when we stop putting ourselves first, we become more open to the people around us.

That's what makes humility a key in healthy relationships. It helps us in two ways: we see people differently, and they see us differently. In our first reading, Sirach noticed this link (see 3:17-18). That's why he counseled his son to conduct his affairs with humility. Humble people are better able to see the needs, desires, and struggles of the people around them. Not only that, but there's something attractive about a person who doesn't put himself first. It makes people want to try to connect with them.

Jesus said something similar in his parable about taking the lowest place at a banquet. As we take our attention off what we think we deserve or what we think will make us look good, we stop trying to claim recognition for ourselves. That makes us better able to treat other people with respect and honor. And that opens us to the love that God wants to flow between us.

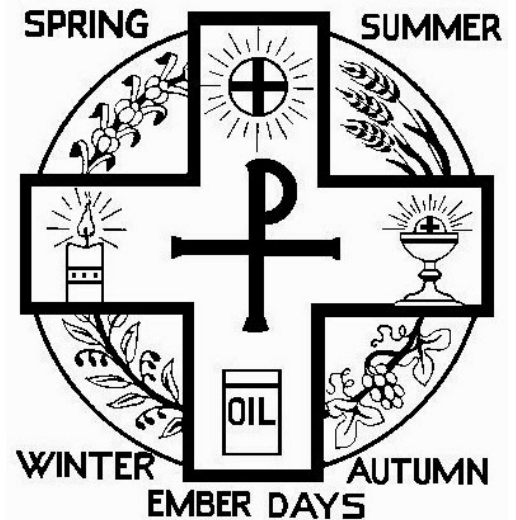
Perhaps you are tempted to think that a humble person is someone who lets other people walk all over them. And who wants to be like that? The truth is, true humility requires great strength. Choosing to put other people ahead of yourself goes against a lot of ingrained habits and self-interest. But it will make you free to love the people around you. And you'll find that this kind of love opens up a curious dynamic: the more you give it away, the more it comes back to you.

"Jesus, help me be humble as you were. I want to be free to choose the lowest place."

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg 28)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	Readings: Jer 1:17-19. Mk 6:17-29. <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr</i>
Tuesday	Readings: 1 Cor 2:10-16. Lk 4:31-37.
Wednesday	Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9. Lk 4:38-44.
Thursday	Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23. Lk 5:1-11. <i>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION.</i>
Friday	Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5. Lk 5:33-39. <i>SPRING EMBER DAY</i>
Saturday	Readings: 1 Cor 4:6-15. Lk 6:1-5. <i>St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor</i>



Source: Ordo 2022

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.



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)

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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.

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

LITURGY OF LAMENT

Join us as we prayerfully acknowledge the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and give public expression to our sorrow.

7:00pm Friday
2nd September 2022
Our Lady of the Rosary
Cathedral, Waitara
Liturgy will be livestreamed
bbcatholic.org.au



ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Father Hilarion Fernando

29th August 1965 - 57 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 Hilarion'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.

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



**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

Further with Alison Newell's (CCD Diocesan Coordinator) reflections on the Walking with Jesus curriculum, which we teach in the SRE (Scripture) classes of our Diocese. "Our lessons plans use symbols which are intended to engage the senses including music and song, objects and pictures, digital material, gesture and movement, smells and sounds. This helps to engage the students in the learning."

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 30th August, the topic is "Development of the Child and Adolescent". The following topic is "Classroom Management" to be held Tuesday 6th September.

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.





BBNeighbourhoods

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Vox Populi

In the current socio-economic climate it is understandable we focus on cost of living increases at the supermarket and at the pump, increasing interest rates, rises in utility costs, inflation and a shortage of a whole range of goods. All these factors are also key determinants of health. Having access to material and social resources and being an active member of society are all important factors for maintaining good health.

However, this week a revised list of humanitarian crises around the world from a number of relief, aid and rescue agencies was jolting.

At certain times during every year the direct impact of international events is brought into sharp focus in our media. It may be violent conflict, political unrest, food insecurity, water scarcity, human trafficking, displaced children and families. The COVID-19 pandemic has alone reversed decades of progress.

This year, 274 million people worldwide are dependent on humanitarian aid.

Aid agencies now rank their humanitarian programs most in need. Some of the countries and regions always seem to be on the list – Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, Somalia and Ethiopia. Others not so familiar such as Central Sahel with the countries of Burkina Feso and Niger.

And more recently Ukraine. The Russian invasion of Ukraine started on 24 February this year.

Official UN figures put the death toll at more than 5,000, wounded at more than 7,000 and an estimated 13 million people displaced inside Ukraine and more than five million people seeking refuge in another country.

Will we ever know the real toll? Or the long-term toll on the mental health of the people of Ukraine?

A further development this week from international political observers – could the next site of Russian-fuelled conflict be Bosnia-Herzegovina?

The issues are complex and occur in areas that great powers either influence or increase their objective to become an even greater force.

We may well ask what can we do here, in our Diocese of Broken Bay that can make any difference.

We can pray.

Our own challenges are many, varied and real, however Bishop Anthony Randazzo has asked we also remember in our prayers the people who cannot complain about the price of food because there is none, or the cost of housing or education because there is none.

He has asked that as missionary disciples we open our hearts in prayer for those living in an often hurtful and neglectful world so different to ours.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Gregory the Great Pope and Doctor

Feast Day: September 3

C. 540-604



Patron Saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers

A gifted nobleman serves Rome, becomes a monk, and then a consequential pope

When your salad is *awesome*, your car *amazing*, and your internet connection is *great*, there's a problem. Overused superlatives diminish their own meaning and crowd the linguistic space reserved for things which are truly *awesome*, *amazing*, and *great*. Today's saint sent the large missionary party that trekked across Europe and converted Saxon England to Catholicism, establishing a culture that endured for almost a millennium. **That's awesome!** He wrote a theological work that was used for centuries by thousands of bishops to help them become more fatherly pastors. **That's amazing!** Gregorian chant is named after him; he is one of the four Latin Fathers of the Church; he was the first pope to use "Servant of the Servants of God" as a papal title; he alone preserved the memory of Saint Benedict with a biography; he made revisions to the content and structure of the Mass which are part of the liturgy until today; and he was the most impactful pope of the long span of centuries from the 500s to the 1000s. **That's great!** These accomplishments thus truly merit the title *Great* with which Saint Gregory has been justly crowned by history.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great was born into a noble Roman family with a history of service to Church and empire. The family home was perched on one of Rome's seven ancient hills, the Caelian, which Via San Gregorio still cuts through today. His father was a Roman senator, although at a time when Italy was in decline and the imperial government was based in Constantinople. Gregory received an education in keeping with his class and became the Prefect of Rome, its highest civil position, in his early thirties. In 579 he was chosen by the pope as his emissary to the emperor's court in Constantinople, primarily to seek the emperor's assistance in protecting Italy from the Lombard tribes that had long ago overrun her.

Gregory was elected the bishop of his home city in 590 and was thus obligated to abandon the quiet life of a monk, which he had been living with some friends for a few years in a small monastery near his family home. In numerous letters which have fortunately been preserved, Pope Gregory, soon after his election, bemoans the loss of his monastic solitude, peaceful recollection, and life of prayer. But he had only been a monk for a few short years.

Gregory's skills as an administrator, honed in his long years of prior civil and church leadership, proved valuable when he sat on the Chair of Saint Peter. He drew into the orbit of papal authority the bishops of France and Spain who had, until then, been operating somewhat autonomously. He secured the allegiance of Italy's northern tribes to orthodox Catholicism, compelling them to abandon the counterfeit Arian Christianity they had held for centuries. And Gregory made the fateful decision to personally organize and promote the great, and highly successful, missionary journey of Saint Augustine of Canterbury to the Kingdom of Kent in England.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great's legacy in liturgy, pastoral doctrine, and miracles left a deep mark on medieval Europe and beyond. The Council of Trent in 1562 mandated the suppression of votive Mass cycles for the dead or for any other need. But the Council Fathers made one exception: The Mass of Saint Gregory, a cycle of thirty Masses on thirty consecutive days for the release of a soul from purgatory, were not suppressed. Almost a thousand years after his death, Gregory's memory was too venerable to suppress. Gregory was an encourager of the encouragers, a bishop who modeled, strengthened, and explained how and why his fellow bishops should be fathers first and lords second.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great, your example of holy leadership, of scholarly practicality, of balance between universal and local concerns, helps all Christians to weigh their many duties in a proper balance and to choose correctly what matters most to God and their own salvation. Amen.

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER
3/9/22 to 4/9/22
23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C**

	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Lorraine D	
Reader1	Maria G	CHILDREN'S MASS	Gebran A
Reader2	Mary C	CHILDREN'S MASS	Ava M
Prayers	Sr Carol T	CHILDREN'S MASS	Matthew M
TV		Roderick R	Joshua A
Music		Mark Q	Mark Q
Music		Keith W	Adam F
Music		Marisa Q	Cameron M
Music		Jamie L	
Morning Tea		Sophie R	

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.