

# St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B  
26 & 27 OCTOBER 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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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.

## SELF REFLECTION: FAITH FACING OBSTACLES

*This Sunday's Gospel, In Mark 10:46-52, this story serves as a reminder of the transformative power of faith. It encourages us to trust in the possibility of healing and new beginnings, both for ourselves and for others. In our own lives, we can reflect on what we need to let go of to pursue our spiritual growth and how we can be more supportive to those seeking help.*

- *What obstacles am I facing that prevent me from expressing my needs or desires?*
- *In what areas of my life do I need to show more perseverance or boldness, like Bartimaeus?*
- *How do I respond when someone reaches out for help or support?*
- *How can I actively support others in their journeys, especially those who may feel marginalized or overlooked?*

**Dear Lord,  
Help me to be bold in my faith, like Bartimaeus, and to seek Your presence even when I feel discouraged. Grant me the courage to express my needs and let go of anything that holds me back. Teach me to be compassionate and supportive to those around me. May I embrace the changes You desire for me. Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout!  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 (JB)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52 (JB)**

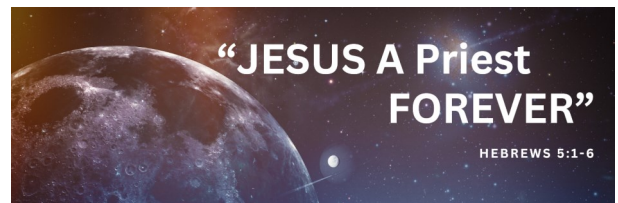
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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



**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

**Sunday, October 27**

**Jeremiah 31:7-9 / Psalm 126:1-6 / Hebrews 5:1-6 / Mark 10:46-52**

*Take courage; get up. Jesus is calling you. (Mark 10:49)*

Bartimaeus was desperate. He wanted Jesus to heal him, so he cried out repeatedly, “Son of David, have pity on me,” (Mark 10:47-48). The people nearby were clearly annoyed at his persistence. But when Jesus responded to Bartimaeus’ cries, they changed their tune. Now they were his advocates, telling him, “Take courage; get up. Jesus is calling you” (10:49).

Today, let these onlookers give you the courage—and the encouragement—you need to come to Jesus with your own needs. Maybe, like Bartimaeus, you’ve cried out for Jesus to heal you, but it seems he hasn’t answered your prayer. So you’ve resigned yourself to your circumstances. You don’t want to keep asking, just to be disappointed once again. *Take courage! Jesus is calling you.* Keep coming to him in faith. Believe in his love and his desire to heal. As you wait for him to answer your prayer, know that he will give you comfort and consolation to sustain you.

Maybe you’re ashamed of your sins and are afraid to confess them. Or perhaps you are still carrying the guilt of past sins that you’ve already confessed. *Take courage! Jesus is calling you.* He wants you to come to him and receive his mercy—not just once, but every day if necessary.

Perhaps you feel too weak or ill-equipped to be a disciple of Jesus. Or you’re afraid that family and friends will judge you if you talk about your faith too openly. *Take courage! Jesus is calling you.* He wants you to ask him for whatever you need so that you can follow him, whether that’s strength, boldness, or a particular set of gifts and talents.

Today at Mass, imagine Jesus asking you the same question he asked Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mark 10:51). Don’t be afraid to tell him! Know that he is pleased when you come to him with your every need!

**“Jesus, give me the courage to trust in you!”**

Source: Word Among Us India

**LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**OCTOBER**

Monday 28 Readings: Eph 2:19-22. Lk 6:12-19.  
**R:** Their message goes out through all the earth.  
**Sts Simon and Jude, apostles.**

Tuesday 29 Readings: Eph 5:21-33. Lk 13:18-21.  
**R:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Wednesday 30 Readings: Eph 6:1-9. Lk 13:22-30.  
**R:** The Lord is faithful in all his words.

Thursday 31 Readings: Eph 6:10-20. Lk 13:31-35.  
**R:** Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

**NOVEMBER**

Friday 1 Readings: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14. 1 Jn 3:1-3. Mt 5:1-12.  
**R:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.  
**ALL SAINTS**

Saturday 2 Readings: *From Masses for the Dead.*  
**R:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.  
**ALL SOULS’ DAY**

**Prayer inspired by Sts. Simon and Jude**

O God,  
who by the blessed Apostles  
have brought us to know you more,  
graciously grant, through the intercession  
of Saints Simon and Jude,  
that the Church may constantly  
grow in unity and joy.  
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.



## SPECIAL MASSES FOR THE WEEK



**ALL SAINTS MASS - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1**  
7AM MONASTERY  
7PM PARISH

**ALL SOULS MASS - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2**  
7AM MONASTERY

## NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



November is a special month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, a time when we reflect on and remember those who have passed on. In honour of this sacred tradition, our church will have a designated **book available where you can write the names of your loved ones who have passed away.** This is a beautiful opportunity for us to come together as a community in prayer, lifting up those we cherish and supporting their journey towards eternal peace.

As we remember them, let us also reflect on the significance of our prayers and the hope of reunion one day. Your participation in this act of remembrance not only honours your loved ones but also deepens our collective faith and connection. We invite you to take part in this meaningful practice throughout the month.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



Wishing **FATHER BERNARD**  
a very happy birthday!

OCTOBER 30TH

God bless you on your  
birthday!

## REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:



**PHILLIP DAILEY**



Funeral Service will be held at:  
Garden Chapel, Castlebrook  
**Friday 1st November 2024, at 2pm**  
Please join us afterwards at  
Riverstone Schofields Memorial Club,  
Riverstone.

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

*We are forever grateful to Phil for everything he has  
done for our parish and he will be greatly missed.*

***Our prayers and thoughts are with  
Lorraine, family and friends.***

## ST BENEDICT'S MAKER'S TABLE

Please join us for our upcoming Maker's Table  
workshop at St Benedict's!

*Let your light shine before men in such a way that  
they may see your good works, and glorify your  
Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

### CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 6th 2024  
7.30 – 9.30pm

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

RSVP by 3/11/24  
so we can set a special place at the Table for you!

Tania and Kathy will be leading us in the beautiful art  
of candle making! These candles will make wonderful  
Christmas gifts (or keep them!).  
We will also be rolling some beeswax candles to  
donate to the parish.

themakerstablesydney@gmail.com  
Martine 0458-533-250 Nerida 0425-834-017

## 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 Biagio Abignano, Joseph Guiana, Charlie Micallef, Brother Mario, Father Alberic.**

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



## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

This week volunteer of the week nomination goes to:



### SOPHIE REBUJA

A heartfelt thank you to Sophie Rebuja for all the incredible work she does behind the scenes, often unnoticed by many of us. Sophie takes care of cleaning the purifiers, prepares morning tea, assists with cleaning, and is always there to help with anything we need. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, Sophie, and we truly appreciate everything you do. God bless you!

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

## OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY



**For the month of October the Rosary will be recited after the 9.30am daily masses.**

## ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Benedict's Youth Group Announcement

- **Starts: Friday, 25th October**
- Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Ages: 8-12 years old



If you're a volunteer aged 14-16 and would like to help out, please email the parish office. All our youth leaders have Working With Children Checks.

Thank you, Gabe & Jules!

## ST BENEDICT'S MEN'S MEET & GREET

**The next MEN'S MEET AND GREET:  
This TUESDAY 29 October 2024  
7.30pm to 8.30pm**

Join our Parish Men's Group, a welcoming community for men of all ages. We meet monthly to foster friendships, share experiences, and support each other in our spiritual journeys. Come grow in faith with us!

Best regards,  
Bens-Men

## 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.

Bring your craft and come and join us!

## CCC PRAYER GROUP



Prayer meeting held every **Wednesday morning:**  
after 9.30am Mass.

*Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!*

For more details call  
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.

## CATECHISTS' NEWS

As we enter into the final term of the year I would like to reflect on Alison Newell's words in the Catechist Connections magazine that Catechists "have the privileged opportunity in SRE classes to break open the real meaning of Christmas and to teach the children how to use their time in Advent to prepare for the birth of Christ." This is our ministry to the children we teach each week.

Free training –

For new Catechists – Ministry Induction training on Mondays 10am – 12:15pm via Zoom. Next Monday 28 October will be 'Safeguarding Children/Child Protection'. The course prepares new catechists for their ministry in the classroom.

RSVP [registrations@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbccatholic.org.au) or 8379 1643

Helpers and part time Catechists are always welcome. This ministry can be challenging but also has big rewards to those called. If you are interested to learn more about the ministry of being a Catechist, please talk to one of our priests, Catechists or contact myself.

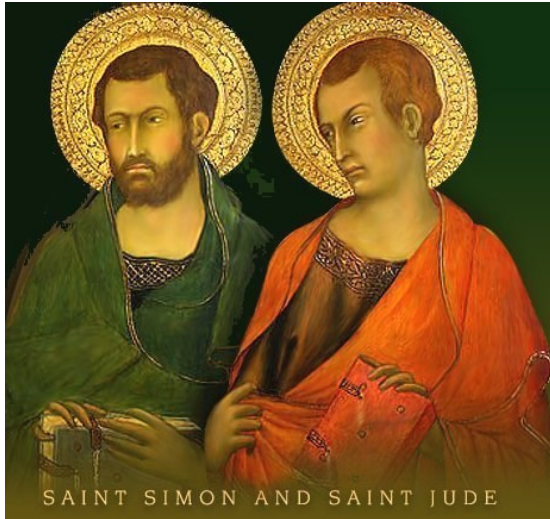
## PRAY FOR STUDENTS TAKING THEIR HSC EXAMS Shaping Your Future - One Step at a Time

*"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."  
~ John F Kennedy ~*

As you enter this time of exams and new beginnings, remember that each moment is part of your journey. The effort you have put in has brought you here and every challenge is a chance to show your strength. It's okay to feel uncertain, but trust that you have what it takes to succeed. Exams are just one step on a path filled with opportunities and no test can define your full potential.

Take things one day at a time, do your best and believe in your abilities. What matters most is your growth, not just the result. When this chapter closes another will open, full of new chances to explore, learn and grow. You are ready for what comes next. Keep moving forward with confidence, knowing that each step is progress and every effort brings you closer to where you are meant to be.

*Dear God,  
Give me peace and strength as I face these exams and the changes ahead of me. Help me stay focused, calm and confident in the abilities You have given me. Guide my thoughts and actions and remind me that I am never alone. Thank You for being with me always. Amen.*



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint SIMON & Saint JUDE, Apostles

Feast Day: October 28

Circa First Century

*Patron Saint of:*

*curriers, woodcutters, and tanners (Simon);  
hopeless causes and hospital workers (Jude)*

Today, the Church honours Saints Simon and Jude, two of our Lord's Twelve Apostles. They were two of the first bishops through whom Jesus established His Church and from whom all bishops, priests, and deacons descend. Very little is known about these two Apostles, other than their listing among the Twelve Apostles in [Matthew 10:2-4](#); [Mark 3:16-19](#); [Luke 6:13-16](#); and [Acts 1:13](#).

Today's Simon is "the Cananean" (Matthew and Mark) and "the Zealot" (Luke and Acts). The two names share a meaning. "Cananean" is a translation of an Aramaic word meaning "zealous."

Jesus' Apostles reveal his interest in people of every background and experience. Simon the Zealot would have been committed to his Jewish identity and firmly opposed to Roman oppression and taxation. Matthew had served the Romans by collecting taxes from the Jews. Jesus was not bound by cultural ties, nationalities, ideologies, or social classes.

Jude is referred to as "Judas son of James" (Luke and Acts) and "Thaddeus" (Matthew and Mark). The only other reference to Jude comes from John's Gospel during the Last Supper in which Jude is referred to as "Judas, not the Iscariot..." ([John 14:22](#)). When Jesus tells His Apostles that He will soon be leaving them, Jude asks Jesus, "Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jude is asking Jesus why He doesn't clearly and convincingly manifest His divinity to everyone, so that they will believe in Him.

A reference appears in two of the Gospels identifying Simon and Jude as Jesus' brothers: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?" ([Matthew 13:55](#); [Mark 6:3](#)). Most scholars believe these two are not the same as the Apostles but are Jesus' cousins, as it was customary at that time to refer to one's cousin as brother or sister.

Unreliable apocryphal sources, such as the *Passion of Simon and Jude* and other fourth-century and later sources, provide what we know about Simon's and Jude's deaths. One tradition is that the two traveled to Persia to preach the Gospel and were killed there in AD 65. Simon is traditionally believed to have been sawed in half, and Jude is traditionally believed to have been beaten with a club. They often appear in sacred art holding the instruments of their deaths. Other traditions state they ministered in Armenia, Lebanon, Roman Britain, Egypt, and/or Samaria and died by arrows, crucifixion, or even a peaceful death.

The Epistle traditionally attributed to Saint Jude the Apostle is a short, passionate letter warning Christians against immorality and heresy. Some suggest that he is named Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes because of his passionate plea. Another tradition states that because Jude shared a name with Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, his intercession was rarely sought. However, after every other Apostle and saint was beseeched, people in the early Church would turn to Saint Jude as their last hope. Throughout the centuries, many miracles have been attributed to Saint Jude.

***Saints Simon and Jude, you were privileged to learn from Jesus Himself. After His Ascension, you were among the first to receive the Holy Spirit and ordination as bishops. God used you to go forth and fulfill His command to share the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Please pray that I will more fully understand my mission within the Body of Christ and will fulfill my duties with diligence and love. Saints Simon and Jude, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.***



# PIETY SHOP NEWS

## PIETY SHOP TRANSFORMING INTO PIETY CHRISTMAS SHOP!

**Opening Date: November 10, 2024**

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.

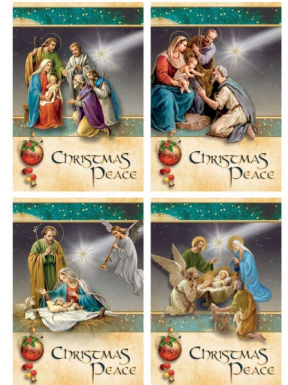
**Special Orders:** If we run out of stock, we offer special orders! Please place your order by December 8.

**Custom Requests:** If you're looking for something specific that we don't have in the shop, let us know by December 8, 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!



**OPENING HOURS:**  
First Saturday of the month 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

2/11/2024 TO 3/11/2024  
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Nigel M	Paul E
Reader1	Daniel V	Judy H	CHILDREN
Reader2	Edyn V	Teresa G	CHILDREN
Prayers	Sr Carol T	Lorraine D	CHILDREN
TV		Joshua A	Trey O'C
Music		Karina S	Melanie H
Music		John T	Martina J
Music		Noelle T	Theresa N
Music			
Morning Tea		Tania T	Robin B
FLOWERS	Angela S		



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.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm  
(School holidays only open Fridays)

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## MONASTERY CHAPEL

### Liturgy of the Hours

"Seven times a day I will praise you" Psalm  
119:164

The liturgy of the hours is the set of prayers (psalms, hymns, readings and other prayers). It is recited in the Monastery Chapel daily at the following times:

5.45am Office of Readings  
6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds  
12.45pm Midday prayer  
6.00pm Evening prayer - Vespers  
8.00pm Night prayer - Compline

ALL are welcome to attend any time.

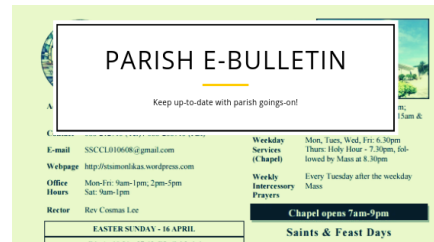
## PARISH E-BULLETIN

The Parish is offering the Parish bulletin electronically in addition to the printed version.

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send your email address to the parish office at:

arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

Remember, the bulletin is also available weekly on the Parish website and Facebook page.



## PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### Youth Ministry Event - 15 November 2024

All Young Adults and Senior High School students are warmly invited to attend "Pilgrims of Hope" a PraiseFest style event including Mass and Keynote Speaker which will be hosted by the Parish of Chatswood.

For further information, please contact

[mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)



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