



Please pray for: Frank & Alice May Purcell (deceased)

Mass Times: Sun 28th June 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday, Ord Time (A)

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| Sunday, 28 Jun | 10.30 am | Solemn Mass |
| Sunday, 28 Jun | 6.00 pm | Young Adults Mass |
| Monday, 29 Jun | No Mass | Sts Peter & Paul, apostles (Solemnity) |
| Tuesday, 30 Jun | No Mass | First Martyrs of the Church (Optional) |
| Wednesday, 01 Jul | No Mass | Wednesday – 13th Week, Ord Time |
| Thursday, 02 Jul | 12.35 pm | Thursday – 13th Week, Ord Time |
| Friday, 03 Jul | No Mass | St Thomas, apostle (Feast) |
| Saturday, 04 Jul | No Mass | St Elizabeth of Portugal (Optional) |



Regular Confession Times:

Monday to Friday: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm (before 12.35 pm Mass)
Sunday: 5.30 pm (before 6.00 pm Mass)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office



If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the **Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office** on ph 02 9390 5812.



A VOCATION VIEW: 'He who is humble easily obeys everyone, fears to offend anyone, is at peace with everyone, is kind to all.' *Saint Thomas, apostle*

Saints Peter and Paul – died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64 & 67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the 'chief of the apostles' and Paul the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. Remembered for their faith, their courage and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

***12.35pm Mass is back on Thursdays!** For the time to come, 12.35pm weekday Mass is now being celebrated once a week on Thursdays – we will keep you posted on any weekday Mass updates.

***Weekly Envelopes for the new financial year – now available for collection in the church – many thanks**

Red and Black buckets – for First and Second Collections – at present, we are not passing the collection plates around the pews during Sunday Mass, in keeping with social distancing. Instead, we have two large buckets at the front of the church (generally on the edge of the altar). The **Red bucket** is the **First Collection bucket, for the Dominican community** – and the **Black bucket** is the **Second Collection bucket, for St Benedict's Parish**. You are welcome to come up and place monies in these buckets during Mass, or of course, before or afterwards. Thank you – your ongoing support is appreciated.

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (28th June 2020) – <https://youtu.be/L1jU9hUEKAY>

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

The Resumption of 10.30am & 6pm Sunday Mass – for a maximum of 50 parishioners

Dear everyone, please go to our website – www.stbenedicts.org.au – and scroll down on the Home page to click on the links to register for 10.30am or 6pm Mass each week. Many thanks.

Please be in touch with the parish office on 8204 4378 by Thursday (In any given week) should you experience difficulty in using the Eventbrite system to book Mass – the parish office is not open on Fridays or over weekends – thank you! **For anyone arriving for Sunday Mass without having first registered, we will be pleased to record your details and invite you into the church, if 50 parishioners have not already registered.*

First Martyrs of the Church – this memorial honours the nameless followers of Christ brutally killed by the depraved Emperor Nero as scapegoats for the fire in Rome. The Roman historian Tacitus and St Clement of Rome tell of a night of horror (15th August 64) when in the imperial parks, Christians were put into animal skins and hunted, brutally attacked and made living torches to light the road for Nero's chariot.

Saints Thomas – called the 'Twin' was one of the twelve chosen by Jesus. Remembered for his initial disbelief in the resurrection and his subsequent proclamation of faith upon seeing the resurrected Christ: 'My Lord and my God' (John 20:28). An early tradition venerates him as the Apostle of India.

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal – Princess of Aragon and grandniece of St Elizabeth of Hungary, this saint, born in 1271, was married at age twelve to King Dionysius of Portugal. Her life was frequently upset by politics and family quarrels but kept in balance by deep spirituality, prayer and charity. As a widow, she adopted a monastic lifestyle and lived in poverty and obscurity as a Third Order Franciscan. Elizabeth died in 1336 while trying to settle further family quarrels.

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parishes/dioceses or men's ministry groups. The aim of the gathering is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. The Gathering is free. Registration is available from Monday 29th June. The Event Programme is available from Saturday 15th August. Go to – www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Parish Safeguarding Volunteer Online Induction Training, Working With Children Check & Code of Conduct

St Benedict's Parish, Chippendale (Broadway) requires all of our volunteers to complete the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer online training, obtain a Working With Children Check and sign a Code of Conduct. It is MANDATORY that volunteers in all parishes comply with the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office training. Please contact Julie in the parish office on 8204 4378 or email – enquiries@stbenedicts.org.au to obtain the link to the online training and required forms which will be sent to you via email. Thank you.

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2020

WELCOMING CHRIST

The attractive themes of 'welcome' and 'hospitality' running through today's readings sit a bit uncomfortably alongside the opening words of the Gospel, where Jesus starkly rules out 'preferring' family members to loyalty to himself.

The warning reflects the situation of the early church, where the experience, or at least the threat, of persecution was very real, and where some members of a family may have been Christian and some not.

In contemporary societies that are either majority Christian or tolerantly post-Christian, we may not face this challenge so sharply. If, however, we are comfortable in our world, largely sharing its values and aspirations, then some aspect of Christ's message is not getting through to us.

At this point, the theme of 'welcome' in the second part of today's Gospel comes into play. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is from the start 'Emmanuel – God with us' (1:23). This sense of divine presence stands behind the statement: 'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me, welcome the One who sent me'.

The stranger, then, who stands before us comes as an emissary and representative of Christ and, further, of the Father, who sent Christ to be the divine presence in our world. In dealing with this person, we are in some sense dealing with our God.

As never before, save perhaps immediately after World War II, are so many people being displaced through war, tyranny or economic misery. In the light of this mass movement, Christ's words about discipleship and welcome hold fresh challenge.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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