

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

To listen gladly to Holy reading.



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE From BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO:

- Church/Chapel open from Monday 11th October for private prayer and visit to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Reconciliation/Confession by appointment only.
- No public Holy Masses until further notice.

Please contact Father Hilarion for the following:

BAPTISMS RECONCILIATION FOR THE SICK MARRIAGES FUNERALS

- Also contact Father Hilarion for any spiritual assistance or services.
- You can collect the Church key from the Monastery if needed.
- Month of October is Rosary month, you are encouraged to pray the Rosary in Church or at home.

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat
you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

2 & 3 October 2021



A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you already here, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MARRIAGES

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of family life. Shower down your grace on all married people and help them especially in their time of need. May they experience your loving mercy and compassion and especially the fact that you are close to them and ready to understand them. We ask you to forgive them and accept them into your loving care as they turn to you with a repentant and humble heart. We pray to you with faith, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

FR HILARION WRITES

Dear friends in Christ,

Today in the liturgy we are invited to reflect on an important aspect of marriage. God in creating a helpmate, always envisaged a personal and loving relationship between woman and man. We notice today, many experiencing evil and discord, both within and without threatening the marriage by a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy and conflict that can and often does escalate into hatred and eventually separation.



We believe that Marriage is a divine institution. It is a gift of love, intended to live in covenant and unity. In the living of the sacrament of marriage, promised and vowed, there will be failures that the couple has to accept and face. But, we do believe in divine grace as it is said, the family that prays together stays together. Let us pray that all couples receive the gift of being ready to sacrifice themselves for one another, as Jesus shows us through the Cross and Eucharist.

Love and blessings to all our dear families!

Yours in Jesus,

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife,
and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-12 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY REFLECTION

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 128:1-6, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

From the beginning of creation...(Mark 10:6)

"Is it lawful?" some Pharisees quizzed Jesus, hoping to trip him up. Everyone knew Moses had allowed divorce; it was fairly commonplace in Jewish society at the time. But Jesus didn't take their bait. Instead, he redirected them to the Garden of Eden, to a time before Moses, a time before sin entered the world. "from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female...And the two shall become one flesh" (Mark 10:6; see Genesis 1:27). By focusing on what was lawful, these Pharisees were asking the wrong question. The real question was *What did God have in mind?*

It's natural to think small and want specifics: what's allowed and what isn't, who's right and who's wrong. But Jesus wanted his opponents to think bigger, to see God's huge, glorious plan—and he wants to do the same thing for us.

God's intention for marriage is so much greater than doing right and avoiding wrong. It's about creative, faithful, self-giving love. It's about God knitting together a man and woman who are both in need of grace. It's about reflecting the image of God: revealing his perfect love through the everyday, imperfect love of a husband and wife. And it's a beautiful window into the loving, faithful relationship that God desires to have with every one of his children.

Jesus wants to lift our eyes to the greatness of God's plan from the beginning. Our experiences of family love will fall short of this ideal because we are all sinners. But our families can still be beautiful and glorify God. Even troubled marriages and fractured families can still be windows into God's love. As through stained glass, God's love can still shine through us and point toward the One who made us. Because "all things are possible for God" (Mark 10:27).

"Jesus, teach me to love."

(From: Word Among Us, India) - Daily Gospel Reflections.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 4 October 2021:	St Francis of Assisi
Tuesday 5 October 2021:	St Faustina Kowalska, virgin
Wednesday 6 October 2021:	St Bruno, priest
Thursday 7 October 2021:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday 9 October 2021:	St Denis, bishop, martyr and companions, martyrs St John Leonardi, priest

Source: Ordo 2021



Our Lady of the Rosary October 7 – Feast

This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

Prayer:

My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favour which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena: *(Mention your request)*.

I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's Holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

I offer you this spiritual "Bouquet of Roses" because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. AMEN.

This novena is to be said along with a daily Rosary.

SOURCE: ewtn.com

THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

Chapter 4

Not to render cursing for cursing, but rather blessing.

PARISH FUNDS

Important Update

Change of Bank Details

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few weeks. We really appreciate it.

With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected, especially we have not had a fete for two years. Planned Giving, Donations and Electronic Transfers can keep us going during this difficult time. If you are in a position to do so, please consider maintaining your Planned Giving donations.

Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:

BSB: 062 784

Acct: 100002141

Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:

CBA—Catholic Development Fund

God bless you all!

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Gilbert Watt's father:

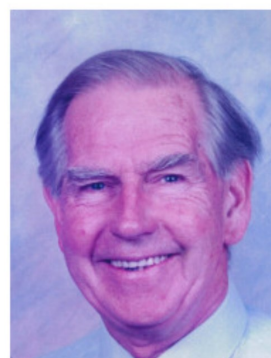


**GILBERT WATT
(senior)**

9/8/1926 - 16/9/21



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



*Our prayers and thoughts are with
Gilbert & Bernadette Watt and family.*

PLENARY COUNCIL

The Plenary Council will meet this week via Microsoft Teams. I will be participating in all the sessions while all can join in daily briefings:

Livestreaming during the first General Assembly

In addition to the daily Masses, the first one hour (approximately) will be livestreamed of the morning plenary sessions. This will include the daily elements of: Acknowledgement of Country, Morning Prayer, Minutes of the previous day and the small groups sharing back to the Plenary from the previous day's discernment.

At this point, the livestreaming will be stopped. Members' individual interventions and ongoing discussion and discernment of the plenary session will not be broadcast. The public will also receive a daily summary of the day's happenings (not the minutes, these will not be made public until the Acta is complete).

All this livestreaming program and related information can be found on the Plenary Council webpage:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Please hold us all in prayer during this most important Council. If anyone would like me to raise any matters you can contact me at davidorr@accsoft.com.au

Fr David osb

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers, all our dearly beloved who have died,
especially Gilbert Watt's father.

We pray for the sick of our Parish,
especially the Kazzi family, Brother Mario, and Theresa Gittany (Lila Bacha's mum).



CATHOLIC CARE BROKEN BAY

Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) **9481 2600** or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

OUR NEW ADDRESS

Hornsby Council have officially given the Church property its own address.

Our official address is: **2 Fagans Road, Arcadia.**

Our postal address remains, 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia.

Please update your records accordingly.

FOSTER CARE WEEK: WE NEED FOSTER CARERS

A struggle that rarely makes news headlines is that of children and young people in our community who are suffering. Many have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare provides essential support, care and stability for these children and young people often affected by abuse and neglect, to enable them to recover and thrive. The reality is though, we just don't have enough carers. If you have a spare bedroom and the time to help, you'll be showing them they haven't been forgotten. We need carers for babies, right through to kids aged 18 years.

Please visit www.fostering.org.au for more information.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

That Catholic Shop is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk.

To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.

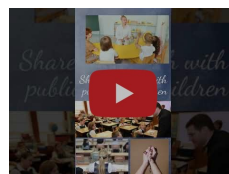
ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH?

If you have ever thought about becoming a catechist, now is a good time to respond and make an enquiry.

CCD is offering Zoom training in Term 4 to upskill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

Click on the link for more information or contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator:

Miriam Brown on 9652 0558.



Prayer For The Month Of October

Heavenly and Blessed Father, we welcome the new month of October with great expectation and hope.

Lord, it's difficult to find the words to express my gratitude for all the ways You have blessed my life.

As I prepare for this new month, I know that I cannot do it without You. But Your love and strength empower me.

Thank You for Your unconditional love. I embrace Your love and peace.

I will keep my eyes focused on You. In Jesus name I pray,
Amen!

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

We really need help cleaning of our beautiful church before we open up for private prayer on the 11th of October. If you are free to come in to help out please contact Paula to arrange a time on 0423 078 282.



For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.



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



GCEA MEETING

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of the ministry at Galston High, in what has been a turbulent year.

The Scripture reminds us to *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). And this is what I know, through this turbulent period, many of you have been doing. So thank you.

A reminder that the **GCEA AGM & Committee Meeting** are coming up in just under two weeks time. We'll be meeting online and so hopefully this will allow many of you to be a part of it. The details are below...

What: GCEA AGM & Committee Meeting

When: Monday 11th October @ 7.30pm

Where: On Zoom - just click [here](#)

Grace and peace,
Roger Hokin

GCEA Secretary
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With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

joyfully announces the Ordination of

Deacon Roger Delmonte

Deacon Aldrin Valdehueva

Deacon Samuel French

to the Order of Presbyters through the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of Hands

Monday

18 October 2021

Commencing at **11.30am**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

Waitara

The ceremony will be conducted within the guidelines of the
government's COVID-19 Health Orders

Please participate online via the livestream

www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

c. 1541-1609

Feast Day: October 9

Patron Saint of pharmacists

“Either Christ or nothing!” was his cure for every ill



Today's saint was among that first wave of post Council of Trent priests and founders whose purification of the Church started with themselves. Saint John Leonardi was a man ardently in love with Christ and Mary and the sacred field of the Catholic Church, where theological truths grow tall and dense in the richest soil. Because that sacred field was so in need of clearing, pruning, and weeding in his era, Saint John stripped from himself every single personal interest, desire, or goal and merged his life totally with that of Christ. John was like a small twig grafted onto the verdant root-stem of Christ. John, Christ, and the Church all grew and thrived together as one living thing.

Like so many saints, John Leonardi was born into a large family. The hum and whistle of daily life, work, meals, conversation and prayer in large families is a small school where children learn generosity in a natural atmosphere. The large family's numerous siblings serve as proxies for the diverse personalities found in the broader culture, better preparing the children for life outside the home. John's parents won the battle for his soul early. He was a religiously inclined boy from the start. As a teenager, John studied to be a pharmacist under a local mentor for many years and later maintained a life-long interest in medicine. But mature reflection eventually took him down another path. He would not apply essences, compounds, or poultices to patients' bodies but rather feed the sacraments to people's souls. John studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1572.

Father John served among the youth at parishes in his native city of Lucca, Italy, and was active in visiting hospitals and prisons. His ardour attracted a loyal following of laymen with whom he lived and worked and prayed. John's life and priesthood flowed effortlessly into the great river of reforms that gushed from the Council of Trent, which had concluded just a few years before John was ordained. John was intensely focused on implementing the Council's teachings. His local bishop tasked John with preaching in all of Lucca's churches to straighten the crooked lines sketched by some theologically confused priests. Father John's experience of orthodox preaching, and of the fierce resistance it generated, convinced him that only an impeccable moral and spiritual life could draw people to self reform and conversion. John thus sought to mirror every virtue, to be a lighthouse on the rugged cliff, drawing all people safely into the harbor of Christ.

John's small band of brothers were eventually recognized as a Congregation by successive popes, but due to local resistance, John had to move his work to Rome. He befriended Saint Philip Neri, was entrusted with reforming several monasteries, and was instrumental in founding the seminary for the future Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, a successful Vatican entity which formed priests for service in the foreign missions. John advocated the Forty Hours Devotion, frequent reception of Holy Communion, and the Christian formation of children at as early an age as possible. By 1600 Father John Leonardi was a well-known Counter-Reformation force in Italy not due to his books, new ideas, or charisma, but due to his virtue and zeal for the house of the Lord. In 1609 our saint died well but too soon. He was infected with the plague while visiting the sick. The small Congregation he founded, the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God of Lucca, continues until today, purposely small and focused on their important work. Father John Leonardo was canonized in 1938 and is buried in a handsome baroque church near the Roman Forum.

Saint John Leonardi, may your generous example of priestly service inspire a holy jealousy among priests so that they burn with the same desire that consumed you in service to Christ and Mary in the heart of the Church. Amen.

SIX TIPS FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY MARRIAGE

1. *Keep a sense of humour.*
2. *Be forgiving of each others' wrongs and failures.*
3. *Recognise that marriage has its ups and downs.*
4. *Always put your marriage first.*
5. *Be cheerful when your spouse comes home from work.*
6. *Never underestimate the power of prayer and the sacraments.*



No marriage can fail if we invite Jesus to be at its centre.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Missionary Disciples

**We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.
AMEN.**



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS—ALL MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE see front page.

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

Please use QR CODE or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of 4sqms and sanitise your hands at the door.

Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.

**IF YOU ARE NOT WELL OR EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS,
PLEASE STAY HOME, ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.**

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 Hilarion 0478 909 541, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 83791605.

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.

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10.30am to 2.30pm (CLOSED)

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**For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and
Safeguarding Children matters
Contact: Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**

Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:
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