



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

**Mass Times: Sun 2nd August 2020 – Eighteenth Sunday, Ord Time (A)**

***Celebrating the feast of Saint Dominic***

Sunday, 02 Aug	<b>10.30 am</b>	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 02 Aug	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 03 Aug	<b>12.35 pm</b>	St Dominic, priest (Memorial)
Tuesday, 04 Aug	<b>12.35 pm</b>	St John Vianney, priest (Memorial)
Wednesday, 05 Aug	<b>12.35 pm</b>	Dedication, Basilica Mary Major (Opt)
Thursday, 06 Aug	<b>12.35 pm</b>	Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)
Friday, 07 Aug	<b>12.35 pm</b>	Sts Sixtus II, pope & Cajetan, priest (Opt)
Saturday, 08 Aug	<b>No Mass</b>	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) (Solemnity)

***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: 'A man who governs his passions is master of his world.' *Saint Dominic*

***This week is National Vocations Awareness Week – Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th August 2020!***

***Please pray for all our seminarians and for all who are living or discerning their vocations.***

**Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2nd August 2020) – <https://youtu.be/2ULT2kgBbNo>**

**Calling for Mass Registration Volunteers – 10.30am Mass** If you can volunteer for this important task, please contact Julie in the parish office on 8204 4378 or [enquiries@stbenedicts.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stbenedicts.org.au) who will explain what is involved. Many thanks.

**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.**

**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.

***Saint Dominic*** – Dominic de Guzman was born in Old Castile, Spain in 1170. He became a diocesan priest with thoughts of missionary work in north Europe, but then he saw the dangers of the Cathar or Albigensian heresy sweeping through southern France. Dominic lived and preached in evangelical poverty, gathered others around him and thus founded the Order of Preachers (called the Dominicans). Dominic placed emphasis on preaching and the importance of study. Consumed by work and penance, he died in Bologna, Italy on 6th August, 1221.

***Saint John Vianney*** – was born near Lyons (France) in 1786. Overcame various obstacles including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Cure of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy. Saint John Vianney died at Ars on this day (4th August) in 1859.

***Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major*** – one of our four major basilicas in Rome, St Mary Major, was built by Pope Liberius (352-366). It has also been called Our Lady of the Snows, because a medieval legend said a miraculous snowfall in August marked its site. Pope Sixtus III renovated the church twenty years after the Council of Ephesus, which declared belief in Mary as Mother of God. The basilica, dedicated on 5th August, 451, represents the homage of the Roman Church to the Blessed Mother. It is called 'Major' as the first church in the West in honour of Mary.

***Transfiguration of the Lord*** – on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus reveals to three of his disciples his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

***Saint Sixtus II & Companions*** – on this day (7th August) we commemorate the most shocking and glorious page in the history of the Roman persecutions. On 6th August, 258, the pope was celebrating the Eucharist at the Catacombs of Saint Callistus when he and four deacons were arrested and decapitated before the people. Three other deacons were similarly decapitated in that cruel attack launched by the Emperor Valerian against bishops, priests and deacons.

***Saint Cajetan*** – is intimately associated with the start of the Catholic Counter Reformation, as effort toward church renewal and reform in response to the rise of Protestantism. Born in 1480, Cajetan became a prelate of the Roman curia who spent all of his spare time in prayer and serving the poor. With a friend, Fr Gian Petro Carafa, he founded an association of priests and laity to live the Gospel. They later formed the Theatines – a religious order of priests totally dedicated to evangelical living, preaching and renewing the liturgy. Carafa first became a bishop and later Pope Paul IV. Cajetan, superior of the Theatines, was canonised in 1671.

***Saint Mary of the Cross*** – *God will take care of us all.* We remember Saint Mary of the Cross, MacKillop, Australia's first saint, for her dedication in caring for the human & spiritual needs of children, and her care for the poor and destitute. Underpinning all of her activities was her faith in divine providence. In all the challenges she faced, and the crosses she endured, never doubting the unceasing protection of 'our good God.'

**Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Saturday 8th August – Celebrations Online this year**  
The Sisters of St Joseph have been in touch to let us know the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be an online celebration this year. Mass in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be *Live-Streamed* at 10am on Saturday 8th August 2020. The streaming details will be posted on their website – [www.marymackillopplace.mmp.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.mmp.org.au) The Sisters are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to Mary MacKillop Place for next year's feast in August 2021 and in the meantime, would like to leave us with some of Mary's words – 'God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark.' 1899

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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## 'YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT'

The disciples function rather like a modern celebrity's 'minders'. When Jesus has finished healing the sick, they urge him to send the crowd away to buy food for themselves before nightfall.

Jesus reacts to the word 'buy'. He will not send people away to buy anything – nor should the disciples. When they point out with astonishment that they barely have enough for themselves (five loaves and two fish), Jesus, acting the part of divine Wisdom who speaks in the First Reading (Isa 55:1-3), *freely* provides more than enough food for the whole multitude.

His gestures in doing so – taking the loaves, blessing, breaking and giving them – clearly foreshadows the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Matt 26:26). To participate in the Eucharist is to experience the same divine hospitality so lavishly provided by Jesus.

The miraculous feeding and the Eucharist which it foreshadows bring out that the essence of what God wants to do for us is simply be a most generous Host at the banquet of eternal life. At the same time, since it depicts people being fed with real food, it bears directly, in a sacramental sense, upon the problem of world hunger. The Lord who took pity on the large crowd, looks with similar eyes upon our world and instructs us, as he instructed his disciples, 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. In the words of the Venerable Pedro Arrupe (former Jesuit General): 'The Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in our world'.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good  
things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v. 16

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us,  
he answers all our needs.**

1. 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.**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you / and  
you give them their food in due time. / You  
open wide your hand, / grant the desires of all  
who live. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving  
in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call  
him, / call on him from their hearts. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Rom 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of God,  
which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of  
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or  
being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or  
being threatened or even attacked. These are  
the trials through which we triumph, by the  
power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor  
life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,  
nothing still to come, not any power, or height  
or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come  
between us and the love of God made visible in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Alleluia, alleluia! / No one lives on bread  
alone, / but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God. / Alleluia!**