



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

Mass Times: Sun 9th August 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday, Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 09 Aug	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 09 Aug	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 10 Aug	12.35 pm	St Lawrence, deacon, martyr (Feast)
Tuesday, 11 Aug	12.35 pm	St Clare, virgin (Memorial)
Wednesday, 12 Aug	12.35 pm	St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious (Opt)
Thursday, 13 Aug	12.35 pm	Sts Pontian & Hippolytus, martyrs (Opt)
Friday, 14 Aug	12.35 pm	St Maximilian Kolbe, priest (Memorial)
Saturday, 15 Aug	No Mass	The Assumption, Blessed Mary (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)

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A VOCATION VIEW: 'A single act of love makes the soul return to life.'
Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 'Blessed is she...' Having completed the course of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Her assumption reminds us that heavenly glory is our Christian destiny. As we keep the end of life's pilgrim journey before us, we join with Mary in praising the greatness of God.

***Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption on Saturday 15th August will be celebrated in St James' Church, Forest Lodge at 8.30am.**

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (9th August 2020) – <https://youtu.be/QBLsupxz0XE>

Calling for Mass Registration Volunteers – 10.30am Mass If you can volunteer for this important task, pls contact Julie in the parish office on 8204 4378 or enquiries@stbenedicts.org.au Many thanks.

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.

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of the finest wheat.

Saint Lawrence – the most famous of Roman martyrs, was a deacon. Killed in 258, four days after Pope Sixtus, Lawrence became famous because of his youth, evangelical love for the poor, courage before his torturers, and sense of humour while dying. Tradition holds that he was roasted to death on a gridiron. A beautiful basilica in honour of Saint Lawrence stands in Rome.

Saint Clare – The 'little plant of Saint Francis', Clare Offreduccio, was born at Assisi in 1194. On Palm Sunday of 1212, at age 18, she escaped from her wealthy home and received the religious habit from Saint Francis. Clare became the mother and foundress of the Franciscan Second Order, called the 'Poor Clares'. She led a life of remarkable discipline, holiness and poverty and was canonised in 1255, only two years after her death.

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal – this courageous woman, born in France in 1572, was married to the Baron of Chantal. Eight happy years of marriage and six children followed. Her husband was killed accidentally, and in her sorrow, she turned to God with total trust. Directed by Saint Francis de Sales, Jane became a religious, the foundress of the Visitation Order, and a tireless worker for God. Jane died in 1641.

Saints Pontian & Hippolytus – Pontian became pope in 230. The Roman Church at that time was divided; the rigorist priest, Hippolytus, led one faction. In 235, pope and priest were deported into forced labour in Sardinia and there were martyred for their common faith. After their persecution, their bodies were brought back to Rome.

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe – born near Lodz, Poland in 1894, A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection on 14th August, 1941. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening – Wed 12th August – 6.30pm-7.30pm – via Zoom

We are pleased to announce that speakers for this event will be Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and Beth Doherty, author of *Tweet Others as you Would Wish to be Tweeted*. Please RSVP to ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org to receive the Zoom link.

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. The Event Programme is available from Saturday 15th August. Go to – www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Please see next weekend's bulletin for further information on the **Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank Appeal**, but to learn how you can help, please visit – <http://irs.org.au/how-to-help-refugees-and-people-seeking-.../>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

09 AUGUST 2020

WALKING ON THE SEA WITH JESUS

Jesus sends his disciples off to cross the lake by boat, while he disperses the crowd. When eventually he rejoins the disciples, now battling with a headwind and heavy seas, he does so by walking on the sea.

In biblical imagery to tread down raging water is something only God can do (Psalm 77:19; Job 9:8; Isaiah 43:16). Jesus' reassurance to the terrified disciples, 'It is I; fear not', echoes the revelation of God to Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:14).

What prompts Peter's desire to come to Jesus across the sea? Love or bravado? Perhaps a mixture of both—but also, surely, faith. Faith enables him to trample for a time the forces of destruction. But when he looks away from his Lord, to focus instead upon the wind and sea, doubt creeps in, and with doubt the gravest danger.

Peter 'models' the mixture of faith and doubt to which all believers are prone. Jesus' gentle rebuke, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', applies to us all. Sometimes the Lord calls us to leave the security of the boat and come to him across the waves. We begin to falter when we take our eyes off Jesus and focus only on the difficulties that come our way.

Then we can make our own Peter's cry for rescue and feel, as he felt, the Lord's strong hand reaching out to raise us up. The Lord is not absent: he is 'with us' ('Emmanuel': Matthew 1:17; 28:19) to the end of time.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

I Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord, / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!

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