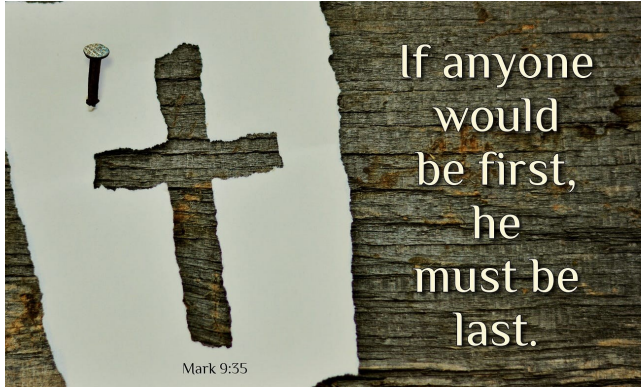


St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B
21 & 22 SEPTEMBER 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred
Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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: HUMILITY

This Sunday's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37, Jesus teaches about humility and service. He tells His disciples that true greatness comes from welcoming and serving those who are vulnerable, like children.

1. In what ways do I seek recognition?
2. Am I more focused on my own achievements or on serving others?
3. Who are the "little ones" in my life?
4. How do I show kindness and support to those who are vulnerable or marginalised?
5. How do I respond when I see others seeking greatness?
6. Do I support them or do I feel competitive?

**Humility:
Putting others first**

**Dear Lord,
Thank You for teaching me about humility and service. Help me to embrace the value of every person and to serve others with a humble heart. May I seek greatness in kindness and compassion, following the example of Jesus. Amen.**

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (JB)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
 and opposes our way of life,
 reproaches us for our breaches of the law
 and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
 Let us see if what he says is true,
 let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
 If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
 and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
 Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
 and thus explore this gentleness of his
 and put his endurance to the proof.
 Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel
 to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

FIRST READING

The wicked say: With
 revilement and torture let us
 put the just one to the test.

(Wisdom 2:12, 17-20)

For where **JEALOUSY**
 and **selfish ambition** exist,
 there is **disorder** and every **evil thing**
James 3:16

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Whoever welcomes
 one such child
 in my name
 welcomes
 me. Mark 9:37

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, September 22

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 / Psalm 54:3-6, 8 / James 3:16–4:3 / Mark 9:30-37

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all. (Mark 9:35)

The first shall be last? This is one of those sayings of Jesus that goes against our natural desires. We don't want to be the last one in line, and we certainly don't want to be the servant! So how can we become the humble servants that the Lord is calling us to be?

Jesus provides an answer at the end of today's Gospel passage: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me" (Mark 9:37). Jesus is telling us that he is inseparable from his people. He loves us so deeply that he died for us and came to live in our hearts.

So what we do for others, we are doing for Christ. This truth should revolutionize the way we interact with the people around us. Think about it: if Jesus walked through our front door today, we would immediately get busy addressing his needs. "Come in, Jesus; sit down, Jesus. You look hungry; I'll make you anything you want to eat." We would be so quick to serve him that we just might overwhelm him with our kindness! But when we see a brother or sister in need, we often, either explicitly or implicitly, weigh our options: *Does this fit in my schedule? How much will this cost me? What will I get out of this in return?*

God is calling us out of any selfish regard for ourselves and into a selfless love for others. Today, ask for the eyes to see other people the way God the Father sees them: as another Christ. This will paint everyday situations in a new light. Christ is the lonely parishioner who is looking for a friend; he is the sick neighbor who needs a meal. When you are serving such people, you are serving the Lord himself!

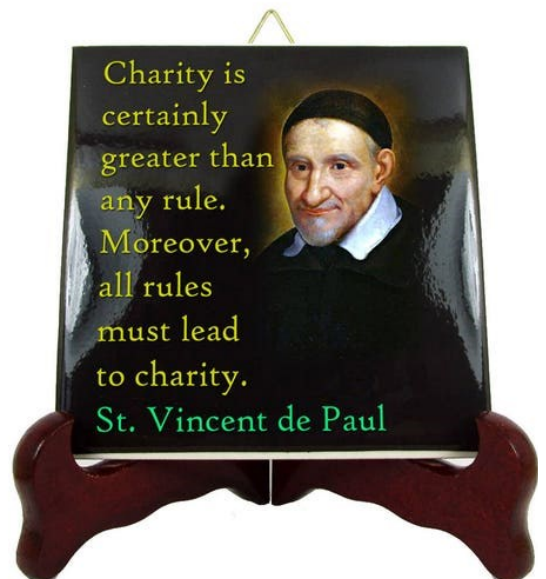
“Lord Jesus, teach me to imitate you, the King who came to serve and not to be served.”

Source: Word Among Us India

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 23 Readings: Prov 3:27-34. Lk 8:16-18.
R: Whoever does justice shall live on the Lord's holy mountain.
St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
- Tuesday 24 Readings: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13. Lk 8:19-21.
R: Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.
- Wednesday 25 Readings: Prov 30:5-9. Lk 9:1-6.
R: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.
- Thursday 26 Readings: Eccl 1:2-11. Lk 9:7-9.
R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
- Friday 27 Readings: Eccl 3:1-11. Lk 9:18-22.
R: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!
St Vincent de Paul, priest
- Saturday 28 Readings: Eccl 11:9-12:8. Lk 9:43-45.
R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
St Wenceslaus, martyr
St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs



Source: Ordo 2024



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



“ The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal in 1917. She promised that Heaven would grant peace to the troubled world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. ”

Our Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

Here at St Benedict's, Sunday 13th October 2024 at 12:30pm

Commences with a children's play and recital of the Rosary in 5 languages followed by a Procession, Holy Mass, and then afternoon tea and raffle.

Special petitions to Our Lady, can be placed in the "PETITION BOX" at the foot of the statue. The petitions will be taken to the Shrine of Fatima, Portugal. A nine-day "NOVENA" will be held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Friday 4th October 2023, followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

For further information: 0438 521 421

OBITUARY NOTICE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of

COLLEEN BENETT

Went into eternal rest on Sunday 15/9/2024



FUNERAL DETAILS:
*Monday September 23rd
11am at St Benedict's Parish*

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

*Our prayers and thoughts are with
the Bennett families and friends
during this difficult time.*

*Colleen, thank you for everything
you have done for our parish.
You will be greatly missed.
Rest in peace beautiful Colleen.*

OBITUARY NOTICE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of

BROTHER TERENCE KAVANAGH

Went into eternal rest on Wednesday 18/9/2024



FUNERAL DETAILS:
(TO BE ADVISED)

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

*Brother Terry was a great monk,
and a humble soul.
Our prayers and thoughts are with
the monks of St Benedict's,
the Kavanagh family and friends.*

*May He Rest In Peace
in the Hands of the Lord.*

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 Brother Terry Kavanagh, Colleen Bennett & Caterina Madaffari.

May they rest in Peace.



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

This week volunteer of the week nomination goes to:

THANK YOU!

DEAN FAUGHT

A big thank you to Dean for volunteering cleaning all the parish windows. We really appreciate your help when needed! God bless you always!

Who would you like to nominate for next week's volunteer? Email the parish if you know someone who deserves to be mentioned.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

7:15pm
Tuesday 24 September 2024

Parish meeting room

Members attendance much appreciated.

PIETY SHOP HOURS

Saturdays: 1st Saturday of the month
Sundays: 8.30am to 11.30am
Mondays: 9.30am to 2.30pm
Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm

VOLUNTEERS FOR PIETY SHOP ROSTER

If you're interested in helping out before or after Masses, please let Father know. We really appreciate any assistance and will add you to the roster. Thank you for your support!

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Benedict's Youth Group for 8-12 year olds meets **every Friday during the school term from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.**

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

Thank you, Gabe & Jules!



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.

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!

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP



Every Monday 2.00pm.
Everyone welcome.

For more details call

Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.

CATECHISTS' NEWS

Term 3 finishes this Friday 27th September and Term 4 starts on Monday 14th October.

Free training –

- For all Catechists, family or friends - “**A Reflective Study of the Psalms**” continues Friday 27th September 10am-12.15pm via Zoom on ‘Hymns and Canticles in the Old and New Testament’
- For new Catechists – **CCD Ministry Induction** on Thursday 26th September 6:15-8:30pm, this week's unit ‘Lesson Planning Using Digital Resources’.
- The CCD is also offering ongoing training for Catechists in Classroom Management during the Sept/Oct school holidays. While the Zoom sessions are now fully booked, there will be a face-to-face session at Pennant Hills on Wednesday 2nd October 10am-12:30pm.

RSVP registrations@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1643

Helpers and part time Catechists are always welcome. 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.

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



OUR LADY OF FATIMA MEETING

Tuesday 23 September at 7:15pm
Parish Meeting Room

All committee members please attend.

Visitors are welcome.

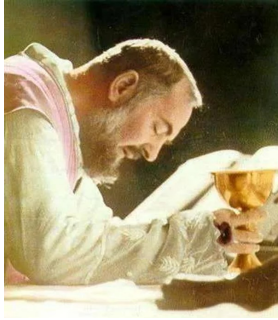
CCD ANNUAL MASS

Saturday 16 November 11.30am,
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

The CCD Annual Mass is our opportunity to recognise and celebrate the devoted SRE catechists in our Diocese. We honour those who have served our ministry for 15 years or more, and this year we are thrilled to present a 60 years of service award. We also recognise catechists who have achieved high levels of training. We invite all clergy to concelebrate the Mass, and all catechists, family, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



Priest

Feast Day: September 23

C: 1887-1968

Patron Saint of adolescents and civil defense volunteers

Invoked by those in need of stress relief, spiritual healing, and for January blues

Canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002

Saint Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in the rural town of Pietrelcina, Italy. Called Franci (Frankie), he was the third of five surviving children. Town life centered around the local church of Saint Anna with feasts, Masses, processions, novenas, and parish festivals. Early on, Franci exhibited great piety, dedicating himself to God and the Blessed Virgin at age five. He suffered from nightmares as a toddler and later believed that they were evidence of the devil already tormenting him. His three years of public schooling were interrupted by various illnesses.

When ten-year-old Franci met a bearded Capuchin friar, he told his parents, "I want to be a friar with a beard!" To pay for the better education Franci would need, his father worked in America for three years, sending home nine dollars each week. At fifteen, Franci entered the Capuchins, receiving the name Pio, possibly after Pope Pio I, whose relics were in Saint Anna Church.

Five days before joining the Capuchins, Pio had a vision in prayer. A "majestic Man" led him to do battle with a "mysterious creature." When the creature fled, Pio received a beautiful crown. He was told that he must continually fight the creature but would always win with the majestic Man's help. Three days later, after receiving the Eucharist, Pio realized that the creature was from hell, but the Man at his side was Christ. In a vision two days later, Jesus and Mary consoled and strengthened Pio. At age nineteen, Pio took his final vows, and was ordained a priest at twenty-three.

The barefoot friars gathered to pray seven times a day, spent long hours studying, lived in simple cells, fasted, and engaged in manual labor. Continually in poor health, Pio regularly fell into ecstasy in prayer, levitating at times, weeping at others, often losing track of time and place. Once ordained, he lived with his family until his health improved. In 1916, he was sent to Our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary, in San Giovanni Rotondo, where he lived the rest of his life.

Padre Pio soon became known as a mystic. His ecstasies made his Masses long and devout. He heard confessions and counseled many, often with "pray, hope, and don't worry." On September 20, 1918, while praying after Mass, Jesus' wounds pierced Pio's body. He openly carried the stigmata for exactly fifty years, and no doctor could explain the wounds. People flocked to see the living saint and mystic. He manifested the charisms of healing, bilocation, levitation, and prophecy. Foreign visitors heard him speak in their own language. He could read hearts, spent weeks at a time eating only the Holy Eucharist, and slept little or not at all. Miraculous conversions resulted from his ministry.

While these miraculous events inspired many Catholics, they concerned some Church authorities. In 1931, the Holy See banned Padre Pio from public ministry as a lengthy investigation began. Thirteen years later, Pope Pius XI reversed the restrictions. Pope Paul VI fully exonerated Padre Pio in 1963. On September 22, 1968, Padre Pio celebrated a televised solemn Mass that thousands attended to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his reception of the stigmata. The next day, his wounds disappeared and he passed to Heaven. An estimated 100,000 people attended his funeral.

Saint Padre Pio, you loved God with all your heart and bore Christ's wounds on your body. Through you, many lives were converted, hearts healed, and sins forgiven. Please pray that I will receive the healing I need to more fully devote myself to God's will and serve Him with all my might. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

FRESH BREAD

20 COBAH ROAD
EVERY SUNDAY
OPEN 8AM



DONATING MEN'S CLOTHING FOR SEAFARERS

Thank You to the kind and generous parishioners for their donations of men's clothing and items to the Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea. The seafarers who will receive these donations and Sr Mary who can pass them on are blessed to have such a community as yourselves supporting them.



Photo of Sr Mary and the recent drop off of clothes and toiletries.

Many thanks,
Cathy Holling 0403062255

OBITUARY NOTICE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of



CATERINA MADAFFARI



Went into eternal rest on 10th September 2024

(Funeral was on the 19th September 2024)

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

*Our prayers and thoughts are with
the Madaffari families and friends
during this difficult time.*

ST BENEDICT'S

MEN'S MEET & GREET

The next MEN'S MEET AND GREET:
TUESDAY the 1st October 2024
7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Our Parish Men's Group is a welcoming community for men of all ages who seek to grow in faith, foster friendships, and support one another in their spiritual journeys. We meet regularly every month to engage in meaningful discussions, share our experiences, and explore ways to live out our faith in everyday life.

Best regards,
Bens-Men

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLIE CAMILLERI

ONE YEAR MASS



SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 9AM

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

Amen



Catholic Vocations Broken Bay
Young Adult Event

Encounter

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 6PM

Save the Date!

Special Guest Speaker
Seminarian Matthew French

St Agatha's Parish
Pennant Hills

VENUE: ST AGATHA'S CHURCH
TREBOR ROAD PENNANT HILLS 2120

P: 0418 522 449 | 02 8379 1626
E: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

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[HTTPS://HERO.PAGE/VOCATIONSMINISTRY/VOCATIONS-OFFICE-BROKEN-BAY](https://hero.page/vocationsministry/vocations-office-broken-bay)



Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

28/9/24 TO 29/9/2024
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul C	
Reader1	Maria G	Camilleri	Tanya J
Reader2	Mary C	Family	Tim J
Prayers	Miriam B	Camilleri	Sam J
TV		Roderick R	Mary A
Music		Rebecca R	Karina S
Music		Marisa Q	Noelle T
Music		Pauline H	John T
Music			
Morning Tea		Sharon C	
 FLOWERS	Rose G		

SUPPORT ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

ARE YOU CONSIDERING SELLING YOUR PROPERTY

We are delighted to introduce Gavan Kohen, Sales Director at **Ray White Dural**, a proud member of the Parish of St Benedict's.

Gavan is generously offering to support our parish by donating a portion of his commission from any sale referred by our parishioners. Thank you Gavan, we appreciate your kind gesture.

For any real estate enquiries, please contact:

Gavan Kohen on 0414 911 070.

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.



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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

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

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help. These people in our parish can help:

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

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Facebook: [stbenedictarcadia](https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictarcadia)

MONASTERY: 9653 1159



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Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.