



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

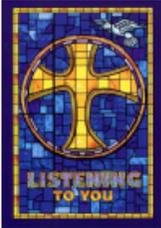
Mass Times: Sun 5th July 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday, Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 05 Jul	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 05 Jul	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 06 Jul	No Mass	St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr (Opt)
Tuesday, 07 Jul	No Mass	Bl Peter To Rot, martyr (Optional)
Wednesday, 08 Jul	No Mass	Wednesday – 14th Week, Ord Time
Thursday, 09 Jul	12.35 pm	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp (O)
Friday, 10 Jul	No Mass	Friday – 14th Week, Ord Time
Saturday, 11 Jul	No Mass	St Benedict, abbot (Memorial)

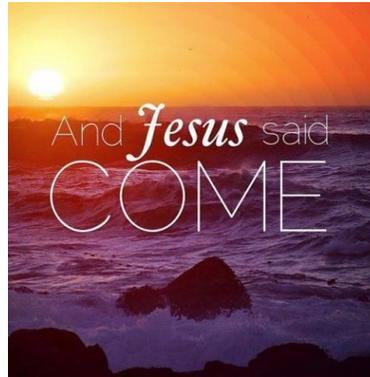
Regular Confession Times:

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: 'And let them first pray together, that so they may associate in peace.'
Saint Benedict

Most Reverend Terence Brady DD VG – Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney – Celebrating 6pm Sunday Mass at St Benedict's this Sunday, 5th July

Bishop Terry Brady will be visiting St James' and St Benedict's this weekend. He will be celebrating the 5pm Vigil at St James' on Saturday (4th July), followed by the 9.30am and 11am Masses at St James' on Sunday morn. Bishop Brady will celebrate 6pm Mass at St Benedict's on Sunday night (5th July) and he would like to spend some time meeting with parishioners after each Mass – thank you.

***Weekly Envelopes for the new financial year – now in the church – if you could collect your envelope pack it would be appreciated – 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.

***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

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (5th July 2020) – <https://youtu.be/K31asV4BwnM>

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

****We will celebrate St Benedict's feast day during both Sunday Masses next weekend!***

This Sunday, 5th July 2020, is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – please view this link to virtually acknowledge and celebrate this occasion:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsSyfQ4LQP4&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=960e4093da&mc_eid=86ad0cfb8f ***Together in the Spirit!***

The Resumption of 10.30am & 6pm Sunday Mass

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. **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 the church is not at capacity, under the current Federal Government COVID directions. Thanks for your understanding at this time.*

Saint Maria Goretti – born into a poor and devout family in 1890, Maria had a deep spirit of prayer and worked hard to support her family. When she was only twelve years old, she was stabbed to death as she fought off an attack of a rapist. This took place at Nettuno near Rome, in the region of the Pontine Marshes. She died forgiving and praying for her assailant, Alexander, who later repented and lived a holy life. Pope Pius XII canonised Maria in 1950, an event attended by her aged mother and Alexander as well.

Bl Peter To Rot – Peter To Rot was born in Rakunai, a village on the Melanesian island of New Britain, today a part of Papua New Guinea. In 1942, all foreign missionaries were imprisoned in concentration camps by the Japanese. Trained as a catechist, Peter, now alone, continued to attend to both the spiritual and material needs of the people with untiring zeal. Conflicts with other Christian groups led to his imprisonment and probable death by poisoning. He is venerated as a 'martyr for the faith'.

Support our Seafarers through the National Sea Sunday Appeal

Next Sunday, 12th July, is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously at – bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Today's Gospel records a moment of joyful intimacy between Jesus and his heavenly Father. Jesus rejoices because he senses that he has managed to share with his disciples something of his own knowledge of God.

The 'knowledge' of which Jesus speaks goes well beyond knowing a great deal *about* another person. He has in mind the Semitic sense of 'knowing' that flows from deep intimacy. Such knowledge is not gained by learning or study about God. It is a gift that comes to those who set aside any claim to expertise and adopt before God the simplicity of a child.

Jesus goes on to present himself as one who has come to lift humanity's burdens, including but not confined to the burden of sin. In contrast to the interpretations of the Mosaic law given by the scribes and Pharisees (cf. Matt 23:4), his yoke is 'easy' and his burden 'light'. The ease and lightness do not stem from a lowering of standards but from the fact that mercy and love, rather than precise legal perfection, have become the supreme criterion. Twice in Matthew's Gospel Jesus quotes the prophet Hosea to this effect: 'What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice' (Hos 6:6; see Matt 9:13; 12:7; also 23:23).

The heart of that ease and lightness is the knowledge of which he spoke earlier. To those who worship God as a distant and fearful potentate religious rules and requirements can indeed appear burdensome. This ought not be the case for those who truly know the God Jesus reveals.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

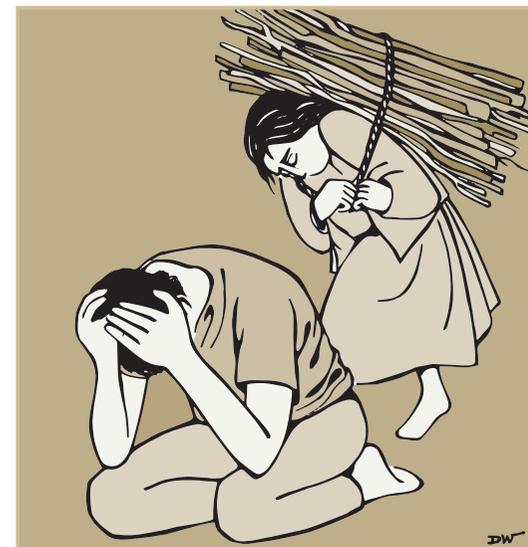
**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ **The word of the Lord.**