



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

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 30th August 2020 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 30 Aug	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 30 Aug	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 31 Aug	12.35 pm	Monday – Week 22, Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 01 Sep	12.35 pm	Tuesday – Week 22, Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 02 Sep	12.35 pm	Wednesday – Week 22, Ordinary Time
Thursday, 03 Sep	12.35 pm	St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor (Mem)
Friday, 04 Sep	12.35 pm	Spring Ember Day
Saturday, 05 Sep	No Mass	Saturday – Week 22, Ordinary Time

Regular Confession Times in St Benedict's Church:

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

**Mass at St James' Church,
Forest Lodge:**

Saturday Vigil: 5.00 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 9.30 am & 11 am
Wednesday & Friday: 9.00am
Saturday (morning): 8.30am

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: 'We make idols of our concepts but wisdom is born of wonder.'
Saint Gregory the Great

[Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm](#) – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (30th August 2020) – https://youtu.be/lz7VHH9_4jI

[This Sunday, 30th August is Social Justice Sunday 2020!](#) The theme of the 2020-2021 Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement is – **To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today**. It encourages faith communities, governments and each one of us to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Statement encourages us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. This year, the Statement will not be available in hard copy but can be downloaded from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice website using the following link – <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.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.

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call you.

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Saint Gregory the Great – was born about 540. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I and then sent as Papal Legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality and morals, and for his self-designation of 'servant of the servants of God'. Saint Gregory died in Rome in 604.

Spring Ember Day – Ember Days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as days of prayer and penance, focusing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.



JRS Appeal for Foodbank Donations – The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile foodbank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1st April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Gov't financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna and long life milk are **running low** and they need our help. Please visit – <http://jrs.org.au/how-to-help-refugees-and-people-seeking-.../> to learn how you can help. Food drop off points are around Sydney, including Two Wolves Cantina, Cnr Broadway & City Road. And this short video shows what happens to food donations that are made – <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=293160638622911>

Lebanon – Emergency Appeal – from Aid to the Church in Need – Following the tragic bombing event and destruction that has recently devastated the lives and livelihood of so many in Lebanon, the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, has launched an emergency appeal. Credit card donations can be made to this appeal via their website – www.aidtothechurch.org/lebanon or via phone - 1800 101 201 – or a cheque or money order can be posted to – Aid to the Church in Need – PO Box 335, Penrith NSW 2751.

Can you picture yourself becoming a foster carer? Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer, CatholicCare are offering individual online information sessions at a time that suits you. To book a one on one appointment, call the CCareline 13 18 19 – www.connect@familyspirit.org

Priests' Retirement Foundation Annual Appeal – next Sunday, 6th September – the annual Father's Day appeal for retired priests will be held next Sunday, to raise much needed funds to support the Foundation in being able to provide accommodation, healthcare and living expenses for our elderly priests who have contributed so much to looking after the spiritual and pastoral needs of others. There will be envelopes on the table at the back of the church which can be posted directly to the Priests' Retirement Foundation or placed in the Sunday collection baskets in the church – thank you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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30 AUGUST 2020

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

In last week's Gospel, Peter expressed his God-given insight concerning Jesus' identity as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'. He received a blessing in response and appointment as the 'rock foundation' of the future Church.

But when, in today's Gospel, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that he is destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Peter, who had so conspicuously got it right, equally conspicuously stumbles at the truth Jesus now goes on to reveal: the more closely, as '(beloved) Son' he is related to God, the more closely he is aligned to the divine will that he enter into the pain and suffering of the world.

Peter's protest is subtle. The suggestion, 'Lord, this sort of thing is not for you!' recalls Satan's earlier attempt (4:8-9) to lure Jesus away from his God-given path by proposing an easy route to rulership of the world. Hence the sharpness of Jesus' rebuke: 'Get behind me, Satan!'

Peter's understandable human desire to preserve the Master from suffering aligns him with the demonic in a way that would thwart Jesus' God-given mission to save the world.

Jesus goes on to speak more generally to all the disciples, describing the conditions for any who want to follow him. It is human to want to avoid suffering and preserve those we love from it. But evil cannot be defeated without cost. Joining Jesus in his mission will mean taking up one's own cross and, in various ways, losing life, in order to find it.

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

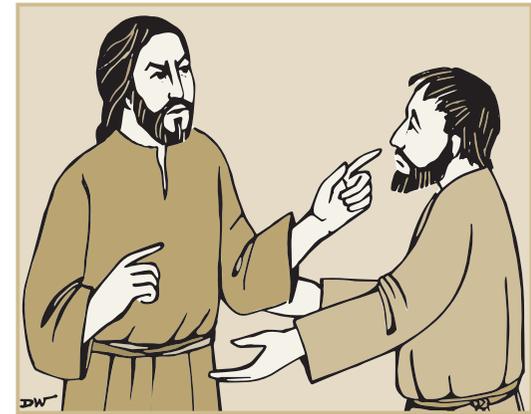
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

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