



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

**Mass Times: Sun 12th July 2020 – Fifteenth Sunday, Ord Time (A)**

*Celebrating Saint Benedict's feast day*

Sunday, 12 Jul	<b>10.30 am</b>	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 12 Jul	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 13 Jul	<b>No Mass</b>	St Henry, emperor (Optional)
Tuesday, 14 Jul	<b>No Mass</b>	St Camillus de Lellis, priest (Opt)
Wednesday, 15 Jul	<b>No Mass</b>	St Bonaventure, bishop (Memorial)
Thursday, 16 Jul	<b>12.35 pm</b>	Our Lady of Mt Carmel (Optional)
Friday, 17 Jul	<b>No Mass</b>	Friday – 15th Week, Ord Time
Saturday, 18 Jul	<b>No Mass</b>	Saturday – 15th Week, Ord Time

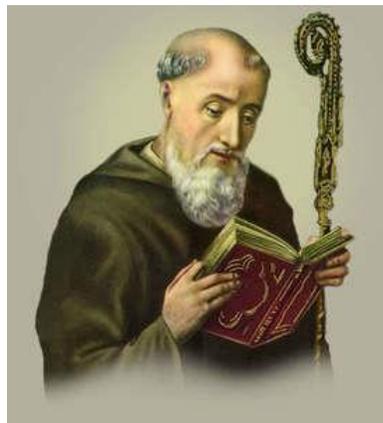
**Regular Confession Times:**

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 should first show them in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy.' – *Saint Benedict*

**Saint Benedict** – was born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. After studies in Rome, he became a hermit at Subiaco, where many sought his counsel, and then founded the monastery at Monte Cassino. Remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation. Saint Benedict died at Monte Cassino about 547.

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

**Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (12th July 2020) – [https://youtu.be/21LBX0\\_PEU0](https://youtu.be/21LBX0_PEU0)**

**Support our Seafarers through the National Sea Sunday Appeal**

This 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](http://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)

**The Jesuit Refugee Service is seeking food for their Foodbank & (new) Winter blankets at Two Wolves Community Cantina, (Cnr Broadway & City Rd) Mon-Fri-11am-2pm. Please contact Ramesh Richards, SJ, to arrange – [Ramesh.Richards@thecardonerproject.org](mailto:Ramesh.Richards@thecardonerproject.org) – or 0426 366 544 – thank you.**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

As for me, in justice, I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**10.30am & 6pm Sunday Mass** Dear everyone, please go to our website – [www.stbenedicts.org.au](http://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 Henry** – this remarkable saint, born in 973, was Duke of Bavaria and Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. A skilled military man and ruler, Henry was concerned about reform of the Church. He selected able bishops, supported the monastic life, and built churches, including the Cathedral of Bamberg in Germany. His saintly wife, Cunegunda, is buried there. Henry died in 1024 and was canonised in 1146.

**Saint Camillus de Lellis** – son of a soldier of the Kingdom of Naples, was born in 1550. Camillus also became a soldier and led an immoral life, until at age twenty-five, he came with broken body to the Incurables Hospital in Rome. There, Camillus was converted to Christ and began a life of penance and service to the sick. Though still incurably ill himself, he gathered others to this work and started the Company of Servants of the Sick – the Hospitallers or Camillians. He became a priest, and to the end of his life he lived out the ideals of Christian charity. He died in 1614 and was canonised in 1746.

**Saint Bonaventure** – was born in 1221 at Bagnoregio, not far from Viterbo (Italy). Bonaventure entered the Franciscan order in 1243. He studied at the University of Paris where he later taught. At 36, he was elected Minister General of the Franciscan order and later cardinal and bishop of Albano, near Rome. He was canonised in 1482 and declared 'Seraphic Doctor' in 1588, on account of his mystical doctrine which highlights the pre-eminent role of the Holy Spirit of love in the soul's journey to God. He maintained that for this journey, the mind (intelligence) can do nothing well and science, little. See his classic work, 'The Soul's Journey into God'. He died in 1274 in Lyon, France.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** – Mount Carmel, a promontory in north Palestine, overlooking the Mediterranean, is mentioned in the Bible as a holy place. There, the prophet Elijah defended the purity of faith against the prophets of Baal. Carmel became a dwelling place for Christian hermits during the crusades. In 1209, the hermits combined to form the Order of Carmel, or Carmelites, dedicated to the Blessed Mother who had lived in contemplation nearby at Nazareth. The Carmelites promoted the life of contemplation and dedication to Our Lady. The Scapular Confraternity wears a special cloth to express dedication to Mary.

**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](mailto: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.



You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.  
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing,  
and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted  
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

*Shorter form 13:1-9.*

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### AGAINST BEING DISCOURAGED

Adopting the shorter form of today's Gospel, let us concentrate on the riches contained in the parable of the Sower taken simply by itself.

Jesus probably told the parable to counter discouragement among his disciples stemming from the poor response his message was receiving from many quarters.

So, taking a familiar image from agricultural practice of his day, Jesus pointed to the very casual way in which those going out to sow a crop scattered the seed about. By no means all of it landed in good soil. Quite a bit could land in the three situations – on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns – resulting in the loss described.

Isn't this all rather wasteful? Not at all! The sower knows that each seed that falls on good soil will bear a yield many times in excess of itself: a hundredfold, sixty or thirty. This abundance so vastly outweighs the losses that he can afford to be casual and wild.

Like the sower, Jesus scatters his message far and wide. In the case of many who hear him the word suffers the fate of the seed that is lost. But when it really strikes home and finds a welcome, the corresponding 'yield' – hundredfold, sixty, thirty – more than compensates for all the loss.

In the face of opposition and indifference, Jesus does not lose confidence. When the word finds a generous response in the human heart, there is no limit to the riches of God's love and grace that can be channeled through such persons into the world.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

### FIRST READING

Isa 55:10-11

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*The rain makes the earth give growth.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

### SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

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

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory

as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: