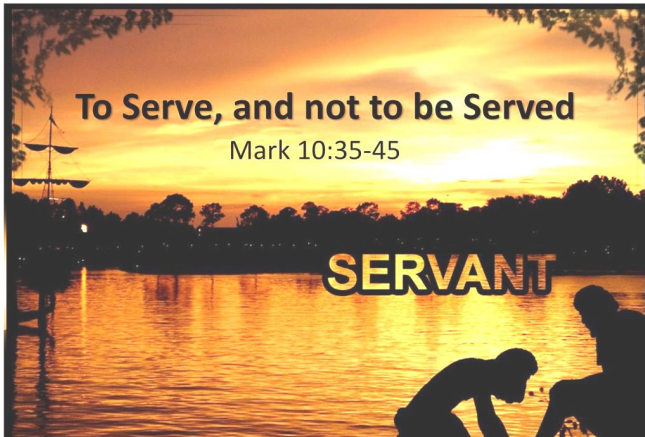


# St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



To Serve, and not to be Served

Mark 10:35-45

**SERVANT**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B**

**19 & 20 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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

## SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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: SERVING OTHERS

*This Sunday's Gospel, In Mark 10:35-45, James and John seek positions of power, revealing a common human desire for status. Jesus' response teaches that true greatness lies in serving others.*

- *Am I seeking recognition or fulfilment, or is my goal to serve others?*
- *How can I support those around me?*
- *How do I define leadership? Is it a position of power or an opportunity to uplift others?*
- *How can I contribute positively to my community?*
- *What small actions can I take to promote kindness and support?*



**Dear Lord,**

**Help me to align my ambitions with Your will. Teach me to seek greatness through service rather than recognition. Grant me the humility to embrace sacrifice and to uplift those around me. May my actions reflect Your love and lead others closer to You. Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 (JB)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher; we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

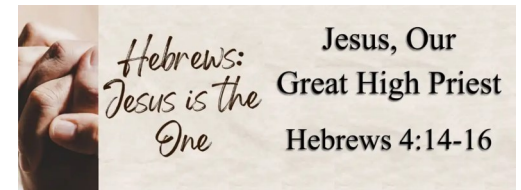
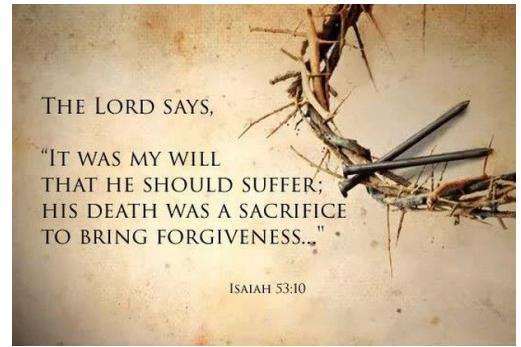
But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able."

Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

"When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sunday, October 20

*Mission Sunday*

Isaiah 53:10-11 / Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / Hebrews 4:14-16 / Mark 10:35-45

**Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you. (Luke 10:35)**

What a bold demand! James and John seem to have forgotten what Jesus had taught them about greatness. He had just rebuked them: “Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Mark 10:15). Jesus’ model of greatness confounded them because in his kingdom, “[the] last will be first” (10:31).

James and John should have known that Jesus valued humility, not prominence. They should have remembered, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all” (Mark 9:35). But all they could think about was their position in his kingdom. They wanted to be great, to be important, to be right up front with Jesus. But he insisted that “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life” (10:45).

Jesus’ model of greatness challenges our expectations, too. We all want to be great in some way. We might want to be admired at work or seen as a good parent. We might even want to do great things for God: to live a holy life, to make a difference in the world, or to raise a family that loves Jesus and serves the Church. These are all good desires. Even James and John’s willingness to drink the cup with Jesus was a good one. Their desires just needed to be purified—and so do ours. Rather than demanding that God bend to our will and do for us whatever we ask, we need to yield to his will.

Like James and John, we need a servant’s heart. We need the kind of heart that Jesus showed when he taught and healed and fed the hungry, when he washed his disciples’ feet, and when he offered his body and blood. We need to imitate Jesus when he didn’t make demands but yielded to his Father, saying “Not my will but yours be done” (Luke 22:42). May we all embrace the heart of our Savior!

***“Jesus, I let go of my demands. Make me a servant like you.”***

Source: Word Among Us India

## LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### OCTOBER

Monday 21

Readings: Eph 2:1-10. Lk 12:13-21.

**R:** The Lord made us, we belong to him.

Tuesday 22

Readings: Eph 2:12-22. Lk 12:35-38.

**R:** The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

**St John Paul II, pope.**

Wednesday 23

Readings: Eph 3:2-12. Lk 12:39-48.

**R:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**St John of Capistrano, priest.**

Thursday 24

Readings: Eph 3:14-21. Lk 12:49-53.

**R:** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

**St Anthony Claret, bishop.**

Friday 25

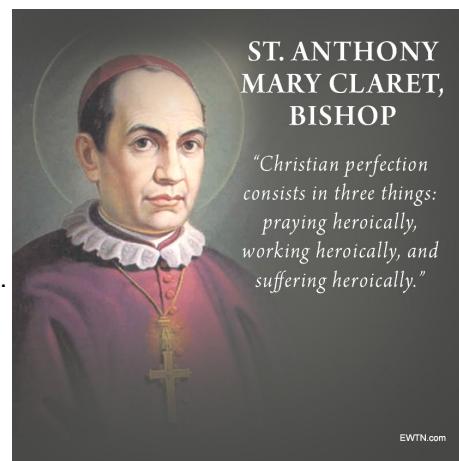
Readings: Eph 4:1-6. Lk 12:54-59.

**R:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Saturday 26

Readings: Eph 4:7-16. Lk 13:1-9.

**R:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



Source: Ordo 2024



### POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2024

#### For a Shared Mission

Pope Francis asks for prayers so that the Church “continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople.”





This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

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### ARCADIA PARISH – FINANCE UPDATE

Income & Expenses 1/7/2024 to 30/9/2024

**Income:**

Parish Giving	\$19,044.75
Other Income	\$ 5,572.38
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$24,617.13</b>

**Total Running Costs of Church/Operating Expenses:** \$24,202.17

Operating Profit for the Quarter \$ 414.96

**Other Capital Expenditure - New Carpet** \$14,900.00

**Net Loss Quarter \$14,485.04**

### BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY

#### UNLOCKING THE MYSTER OF THE BIBLE

Last Chance to Join Our Bible Timeline Study!  
 Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Bible!

Join us every Thursday at 7 PM until November 28th.  
 Presenter: Charbel Raish  
 17 Bangor Road, Middle Dural.  
 We look forward to seeing you there!

### 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](mailto:themakerstablesydney@gmail.com)  
 Martine 0458-533-250 Nerida 0425-834-017

### REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of:



#### BROTHER PETER HANCOCK



Funeral Service will be held at:  
 St Martha's Catholic Parish  
 70 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**Monday 28th October 12pm**

**Burial will be at Rookwood**

Please join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

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

**Our prayers and thoughts are with Sister Faye, his family and friends.**

## 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 Brother Peter Hancock, Brother Terry Kavanagh ~ *May they rest in Peace.*



## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK!

This week volunteer of the week nomination goes to:

**Thank**

**You**

**MARY ABOOD**

A heartfelt thank you to Mary Abood for always stepping in when needed. Your support on Fatima Day, managing the Piety Shop and organising morning tea, as well as your help with the Sacramental program and Children's Masses, and everything you do has been invaluable. We truly appreciate everything you do, Mary. God bless you!

*If you know someone who deserves to be recognised as next week's volunteer, please send an email to the parish with your nomination. Let's celebrate those who make a difference in our community!*

## OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY



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

## CCC PRAYER GROUP

The CCC Prayer Group meets every Wednesday morning for prayers and a cup of tea and sweets after the 9:30 AM Mass. Each month, they celebrate a joint birthday with cake, fostering a joyful atmosphere. This group is more than just a prayer circle; they have become close friends. A special thanks to Mary Camilleri for nurturing this beautiful community of prayer and friendship. Come and join this beautiful group.

Below is a photo where they celebrated a few birthdays.



## 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

Welcome back to all students as we returned to class this week.

Free training –

- For all Catechists, family or friends - "A Reflective Study of the Psalms" concludes this Friday 25th October 10am-12.15pm via Zoom on 'Identity and Integrity in Ministry'
- For new Catechists – Ministry Induction training commenced this week on Mondays 10am – 12:15pm via Zoom. Next Monday 21 October will be 'SRE Teacher in the Parish and the School'. The course prepares new catechists for their ministry in the classroom.

RSVP registrations@bbccatholic.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 *Parish Catechist Co-ordinator*  
srearcadia@gmail.com

## 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:**  
**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



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint John Paul II, Pope

Feast Day: October 22

1920 - 2005

Patron Saint of World Youth Days

Canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Józef Wojtyła's early life was one of loss and suffering. When Karol was twelve, his mother and two siblings had already died. His father, who taught him devotion to Mary and how to pray, died when Karol was twenty-one. His university studies were forced underground when Germany invaded Poland, igniting World War II. To avoid deportation, Karol worked in a quarry and a chemical factory. Sensing God calling him to the priesthood, Karol studied in a clandestine seminary. He escaped a 1944 Nazi round-up by hiding in his uncle's house and then hid in the archbishop's residence until the Soviet Red Army liberated Kraków on January 19, 1945.

On November 1, 1946, Karol was ordained a priest and then studied for his doctorate in Rome. While in Rome, Father Wojtyła visited the Capuchin monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo, where the famous mystic Padre Pio resided. In confession, Padre Pio told Father Wojtyła that he would "ascend to the highest office in the Church." In 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio.

Back in Poland, Father Wojtyła spent ten years in pastoral ministry, taught and served as university chaplain, received a second doctorate in philosophy, and wrote poems, plays, and articles. He gathered university students for prayer and discussion, as well as kayaking and camping trips. While on a camping trip with friends in 1958, he was called back to Warsaw and learned that he had been named auxiliary bishop of Krakow at age thirty-eight. The new bishop lived simply and maintained his friendships. He took part in the Second Vatican Council, becoming cardinal for Kraków in 1967.

When Pope John Paul I died in 1978 after thirty-three days in office, the cardinals chose Cardinal Wojtyła as pope, the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his inaugural homily, Pope John Paul II said words that echoed during his papacy, "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

Pope John Paul II drew massive crowds in 129 countries while in office. He met with heads of state, held open-air Masses, began World Youth Day celebrations, met with leaders of other faiths and survived an assassination attempt. He commanded a powerful and endearing presence everywhere, almost always speaking in the native language. In 1979, his visit to his homeland sparked the Solidarity Movement, leading to communism's downfall in Poland. The movement spread across Eastern Europe, where democratic governments replaced communism in the coming decades.

Pope John Paul II wrote extensively on morality, dogma, spirituality, Mariology, sexuality, family life, marriage, the dignity of the person, the economy, and society. Along with his encyclicals, apostolic exhortations, apostolic letters, apostolic constitutions, *motu proprio*, many catecheses, homilies, plays, and books, he reformed the Code of Canon Law and promulgated the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Among the 482 saints that Pope John Paul II canonized was Saint Faustina Kowolska, the Polish nun entrusted with the Divine Mercy message. He instituted Divine Mercy Sunday on the second Sunday of the octave of Easter. After bravely suffering with Parkinson's disease, unable to walk and barely able to talk, Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

*Saint John Paul II, you lost your earthly family but you were later entrusted with the entire world as your children. Please pray that I will never allow hardships to deter me from serving God's will, remaining hopeful and fearless as I serve our glorious God. Saint John Paul II, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Sunday, 13th October 2024, the faithful gathered at St Benedict's Church, Arcadia for a beautiful and moving celebration of Fatima Day, marking another year of devotion and community spirit. The event, which attracted hundreds of attendees from parishes all over Sydney, was a true testament to the enduring significance of Our Lady of Fatima.

A big **thank you** to the Fatima committee for organising such a wonderful event! Special thanks to:

- Paul & Mary Camilleri for the beautiful statues and everything they supplied.
- Mary Bandierra & Conney Falcone for arranging the stunning flowers and the statue.
- John Belcastro for the rose petals he donated and for purchasing flowers for the church.
- Pina & John Frasca for the delicious Zippoli and Tiramisu.
- Robert Pirina for donating the large cake from his Glenorie bakery.

• Daniella Scotti for taking amazing photos!  
And to everyone who came, helped, brought food, and organised with us—your support made this event truly special! Thank you all!



## 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 30 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

#### PIETY SHOP SECOND-HAND ITEMS EVENT

Join us for a free second-hand items giveaway or donate if you wish!

**Date:** This Sunday, October 20th

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Location:** Outside the Piety Shop

# Parish Roster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA  
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

26/10/2024 TO 27/10/2024  
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	SATURDAY 7.00pm	SUNDAY 9.00am	SUNDAY 10.30am
Acolyte		Paul C	George A
Reader1	Sr Carol T	Ann L	Leanne A
Reader2	Natasha S	Mary C	Martina J
Prayers	Margaret B	Nigel M	Sandra M
TV		Roderick R	Mirko J
Music		Rebecca R	Melanie H
Music		Nigel M	Keith W
Music		Theresa N	Don R
Music		Marisa Q	
Morning Tea		Teresa G	
FLOWERS	Mona M		

## 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.

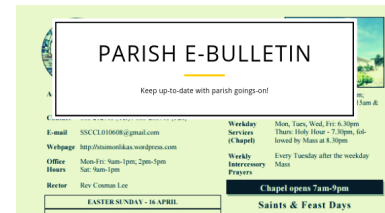
## PARISH E-BULLETIN

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.



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.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays & Fridays: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Parish Office: 02 9653 2312  
Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

Parish Priest: Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB  
Email: sanshanasamarasinghe@yahoo.com  
After hours: 0437 884 233

Address: 2 Fagans Road, Arcadia NSW 2159  
Postal address: 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia NSW 2159

## COMMUNITY DISCERNMENT FORUM

The bishop invites the parish community to a discernment forum to explore important questions affecting all parishes in the North Shore Deanery.

Father Shansana has already reached out to the parishioners involved in our discussion groups. Group leaders, please connect with your teams to schedule a date for the forum as soon as possible.

Website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)

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



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CBA—Catholic Development Fund

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