

# 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

24 & 25 September 2022

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

*Let us pray:*

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 - RICH MAN POOR MAN

*Sunday's Gospel Jesus says... "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." Luke 16:27-31*



- *What is Jesus trying to tell me?*
- *Am I included in the category of "rich"?*
- *Do I show compassion to the poor and lowly?*
- *Do I pray to God to reveal needs in my community and around the world where I can help?*
- *Am I willing to believe the scriptures and live them?*

*Dear Lord,*

*I know you want me to follow you. Give me the courage to live my life the way you want me to. Give me a heart for the poor, lowly and suffering. Help me love the poor as Jesus loved them and loves them now. Help me remove the wall that I built up to protect myself from their pain. Amen.*

**First Reading**

**Amos 6:1, 4-7 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 6:11-16 (JB)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 16:19-31 (JB)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

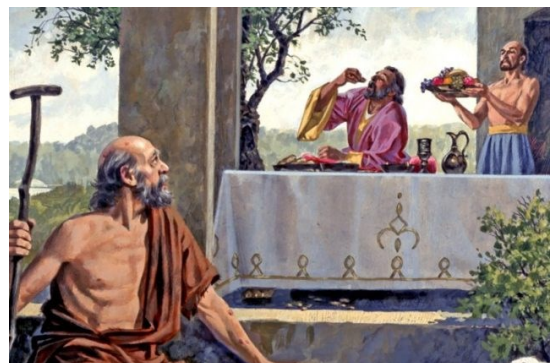
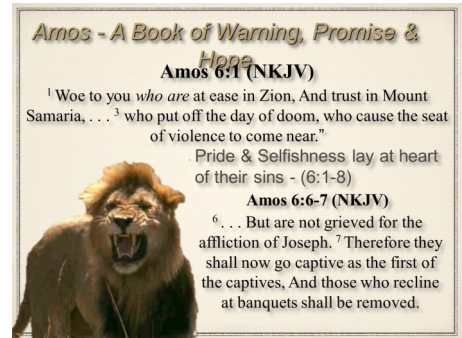
Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

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**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

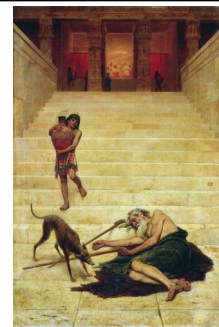
Sunday, September 25

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm 146:7-10

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31



*And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus. (Luke 16:20)*

How did the rich man do it? Did he avoid using the door where Lazarus lay? Did he have a servant clear the poor man off the doorstep before he came or went? Did he keep his eyes upward as he walked? It can be hard to understand how this man, who dressed in fine garments and ate “sumptuously,” could have ignored the poor man who suffered just under his nose (Luke 16:19). He must have been pretty callous to step over Lazarus and just go on his way!

And yet it happens all the time. Just look at the people in the first reading: “Stretched comfortably upon their couches, . . . [they] are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!” (Amos 6:4, 6). Obviously, it happens in our time too. It’s easy to become numb to the plight of those who are suffering or in need. Busyness can get the better of us. Or fear of getting involved. Or just a tinge of that self-concern that had so consumed the rich man in the parable.

We ourselves may be guilty of looking the other way sometimes when we encounter another person’s need. Think about the homeless man on the sidewalk that you drive by on your way to work. Or that young mom in your neighborhood who could use a listening ear or a helping hand. Or the people at the local nursing home with no one to visit them. How often do we “step over” them on our way to somewhere else?

Given today’s readings, it’s a good time to examine how we treat people who are less fortunate than we are. The truth is, we can’t take care of everyone’s needs. But we can ask the Lord to help us see people through his eyes. We can try to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit showing us a need. And we can trust that if we feel God is asking us to do something, he will give us the grace to respond.

**“Lord, help me not to choose to pass by someone who needs my help.”**

*(Source: Word Among Us India Pg 56)*

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 26 Readings: Job 1:6-22. Lk 9:46-50.  
*Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs.*

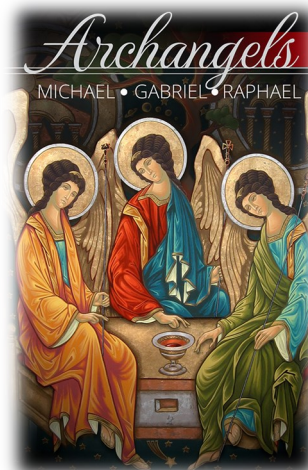
Tuesday 27 Readings: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23. Lk 9:51-56.  
*St Vincent de Paul, priest.*

Wednesday 28 Readings: Job 9:1-13, 14-16. Lk 9:57-62.  
*St Wenceslaus, martyr. St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs.*

Thursday 29 Readings: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14. Jn 1:47-51.  
*Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels.*

Friday 30 Readings: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5. Lk 10:13-16.  
*St Jerome, priest, doctor.*

Saturday 1 Readings: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17. Lk 10:17-24.  
*St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor.*



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

### ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human persons, may be legally abolished in every country.

AMEN.



## THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT

### Chapter 4

*Not to fulfill the desires of the flesh.*

### PARISH FUNDS

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

**Bank Details for ONLINE only donations:**

**BSB: 062 784 Acct: 10002141**

**Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:**

**CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

*Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**.

We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for peace and unity in the world.

Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

### 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.

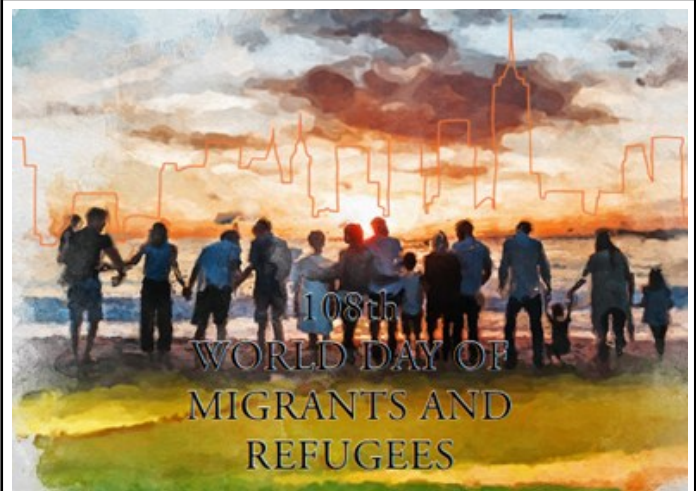
**Expressions of interest for a leadership role are now open!**

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 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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

If you have any questions, please email [wyd@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:wyd@bbcatholic.org.au)



### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022

This Sunday is the 108<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees and Bishop Anthony Randazzo invites you to join him for Mass at 9:30 am at the Cathedral, to mark this significant occasion.

All are invited to attend.

**Date:** Sunday 25 September 2022

**Time:** 9:30am

**Venue:** Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,  
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara.

### Prayer

*Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness,  
your light may shine, and where there is  
discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.  
Lord, make us instruments of your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.  
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,  
together with migrants and refugees and with all who  
dwell on the peripheries.  
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as  
brothers and sisters.  
Amen.*

*Rome,  
Saint John Lateran,  
FRANCIS*

## 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.**



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MEETING

Monday 26 September 2022 at 7:00pm

At the Arcadia Parish Meeting Room.

All committee members are asked to attend.

Visitors are welcome.

## HAPPY 50TH GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



### GUIDO & ANGELA SCOTTI

You have shown us what true love is.  
We wish you good health, love and happiness together.  
Congratulations on your 50th Golden Anniversary  
beautiful couple!

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## PIETY STALL



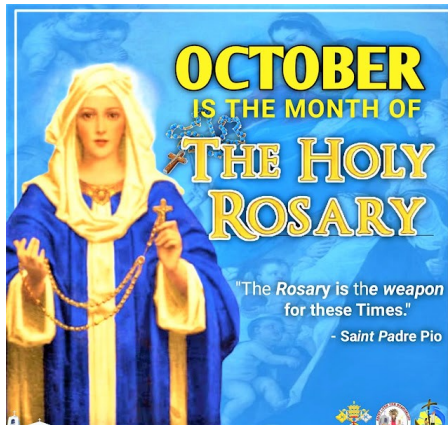
The next piety stall will be held on the Fatima weekend on Saturday night 8th October 2022 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and Sunday 9th October 2022 all day from 9am to 3.30pm. We will also have sweets and cakes.

## 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

Term 3 finished this week. Wishing all Catechists, students and their families a restful and enjoyable holiday break. Term 4 commences Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

For current Catechists who were unable to attend the Lesson Planning training earlier this term, there will be further training during the school holidays.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom 10am – 12:30pm or  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 12:30pm at St Ives.

RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

God bless,  
Miriam Brown [srearcadia@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to **Dean Faught** for cleaning the cobwebs around the Church. It is very much appreciated!

Also thank you to the men who helped move the old chairs from the balcony. Well done!

## 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).



*A partial indulgence is granted to all who visit the Shrine on this day.*

## FEAST OF ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

**5th OCTOBER**  
Wednesday

2.00pm-4.30pm

- Silent Adoration
- Confession
- Solemn Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Healing Mass



*As per the decree by Bishop Anthony Randazzo The Divine Retreat Centre is designated as a Diocesan Shrine in Veneration of St Faustina Kowalska.*

## PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR DAY

To celebrate **Pastoral Care Week 2022**, CatholicCare's Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Team invite you to our **Pastoral Care Seminar Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. This will be a day of enrichment and fellowship for all those people in the Diocese of Broken Bay who are involved in a ministry to care for the sick.

All are very welcome to attend, including: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Pastoral Care Practitioners, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Pastoral Visitors and Social Workers.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Our special guest presenter/s will be Rev. Dr. Stephen Robinson / Rev. David Riethmuller

**Venue:** Caroline Chisholm Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

**For enquiries please contact:**

Denis O'Brien (Acting Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care) on 0439 009 932

**To register your attendance please send an email by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October to:**

[denis.obrien@catholicaredbb.org.au](mailto:denis.obrien@catholicaredbb.org.au)

(please also note any special dietary requirements)



**DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE**

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

## ***St Wenceslaus, Martyr***

***c. 907 - 929***

***Feast Day: September 28***

***Patron Saint of the Czech Republic and Slovakia***



***A young duke is killed by a jealous brother and becomes a Czech icon***

When the famous die young, their unwrinkled faces, dark hair, and youthful vigor are frozen in time, forever vital, forever attractive, forever young. Time is not given its chance to run over their skin like water over rocks. No shaping, cracking, molding or shifting of the surfaces. Before the modern cult of celebrity held up athletes, movie stars, and musicians for supreme adulation, most cultures revered their royalty, soldiers, or holy men. Kings and princes, bishops and saints, chiefs and warriors served the common good by governing, praying for, and protecting the people. There simply was no class of entertainers to distract a populace from the leadership that mattered. Today's saint, Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, was felled in a fateful encounter with his brother Boleslaus the Cruel. Wenceslaus was already famous when he died so young and so dramatically. All the ingredients needed to guarantee a lasting legacy were present, and his memory did last. He was recognized by the Church as a martyr, posthumously given the title of King, and quickly became an iconic figure to the Bohemian people such that his Feast Day, September 28th, is a national holiday in the modern Czech Republic.

Wenceslaus lived as Christianity was still dawning in central Europe. German missionaries had been laboring for a few generations with success, but underneath the visible layer of a Christian culture there was a substrata of paganism that was rock hard. Central and Eastern Europe were passing through the normal stages of evangelization, as an age-old culture with all its customs and traditions was slowly pushed back by a greater force moving like a glacier. Catholicism had moved into Bohemia by the 900s, but the religious landscape was not yet monolithic. As our martyr's death attests, religious and political divisions ran cracks through the culture.

The grandfather of Wenceslaus may have been converted by no less than Saints Cyril and Methodius themselves. His grandmother Ludmila was an ardent Catholic and oversaw Wenceslaus' excellent education in which he learned to read and write both Slavonic and Latin. Wenceslaus' mother, Drahomira, clung to the old ways, though she was nominally a Christian. When Drahomira thought Ludmila was encouraging Wenceslaus to assume power as a teen, Drahomira had her mother-in-law strangled to death with her own veil. Once he did take power, Wenceslaus banished his own mother, solidified control of western Bohemia, and became an honorable ruler. He followed the law, favored education, and promoted the form of Christianity practiced in Germany, not in the east. This was a fateful decision. Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia are Slavic peoples of the Latin Rite, unlike their Orthodox and Byzantine Rite Slavic cousins just to the east. Wenceslaus was pro-Western theologically and liturgically, while retaining his Slavic identity and independence in other essential matters. This pattern was to endure, giving Slavic Catholicism its unique features.

But for all of Wenceslaus' brief successes, in the shadows lurked Boleslaus, creating a power center in eastern Bohemia. When Wenceslaus' wife gave birth to a son, Boleslaus knew he would not succeed his brother, so he plotted his murder. Boleslaus and his henchman struck down the young duke Wenceslaus in 929 on the Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian and on the Vigil of Saint Michael the Archangel. "Brother, may God forgive you" were our martyr's last words.

***Saint Wenceslaus, you were the model of a just ruler in your brief reign. You saw it as your sacred duty to promote the true God and His religion. Help all rulers and leaders to see morality, liturgy, prayer, and catechesis as the bedrock of a just society. Amen.***

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

<b>NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER</b>			
<b>1/10/22 to 2/10/22</b>			
<b>27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C</b>			
	<b>Saturday 7pm</b>	<b>Sunday 9am</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		Paul E	
<b>Reader1</b>	Sr Carol T	Bernadette W	Gebran A
<b>Reader2</b>	Mary C	Kath M	Joseph Y
<b>Prayers</b>	Teresa G	Judy H	Matthew M
<b>TV</b>		Tyrone E	Joshua A
<b>Music</b>		Noelle T	
<b>Music</b>		John T	
<b>Music</b>		Karina S	
<b>Music</b>			
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Robin B	
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Hanna A</b>		

**Parish Roster**

Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate it! If anyone would like to join our parish roster please contact the parish office. We would love the extra help!

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

**SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT**

*We the people of St Benedict's Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help.*

*These people in our parish can help:*

*Fr Shansana 0437 884 233, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.*

**Office Hours:**

**Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm**

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**Parish Administrator:**

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Arcadia NSW 2159**

**Monastery:**

**9653 1159**

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

**Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.**