

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
1 & 2 October 2022

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
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Fr Shansana: 0437 884 233

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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.**

REFLECTION - FAITH OR OBEDIENCE



Sunday's Gospel....

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you." Luke 17:5-6

- *How much faith do I have?*
- *How am I living the faith I do have?*
- *How is my faith with Jesus changing my life, my relationships and the lives of others?*
- *Am I obeying what God wants from me?*
- *Do I try to increase my faith for my glory or for God's glory?*

Dear Lord,

I know I have faith. Help me to increase and live my faith to help others. Help me know that I am enough. Help me grow my faith by obeying what you ask from me, not for my glory, but for yours. Help me understand when I do your work, your presence becomes visible. Amen.

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

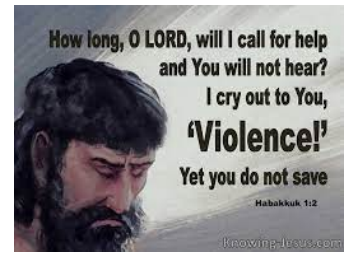
Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm:

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

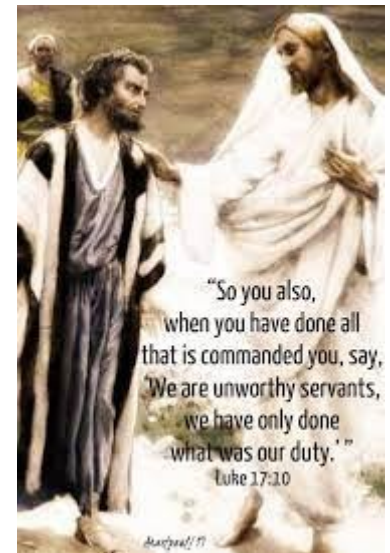
If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, October 2
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14,
Luke 17:5-10

If it delays, wait for it. (Habakkuk 2:3)

"How long, O LORD?" (Habakkuk 1:2). That's a question we have probably all asked God at one time or another. The prophet Habakkuk was waiting for God to rescue Israel from violence and destruction. You might be waiting for a reconciliation with a loved one, for healing from a chronic disease, or for a child to return to his faith. And the longer you wait, the more tempted you might be to get frustrated and lose hope.

But waiting doesn't have to be a passive, dreaded time. As difficult as it can sometimes be, you can use this time to actively exercise your faith and let it grow.

For example, you can try to shift your focus from waiting for something to happen in the future to opening your eyes to what God is doing in the present moment. How is he loving you, encouraging you, and blessing you or the people you are praying for? The more you recognize the ways God is acting, the more you will realize that he has not abandoned you; he is with you even in your waiting.

Another way to exercise your faith as you wait is to fight the temptation to doubt or despair. You might not know what God is doing or when he will do it. But you can place your trust and hope in the promise that he is always at work, even behind the scenes, to do something far greater than you could ever imagine. When God told the prophet Habakkuk that his vision had not reached fulfillment, Habakkuk probably thought he was referring to Israel's liberation from its enemies (2:3). He never imagined that God's vision was humanity's liberation from sin and death!

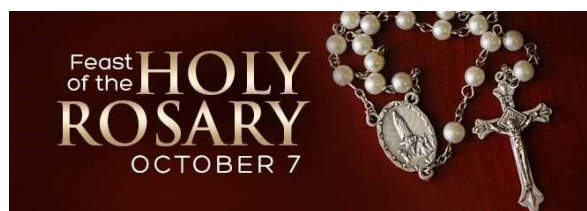
So even if you've been waiting for a long time, don't lose hope. God's vision for your life is pressing on to its fulfillment. And just as he told Habakkuk, so he tells you: this vision "will not disappoint; . . . it will surely come" (2:3).

"Lord, even as I wait, I place my trust in you."

(Source: Word Among Us India Oct-Nov22 Pg 2)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

- Monday 3 Readings: Gal 1:6-12. Lk 10:25-37.
R: The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.
- Tuesday 4 Readings: Gal 1:13-24. Lk 10:38-42.
R: Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.
St Francis of Assisi
- Wednesday 5 Readings: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14. Lk 11:1-4.
R: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.
- Thursday 6 Readings: Gal 3:1-5. Lk 11:5-13.
R: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel; for he has come to his people.
St Bruno, priest
- Friday 7 Readings: Gal 3:7-14. Lk 11:15-26.
R: The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.
Our Lady of the Rosary.
- Saturday 8 Readings: Gal 3:22-29. Lk 11:27-28.
R: The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.
- Sunday 9 **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** - Procession, Rosary and Mass 12.30pm at our parish.



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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy belated birthday to our dear

Sr Wendy

19th of September

Wishing you many blessings on your birthday!



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching!

In just over 44 weeks Bishop Anthony will depart Sydney, along with youth and young adults, to pilgrimage through Italy before heading to Lisbon for WYD 2023.

Expressions of interest for a leadership role are now open!

Chancery and Parish leaders are welcome to apply for a supervisory role in the WYD23 leadership structure. If you would like to be considered for one of the leadership roles, please complete this [form](#).

The expression of interest leadership applications will close on Monday 17th October.

Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/> to read more about the pilgrimage.

If you have any questions, please email wyd@bbcatholic.org.au

HAPPY 50TH GOLDEN

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Married 1st October 1972



CHARLIE & CARMEN

CAMILLERI

Best wishes for your anniversary as you demonstrate your commitment to building a wonderful marriage. Congratulations on your 50th Golden Anniversary!



INSTALLATION MASS OF THE RELIC OF SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

On October 22, Bishop Anthony will be installing a relic of Saint Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Church, East Gosford. At this Mass, St. Patrick's will be established as a Shrine, with a blessing of the associated Pastoral Centre. The Shrine aims to invoke new inspiration for evangelisation, offering pilgrims a form of devotion that is not common in the Australian context. Those who attend the Mass are eligible to receive a partial indulgence, and the Shrine will be open during the day for prayer and veneration. A celebration with refreshments will follow.

All are warmly welcome to join in this wonderful event. Please register your attendance at: JP11.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au, including your full name and the number of people attending with you. Large groups (especially bus groups - e.g., from parishes and schools) are asked to make contact early to ensure arrangements can be made.

Date: Saturday 22 October 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
76 York Street, East Gosford

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...may they Rest in Peace.





**HAPPY 60TH DIAMOND
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**
Married 20th September 1962



**TONY & COLLEEN
APPINO**

Message from Tony & Colleen to other married couples:

*"You can work things out with each and live together for
as long as we have and still talk to each other.
Love and respect is very important."*

Congratulations on your 60th Diamond Anniversary.
Your dedication to each other is truly inspiring!

*Happy
Anniversary*

PIETY STALL



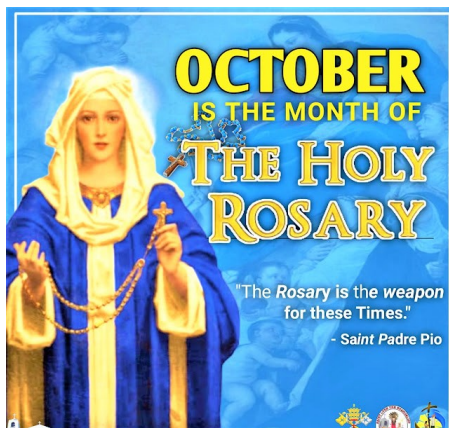
The next piety stall will be held on the Fatima weekend on Saturday night 8th October 2022 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and Sunday 9th October 2022 all day from 9am to 3.30pm. We will also have sweets and cakes.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

ROSARY AFTER WEEKDAY MASSES

We will be reciting the Rosary after the weekday Masses for the month of October. Please join us after Mass.

Father Shansana



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

Wishing all Catechists, students and their families a restful and enjoyable holiday break. Term 4 commences Monday 10th October.

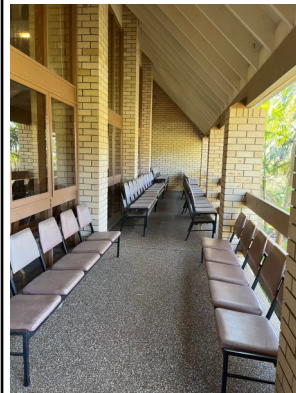
For current Catechists who were unable to attend the Lesson Planning training earlier this term, there is training available this week during the school holidays. Thursday 6th October via Zoom 10am – 12:30pm or Wednesday 5th October 10am – 12:30pm at St Ives. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

'A Reflective Study of the Psalms' presented on Zoom by the CCD commences next week on Monday 10th October from 10am – 12:15pm. These sessions are available to all parishioners. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

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



CHAIRS GIFTING



If anyone is interested in these chairs for free, 5-seaters attached, please contact the parish office.

We really appreciate the people who donated them so many years ago when the Church was built.

They were very much appreciated.

HAPPY FEAST DAY

Father Michael Kelly's patronal feast day was on the 29th of September, Feast of the Archangels, Gabriel, Michael & Raphael.

Happy Feast day Father Michael

and to everyone with the Archangels names!

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.





Our Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

WITH MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

Sunday 9th October 2022 at 12:30pm
Here at St Benedict's Parish Church

Beginning with a play about Fatima and recital of the Rosary in five languages, followed by a Procession and Holy Mass.

Anyone wishing to make special petitions to Our Lady, there will be a "PETITION BOX" at the foot of the statue. The petitions will be taken to the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal.

The day will conclude with the cutting of the anniversary cake, & the drawing of raffle prizes. All are invited for refreshments.

All Are Welcome

For Further Details: 0438 521 421

There will be a nine-day "**NOVENA**" held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Fri 30th September, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm (subject to priest availability).

VOX POPULI

Voice of the People

28 September 2022



On October 4, the Church will observe the feast day of **Saint Francis of Assisi**, a saint who remains just as important today in the lives of many faithful as he did close to 800 years ago.

His affinity for the Eucharist, care for the poor in society, love for creation, and his deep sense of brotherhood towards all God's children are universal and enduring qualities which all the faithful should seek to embody.

He dispensed with an indulgent life and lived a life of poverty in service of others, preaching the Gospel and spreading the Good News.

He founded the Franciscan Order which continues his work close to a millennium later. So important is his legacy, even in the contemporary age, Pope Francis chose to honour the humble Italian saint through his papal name. It was the first time a pope had taken the name and Pope Francis said he had chosen it due to his concern for the well-being of the poor.

His second encyclical, *Laudato si'*, was very much inspired by St Francis, who had used the phrase in praise of God for his creation.

As part of the Diocese of Broken Bay's World Youth Day pilgrimage next year, the young people of our Diocese will get the opportunity to visit Assisi, birthplace of the St Francis, the Franciscan Order and St Clare of Assisi. Blessed Carlos Acutis, a 21st century teenager well on his way to being declared a saint, requested to be buried at Assisi following his death, citing St Francis as one of the great models of his life.

The opportunity to walk in the footsteps of these great saints will no doubt be an incredible experience for many of the young people of our Diocese and provide inspiration to them to live out their faith with passion, sacrifice and love, just as St Francis did.

We pray they and all the faithful will be transformed by the example of St Francis and continue his good work, adoring the Eucharist, caring for the poor and loving all creation.

Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin

c. 1905 - 1938

Feast Day: October 5

Patron Saint of Mercy



Her humble sail caught a powerful theological wind

The martyr Saint Faustino was killed in the second decade of the second century in northern Italy under the emperor Hadrian. Nothing else is known of him. Today's saint was baptized Helen and, for unknown reasons, was given the martyr's name when making her first religious vows. Saint Faustino must be honored, and grateful, to share his name with so holy and consequential a nun as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, who was canonized in 2000, and whose optional memorial was added to the Church's universal calendar in 2020.

Saint Faustina was a peasant in the best sense of the word. She could read and write but otherwise attended school for only a few years in her rural village in central Poland. Her large and pious family needed her hand on the plow, financially speaking; and so, at the age of sixteen, young Helen Kowalska obtained work as a housekeeper in nearby towns. She was expert in the domestic arts of sewing, cleaning, cooking, and the related skills which convert a house into a home. These skills served her well, but not long, in the convents where she resided throughout her short life.

While she felt called to be a religious sister as a child, Helen's parents were reluctant to let her enter a convent at too tender an age. But then, in her late teens, Christ appeared and spoke to Helen in mysterious and deeply personal encounters, demanding that she not keep Him waiting much longer. These visions propelled the pious teen to seek acceptance in a big-city convent. She moved to Warsaw at nineteen, received advice from a sympathetic priest, and knocked on the doors of various convents hoping that one of them, just one, would accept her. One finally did. After proving herself in its novitiate, she took solemn vows and spent the rest of her life as a faithful nun doing humble chores alongside her religious sisters in convents in Poland and present-day Lithuania.

Like so many saints, the unseen vigils, prayers, mortifications, fasts, and sufferings were Faustina's real life, while the visible realities seen by her fellow religious and the occasional visitor were of lesser importance. And what went unseen in Saint Faustina's life was astounding! This humble nun experienced remarkably vivid, high-octane, technicolor, 3-D visions of Jesus Christ in the chapel, behind the door, in her cell, and around every corner for many years. Jesus' strong voice spoke to her in a direct and unmistakably clear manner about His desires for her life. He commanded her, repeatedly, to spread the message of Divine Mercy. Accordingly, Faustina had an artist paint a famous image of Christ with two rays emanating from His chest, promoted a liturgical feast day in honor of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, and kept an exhaustive diary chronicling the content of her vivid spiritual experiences.


Saint Faustina's message is not really Saint Faustina's message. It is God's message. God wants mankind to know, and to feel, the Divine Mercy oozing out of the heart of Christ. This mercy, unlike human or judicial mercy, can wash away even the most wretched sins. God's mercy is not in competition with His justice but is an overabundance of justice. God knows all things and forgives all things when His mercy is freely requested. The modern Western world is very focused on questions of justice—racial justice, economic justice, environmental justice, etc. But it is, at the same time, opposed to judging. This dichotomy of favoring justice but abhorring judging is incongruous. The modern West suffers from similar tensions regarding the virtue of mercy.

An American Cardinal noted years ago that modern secular culture permits, even promotes, practically everything. It seems that no moral aberration, sin, or dysfunctional behavior is not smiled upon as a rightful expression of personal freedom. And yet...modern secular culture forgives almost nothing. "Just Do it!" But beware—when you do actually do it, you might never be forgiven for having done it. The message of Divine Mercy is that because all can be forgiven, all relationships can be restored. Relationships precede our rights and even our choices. We are more than our choices! We are more than our rights! And when we receive mercy, or extend mercy to others, our relationships with ourselves, friends, family, nature, and God are restored.

Every expression or reception of mercy is like a mini Jubilee Year. Every traveler returns home, every field lies fallow, and every debt is forgiven. Mercy is the father waiting on the ridge. He sees the ragged figure on the horizon limping home in the evening light. The petition for mercy. The granting of mercy. The tight embrace. The relationship restored. The ring on his finger. The robe on his back. The calf on the spit. The feast begins. Divine Mercy conquers all.

Saint Faustina, your humble and generous service to the Church included sharing your visions and the message of Divine Mercy. Help all who seek your intercession to be blessed with your same virtue and your same docility to God's will. Amen.

Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER			
8/10/22 to 9/10/22			
27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	
Reader1	Margaret B	Peter G	Joseph Y
Reader2	Sr Carol T	Roza N	Peter Bellew
Prayers	Mary C	Kath M	Ava M
TV		Mary A	
Music		Melanie H	
Music		Keith W	
Music		Robin B	
Music			
Morning Tea		Lila B	
 FLOWERS	Rose G		

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.*

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