

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR B

23 & 24 NOVEMBER 2024



PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am



Weekdays:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am
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**

Parish Priest:
Fr Shansana 0437 884 233



INTRODUCTORY RITES

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from
slavery, may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

SELF REFLECTION: UNDERSTANDING JESUS

In this Sunday's Gospel In John 18:33-37, Jesus stands before Pilate, who asks Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus responds by clarifying that His kingdom is not of this world, challenging Pilate to think beyond earthly power and politics.

- *Do I view Jesus as a ruler of a spiritual kingdom rather than an earthly one?*
- *Do I actively seek and listen to His voice in my life, or do I ignore it when it doesn't align with my desires?*
- *Do I stand firm in my faith, even when the world around me doesn't understand or accept it?*

Lord Jesus,

*Thank You for revealing that Your kingdom is not of this world, but is rooted in eternal truth. Help me to seek Your truth in every part of my life, to listen to Your voice, and to align my heart with Your purposes. May I not be distracted by temporary concerns, but focus on living as a citizen of Your heavenly kingdom. Strengthen my faith to stand firm in the truth, just as You did before Pilate. Guide me to reflect Your love, humility, and kingship in all that I do.
Amen.*

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Daniel
His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
 one like a son of man.
 He came to the one of great age
 and was led into his presence.
 On him was conferred sovereignty,
 glory and kingship,
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
 which shall never pass away,
 nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8 (JB)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

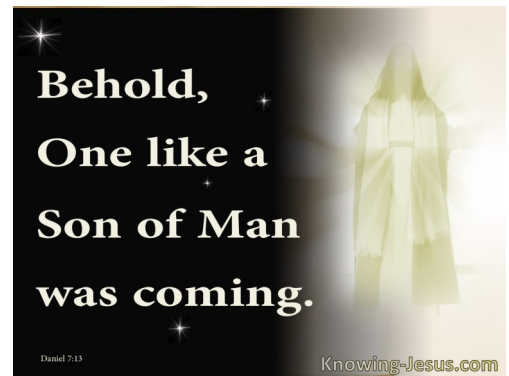
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, November 24 - Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14 / Psalm 93:1-2, 5 / Revelation 1:5-8 / John 18:33-37

I am . . . the one who is and who was and who is to come. (Revelation 1:8)

Today's feast of Christ the King marks the culmination of everything that our readings over the past month have been leading up to. Even as we live in the "already" (*Jesus has come!*) and the "not yet" (*Jesus will return and establish his reign forever!*), we take time today to declare that Jesus is King, both now and forever. He is "the one who is and who was and who is to come" (Revelation 1:8).

Just as Jesus is our eternal King, his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. It reaches beyond time and space. And its population is unique: the "poor in spirit" are given places of honor, along with those who mourn and who are meek and lowly of heart (Matthew 5:3-5).

So what does it mean for us to be citizens of this wonderful, everlasting kingdom? How can the "already," the "right now," and the "not yet" truths of this kingdom affect our lives?

Jesus has *already* freed you from sin by his blood (Revelation 1:5). You can receive this freedom by faith and Baptism, by repentance, and by staying united to him through the sacraments.

Nothing can separate you from his love (Romans 8:39). Today, *right now*, you can invite Jesus to remove any barriers that keep you from experiencing the joys of his kingdom.

You will *one day* reign with the Lord (2 Timothy 2:12). It's awe-inspiring to think of, but in Jesus' kingdom, "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Matthew 23:12). If you try to stay close to him in this life, he promises to give you a place near him as he reigns eternally (25:34).

Rejoice today that Jesus is your eternal King. Invite him to reign in your heart even more, as you await his reign of love over the whole world.

"Jesus, I worship you as my King! Come, Lord, and establish your kingdom forever!"

Source: Word Among Us India

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER

Monday 25 Readings: Rev 14:1-5. Lk 21:1-4.
R: Lord, this is the people that long to see your face.
St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr.

Tuesday 26 Readings: Rev 14:14-19. Lk 21:5-11.
R: The Lord comes to judge the earth.
Feast of St Sylvester Gozzolini


Wednesday 27 Readings: Rev 15:1-4. Lk 21:12-19.
R: Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God.

Thursday 28 Readings: Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9.
R: Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Friday 29 Readings: Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2. Lk 21:29-33.
R: Here God lives among his people.

Saturday 30 Readings: Rom 10:9-18. Mt 4:18-22.
R: Their message goes out through all the earth.
St Andrew, apostle.

PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE



O GLORIOUS ST. ANDREW, YOU WERE THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE AND FOLLOW THE SON OF GOD. WITH YOUR FRIEND, ST. JOHN, YOU REMAINED WITH JESUS, FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE, AND NOW THROUGHOUT ETERNITY. JUST AS YOU LED YOUR BROTHER, ST PETER, TO CHRIST AND MANY OTHERS AFTER HIM, DRAW US ALSO TO HIM. TEACH US HOW TO LEAD THEM, SOLELY OUT OF LOVE FOR JESUS AND DEDICATION TO HIS SERVICE. HELP US TO LEARN THE LESSON OF THE CROSS AND CARRY OUR DAILY CROSSES WITHOUT COMPLAINT, SO THAT THEY MAY CARRY US TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY FATHER. AMEN.

Source: Ordo 2024



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

NOVEMBER

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month of Holy Souls in Purgatory. In honour of this sacred tradition, our parish Church **will have a designated book available where you can write the names of your loved ones who have passed away.**

Rosary will be recited every day after the daily 9.30am morning Mass for the intentions of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

MEMORIAL ONE YEAR MASS



In Loving Memory of

LUIGI BISOGLIO

Tuesday, 26th November 2024, 7:00 PM
At the Monastery

We invite you to join us for a heartfelt remembrance of Luigi Bisoglio, as we gather for a prayer service in his honour, followed by a warm gathering with coffee and tea.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP!

Fridays during School Term
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Ages: 8-12 years old

LAST DAY FOR THIS YEAR: 6 DECEMBER

All of our youth leaders are accredited with Working With Children Checks.

Thank you, Gabe & Jules!

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

This week volunteer of the week nomination goes to:



LORNA BONIEL

A big thank you to Lorna for always stepping in with a smile whenever we need assistance. Your kindness, generosity, and unwavering support never go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive energy you bring to everything you do. Your willingness to lend a hand, no matter the task, makes a real difference, and we truly appreciate all that you do. Thank you for being such a wonderful help to us!

If you know someone who deserves to be recognised as next week's volunteer, please send an email to the parish.

**CHILDREN'S MASS SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
10.30AM. PRESENTING OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS.**

ST BENEDICT'S MAKER'S TABLE

Save the date for our final Maker's Table for the year at 7.30pm on December 11th

CLAY WORKSHOP

"As the clay is in the potter's hand, so you are in mine." Jeremiah 18:6

[Christmas Botanical Imprints in Clay Workshop](#)

Cost: \$10 (covers materials, refreshments and donation for room hire)

RSVP by 8/12/24 so we can set a special place at the Table for you!

themakerstablesydney@gmail.com

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ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY FUNDRAISING EVENING

Sunday 24 November 2024
5.00pm to 8.00pm at the Monastery.

**THIS IS NOW
UNFORTUNATELY
CANCELLED.**

CANCELLED

In Our Parish

(please let us know if you would like someone added here)

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

We pray for the sick of our Parish, especially **Joseph Guiana, Charlie Micallef, Brother Mario, Father Alberic.**

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died,
**Especially Myra Martin, Biagio Abignano, Phil Dailey, Brother Peter Hancock,
Brother Terry & Colleen Bennett ~ May they rest in eternal Peace.**



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR GALSTON HIGH SRE TEACHER PAUL EL-CHAAR



Dear GCEA and Galston High Community,

As we approach the end of 2024, I reflect on the blessings and growth we've shared at Galston High. Psalm 115:1 reminds us:

'Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.'

This year, we've experienced God's love and grace through laughter, tears, and challenging moments. The Bible and the Holy Spirit have been my rock, in guiding the students through it all.

Term 4 has seen the start of our JORT program (Jesus Over Recess Time). This program is to provide a unique space for students of all ages to explore their faith, ask questions about Scripture, and build meaningful connections. I'm honoured to oversee this program and witness Jesus' transformative presence in the students' lives. I'm looking forward to the New Year.

Looking ahead to 2025, in Philippians 4:13 the word encourages us:

'I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.'

May Christ's strength carry us through the coming year. May His hope fill our hearts, and may His love surround us during this holy season. I wish you and your loved ones a joy May the true spirit of Christmas bring us closer to Him.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL.

Regards,
Paul El-Chaar

DELIVERY OF SECOND HAND BOOKS

We have some second-hand books in storage that weren't sold during our Fête. If anyone is available to help by driving them to the LifeLine store, it would be greatly appreciated. The Hornsby Book Depot is located at:

1/51 Leighton Place, Hornsby
Open Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30am – 1:30pm.

Thank you so much for your help!

CATECHISTS' NEWS



A bit more detail about the celebration of SRE in NSW – “On Tuesday, 12th November 2024, faith leaders gathered in the halls of NSW Parliament House to honour the contributions of Special Religious Education across New South Wales schools.

The event, attended by the Hon. Prue Car MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning, along with a bipartisan assembly of Members of Parliament, highlighted the profound impact Special Religious Education has on students' personal and spiritual development.

A Certificate of Excellence was proudly presented to Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay 'Walking with Jesus, Pathways of Discipleship' John Donnelly in recognition of excellence in teaching and learning for Special Religious Education in NSW.

John Donnelly (pictured above) was recognised for his role in creating and developing the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay's curriculum, Walking With Jesus: Pathways of Discipleship. This curriculum supports Catholic Special Religious Education teachers in nurturing students' faith journeys in schools in our parish and across the Diocese.”

Congratulations to John for his excellent work in creating the curriculum we teach in SRE (Scripture) in our local schools!

Next weekend, Sunday 1st December, at the 10:30am Children's Mass, Year 6 children will be recognised as they complete primary school. All Year 6 children attending this Mass will be presented with a Bible and Certificate. To assist with provision of these, please let me know if your child in Year 6 will be present, thanks.

Our final SRE/Scripture dates are –
Middle Dural – finished

Arcadia, Galston and Glenorie PS – this Wednesday 27th November

Hillside – last Friday 22nd November- note changed date

God bless,

Miriam Brown srearcadia@gmail.com
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP



Every **Monday 2.00pm.**
Everyone welcome.

For more details call

Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.

CRAFT GROUP

The quilting and craft group will meet every **4th Tuesday** of the month at 10.30am in the parish meeting room.
All Welcome.

CCC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting every **Wednesday morning** after the 9.30am Mass.
Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!



For more details call
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Feast Day: November 25

c. 287 - c. 305



Patron Saint of apologists, apprentice milliners and seamstresses, archivists, attorneys, barbers, potters, spinners, the dying, educators, girls, jurists, knife sharpeners, librarians, maidens, mechanics, millers, nurses, old maids, philosophers, preachers, scholars, schoolchildren, scribes, secretaries, tanners, teachers, theologians, and unmarried girls.

The legend of Catherine's life has long inspired the faithful. Born into a noble family in the flourishing city of Alexandria, Catherine's excellent education made her well versed in literature, poetry, rhetoric, philosophy, music, mathematics, and medicine. She also possessed exceptional beauty and moral virtue. Lacking a worthy suitor, she sensed a call to a greater life.

Catherine's mother, secretly a Christian, introduced her daughter to a monk who catechized and later baptized her. After Catherine's baptism, the monk encouraged her to beseech the Blessed Virgin Mary. While in prayer that night, Catherine fell asleep. Mary appeared in her dream with her Child who chose her as His bride, giving her a ring and calling her to embrace virginity. When Catherine awoke, the ring was on her finger.

When Catherine was in her late teens, Emperor Maximinus ordered all citizens to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Catherine went to the temple, sending word that she must see the emperor. Once in the emperor's presence, Catherine chastised him for his heathen practices and for requiring worship of false gods. The emperor was stunned at her beauty, character, wisdom, and elegant speech.

The emperor gathered fifty wise men to debate Catherine and prove her error. Just the opposite happened. Catherine's wisdom prevailed and won over many of the wise men. She cited the best Greek philosophers to prove her points and to support the truth that Jesus was the Savior and that the Trinity was the One God. When many of the wise men converted, the emperor had them killed.

The emperor next offered Catherine half his kingdom and a place in the royal palace. When she refused, the emperor had her scourged until her blood covered the ground, and he imprisoned her. While Catherine was in prison, the empress and the captain of the guard secretly went to her cell to listen to her. Both were so impressed that they converted and were baptized.

While in prison, a dove brought food to Catherine, keeping her healthy and strong. The emperor next threatened Catherine with torture on a large wheel meant to stretch her body and spin her to the point of death. Before Catherine was tied to the wheel, an angel made it spin out of control and shatter. The empress appeared to chastise her husband, revealing that she had become a Christian after listening to Catherine's wisdom. The emperor had his wife beheaded on the spot.

The following day, the emperor ordered Catherine's beheading. Within an hour of her execution, angels took her body away, laying it on the heights of Mount Sinai where it remained undisturbed. A few centuries later, a monk in the monastery at Mount Sinai's base, had a dream that led him to Catherine's relics. He took her body and buried it in the monastery chapel where she lies today.

Saint Catherine, you devoted yourself to God after learning of Him through a holy monk's teaching. Once wedded to your Lord, you never wavered in your love for Him. Please pray that I will hear God's Word in the depths of my soul and will respond to His voice with all my heart. Saint Catherine of Alexandria, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

PIETY SHOP NEWS

PIETY SHOP TRANSFORMING INTO PIETY CHRISTMAS SHOP!

Get ready for the holiday season! Our Piety Christmas Shop will feature:

- **Nativities:** Over 40 different sizes and styles available.
- **Christmas Cards:** Beautiful designs to share the joy of the season.
- **Christmas Candles:** Create a warm and festive atmosphere.
- **Christmas Angels:** Add a touch of elegance to your decorations.
- **Tree Baubles and Ornaments:** Perfect for personalizing your tree.

Custom Requests: If you're looking for something specific that we don't have in the shop, let us know by December 1, and we'll do our best to accommodate your needs. We can't wait to help you celebrate the season with meaningful gifts and decorations!

All nativities and large items will be on display. To ensure you get the items you want, please place your orders by December 1st. After that date, all nativities and large items will be available for immediate purchase off the shelf.



OPENING HOURS for DECEMBER 2024:

Saturdays: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

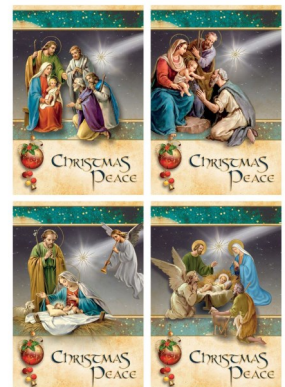
Sundays: 8.30am to 11.30am

Mondays: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PIETY SHOP ROSTER

Contact Lila 0418 360 024



Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

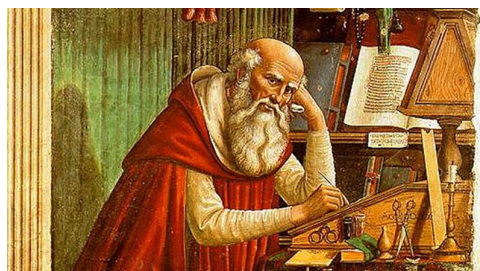
NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

30/11/2024 TO 1/12/2024
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul C	Paul E
Reader1	Sr Carol T	Teresa G	YEAR 6
Reader2	Natasha S	Judy H	GRADUATION
Prayers	Margaret B	Mary C	CHILDREN'S
TV		Nigel M	Mary A
Music		Melanie H	Melanie H
Music		Theresa N	Don R
Music		Marisa Q	
Music			
Morning Tea		Teresa G	Robin B
FLOWERS	Souraya K		

HAPPY FEAST DAY OF ST
SYLVESTER GOZZOLINI

26TH NOVEMBER



NEW ROSTER

NOW AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY. Please pick
up your copy with your name on it as soon
as possible.

"Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!"
NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL



The Pastoral Works Broken Bay November
2024 Appeal is now underway!

Donation envelopes are available in the pews,
and parishioners can also scan the QR code on
the envelopes, posters and social media tiles if
they want to donate using the option on our
website. While donations can be made at any
time, The Pastoral Works November Appeal is
the last one for the 2024 calendar year, and **all
donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers,
we really appreciate it!

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.

For all parish OH&S and Safeguarding Children matters Contact:
Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.

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LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Communities are being devastated
by conflict and economic instability.
Please help provide families with
food, water, and medical care.

DONATE NOW

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