

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C
3 & 4 September 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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.**

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS - REFLECTION

Sunday's Gospel Jesus says, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." John 14:25

- *What am I willing to sacrifice for Jesus?*
- *Can I change myself in the way I conduct myself with my personal relationships?*
- *Am I willing to struggle and surrender all that I have and all that I am to follow Jesus?*
- *Is there anything that I am holding on tightly to that might be hindering me from following Jesus?*
- *Do I trust Jesus enough to let go and just follow him?*

Dear Lord,

Teach me to follow you faithfully. Give me the grace to let go of meaningless things in my life. Prepare the way and help me put my feet on the path that leads to freedom. Amen.



First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18 (JB)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure
 and our intentions unstable;
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
 laborious to know what lies within our reach;
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
 and sent your holy spirit from above?
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
 and men been taught what pleases you,
 and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading

Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33 (JB)

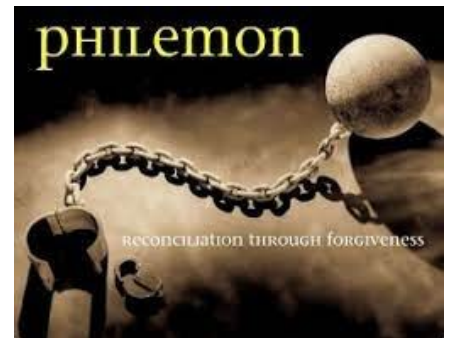
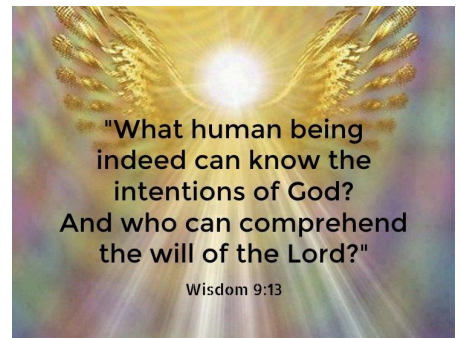
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, September 4

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost? (Luke 14:28)

Have you heard of the National Monument of Scotland? If not, that's not surprising. It was never finished. Planned as replica of the Parthenon in Athens, the project ran out of funds shortly after its six-ton foundation stone was laid. It's now known as "Edinburgh's Disgrace." Its unfinished pillars stand as a sobering tribute to poor planning.

That sounds a lot like the builders Jesus describes in today's Gospel. *Who would build a tower without first calculating the money needed to complete it?* Jesus asks. It seems obvious. But Jesus wasn't talking only about the cost of construction. He was talking about the cost of discipleship.

Jesus wanted the people to understand what following him would mean. Becoming his disciple would change how they prayed, where they lived, and what their future held. Following Jesus would require them to take up their cross, and he wanted them to choose it with eyes wide open. Jesus loved them. He didn't want them to end up like those Edinburgh builders, unable to finish what they started.

In some ways, we're all a bit like that unfinished monument: works in progress. But the good news is that *we can finish*. We just need to keep on choosing to follow Jesus. Jesus tells us that our journey will require more than our own natural resources—not to discourage us, but to point us to God, the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Jesus says, "Come, follow me." He knows the challenges you will face, and he doesn't want you to give up when you realize it costs you more than you expected. He has all the grace you need to resist temptation. His love will strengthen you on your path toward heaven. And he has deep pockets, overflowing with mercy, to help you choose him day after day.

"Lord, I need the riches of your grace today!"

(Source: Word Among Us India Pg 35)

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday Readings: 1 Cor 5:1-8. Lk 6:6-11.

Tuesday Readings: 1 Cor 6:1-11. Lk 6:12-19.

Wednesday Readings: 1 Cor 7:25-31. Lk 6:20-26.

Thursday Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23. Lk 5:1-11.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (September 8)

Friday Readings: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27. Lk 6:39-42.

St Peter Claver, priest.

Saturday Readings: 1 Cor 10:14-22. Lk 6:43-49.



The Birth of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast Day - 8 September

Source: Ordo 2022

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: 100002141

**Name: Catholic Parish of Arcadia Bank:
CBA—Catholic Development Fund**

PARISH FINANCE MEETING

Monday September 3 2022

7pm in the Parish Meeting room.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S LECTIO DIVINA

Looking for a community of prayer? Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space for young adults to come together, as men and women, to pray by Lectio Divina while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word. Both groups will meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month.

The next one will be held on **MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**. The **men** will be gathering at **Joseph House** and the **women** will be gathering at **St. Bernard's Church, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase** Parish.



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)

GCEA


GCEA SPRING DINNER

Please join us at the Spring Dinner to support teaching scripture at Galston High School. We have Paul El-char 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.



HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING

*Pray, Discern
& Act*

Journey of Discernment

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23
6PM

Holy Name Parish
RSVP to:
Ph: 0418 522 449
vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au
35 Billyard Ave,
Wahroonga
NSW



HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING

Invitation for all young adults to:

Pray, Discern and Act with us as we seek God's guidance in our lives! We will be praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who are discerning their own vocation. This is a time for us to reflect on God's call in our lives, and to seek His will for our lives.

In Our Parish

We welcome into God's family, all who were recently baptised.

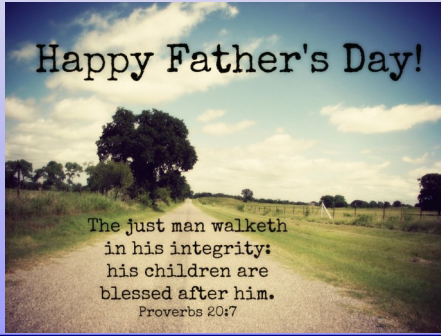
We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially **Brother Mario, Leanne Miller (Leonie's daughter) and Mary Camilleri**.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died, especially:
Lyla Abood...may they Rest in Peace.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all the fathers, grandfathers, father figures out there or in heaven.



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**

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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. 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

A big welcome to all families joining us this weekend for the Children's Mass! Happy Father's Day to all fathers!

Alison Newell's (CCD Diocesan Coordinator) reflections on the Walking with Jesus curriculum, which we teach in the SRE (Scripture) classes of our Diocese, continue. "As we prepare our lessons each week, we focus on teaching aligned with the Lesson Aim, which allows us to bring creativity to the lesson plan, but ensures we are remaining with the curriculum outcomes."

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 6th September, the topic is "Classroom Management" The following topic is "Introduction to the Bible" to be held Tuesday 13th September.

The CCD will also be offering 'A Reflective Study of the Psalms' via Zoom commencing on Monday 19th September for all interested parishioners. RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

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,

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP

Every Monday 2.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

For more details call Angela Egiziano.

Ph: 9653 2312.



FATHER DAVID NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to all who came and helped with the celebration of my 50th anniversary of ordination. A special thanks to the Parish Council, musicians and hospitality. It was greatly appreciated.

Peace,
Fr David



SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY

BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of
Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of
how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or
a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together,
bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for
more
activity
ideas



bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family

The most creative and inspirational
entries will be showcased on our
Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



SCAN
TO
ENTER



Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.

*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share

bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Feast Day: September 5

C. 1910 - 1997



Patron Saint of Calcutta, India

She equals in holiness and generosity the great 'Terasas' she chose to emulate

Anjezë (Agnes) Gonxha Bojaxhiu was a tiny Albanian woman whose strong-as-iron faith served as a fulcrum to budge the world closer to God. She was born into a devout family in Skopje, in present day Macedonia. Her parent's marriage had been arranged, according to custom, and was happy and fruitful. The family was prosperous and regularly helped the poor and abandoned. There was seldom not a destitute person sharing the family table at lunchtime. Little Agnes benefited from the then recent reforms of Pope Saint Pius X lowering the age of First Holy Communion and thus received the Eucharist for the first time at the very young age of five and a half. After her father died young, Agnes' firm, loving, and religious mother had the greatest influence on her. The vibrant life of her local parish also impacted her faith. The priests there talked about the missionary work of the Church in far away lands, and Agnes internalized every word they spoke.

Feeling the call to serve Christ and the Church, Agnes decided to become a nun with the Loretto Sisters who were based in Dublin, Ireland. So when she was eighteen, a large procession of family, classmates, and parishioners accompanied her to Skopje's train station. After tender farewells, everyone wept and waved handkerchiefs as the train slowly pulled out of the station, and Agnes leaned out the window and wept and waved her handkerchief back at them until the train disappeared around a bend. Agnes would never see her beloved mother again. In the convent, Agnes chose the name Thérèse in honor of the Saint of Lisieux. But another nun had already chosen that name, so Agnes became Teresa, spelling the name in the Spanish style. After learning the rule of her Order and basic English, she sailed on the long voyage to India, arriving in Calcutta in January 1929. India would be her home for the rest of her life.

Sister Teresa taught at a girls' primary school in Calcutta, taking final vows in 1937, and was known warmly as Mother Teresa. Due to her open personality, self discipline, deep prayer life, organizational abilities, and native intelligence, she became the school principal in 1944. Everyone loved her, especially her students, and Mother Teresa was a contented nun doing important work for the Church. Her youthful zeal had been fulfilled. But then something happened to alter her life's course, something entirely unexpected. In 1946, while riding on a train to her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received her "*call within a call.*" Jesus told her, by mysterious means, that He desired her to serve Him in the poorest of the poor, who were so ignorant of Him and of His love. She must start a religious order.

Two years of organizing passed until, in August 1948, Mother Teresa donned her famous white and blue sari for the first time. She left the comfort and predictability of the Loretto convent school for a hard life on the street among the slums of the poorest, hungriest, and dirtiest people in Calcutta. Her order, the Missionaries of Charity, was formally established in 1950 and drew its first sisters from among Mother Teresa's former students. The order soon exploded with growth and expanded internationally. Missionaries of Charity sisters worked with AIDS patients, the dying, the starving, in soup kitchens, orphanages, and directly with the poor lying in filthy gutters. By the time of her death in 1997, the Missionaries of Charity had over four thousand sisters serving in about one hundred and twenty countries. Mother Teresa became internationally famous, an icon of charity and peace, for all the right reasons. After her death it was revealed that she struggled to feel God's presence for much of her life but persevered in prayer and sacrifice nonetheless. She was constructed of steel, in perpetual motion, and operated on almost no food or sleep. All of her religious sisters are similarly indestructible. She was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

Saint Mother Teresa, your generosity to the poor and destitute inspired millions. Your life of dedication to prayer, to the Church, and to the dignity of all life inspires us still. May we emulate your life of total service and total love by loving God first. Amen.

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

Parish Roster

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER 10/9/22 to 11/9/22 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C			
	Saturday 7pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul E	
Reader1	Teresa G	Judy H	Steve M
Reader2	Maria G	Peter G	Matt W
Prayers	Margaret B	Bernadette W	Ava M
TV		Nigel M	Sebastian W
Music		Noelle T	Melanie H
Music		John T	Adam F
Music		Karina S	Cameron M
Music			
Morning Tea		Mary A	

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

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Administrator:

Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB

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Website:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

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**2 Fagans Road,
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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.