



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

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 6th September 2020 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 06 Sep	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 06 Sep	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 07 Sep	12.35 pm	Monday – Week 23, Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 08 Sep	12.35 pm	Nativity, Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
Wednesday, 09 Sep	12.35 pm	St Peter Claver, priest (Optional)
Thursday, 10 Sep	12.35 pm	Thursday – Week 23, Ordinary Time
Friday, 11 Sep	12.35 pm	Friday – Week 23, Ordinary Time
Saturday, 12 Sep	No Mass	Most Holy Name of Mary (Optional)



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: 'A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and yet valuable assets in our society.' *Billy Graham – Christian evangelist of the twentieth century*

[Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm](#) – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (6th September 2020) – <https://youtu.be/X1-smUvohp4>

Priests' Retirement Foundation Annual Appeal – this Sunday, 6th September – to raise much needed funds to support the Priests' Retirement 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 are 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. *For online donations – www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf

Good Friday, Holy Land Appeal – next Sunday, 13th September – the Holy Land Appeal which is normally held over Easter and couldn't be this year (with churches closed) is being held next Sunday – envelopes for the Good Friday Appeal will be at the back of the church next weekend – 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 to obtain the link to the online training and required forms which will be sent to you via email. Thank you.

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Saint Peter Claver – born in Spain in 1580, Peter Claver vowed to become a missionary in America. Ordained as a Jesuit in Colombia, he spent his life serving the African slaves. Peter would meet slave ships at Cartagena and enter the infested holds to care for the dead, dying and sick. He instructed and baptised the slaves and ministered to them on plantations. Peter Claver, who called himself 'the slave of the blacks forever,' died on 8th September 1654 and was canonised in 1888.

The Most Holy Name of Mary – The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a day on which the inexpressible love of the Mother of God for her Holy Child is recalled, and the eyes of the faithful are directed to the figure of the Mother of the Redeemer, for them to invoke with devotion.' [Roman Martyrology] This celebration in honour of the name of Mary, the mother of Jesus, has been a feast since 1684, when Pope Innocent XI included it in the Roman Calendar to commemorate the victory at the Battle of Vienna in 1683.

National Child Protection Week – Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th September 2020

This week, the Archdiocese is celebrating National Child Protection Week. The celebration of this Week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for and protect children and young people in our communities. The Safeguarding Office has developed two new resource buttons 'Children's Resources' and 'Young People's Resources', for children and young people, about safeguarding and how to stay safe within the Archdiocese of Sydney. These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding website – <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

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.

Father's Day Podcast Series – on the *Maximus* Podcast

This week, a fantastic eight-talk series is being streamed by the Fathers of St Joseph Apostolate, all about the mission of fatherhood, based on four pillars – **Embrace the Silence, Set the pace of self-giving love, Spiritually adopt your children, Work for God.** You can find the episodes in the Videos section of the *Maximus – Men Striving for Greatness* Facebook page, or on their audio podcast. Any enquiries – chrisdasilva@sydneycatholic.org

Streamed Father's Day Mass – from Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria – Sat 5th Sept – 12pm

A special Father's Day Mass from the Sacred Heart Chapel at Rookwood Cemetery is being streamed on Saturday 5th Sept – please go onto their website to stream and view the Mass booklet – <https://catholiccemeteries.com.au/> - and click on the *View Mass* and *Mass Book* buttons.

Happy Father's Day to all dear Dads!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

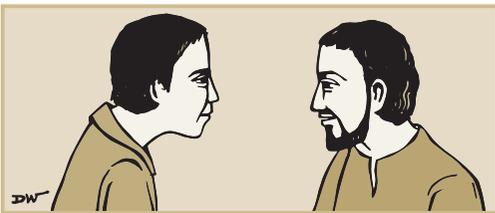
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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WINNING PEOPLE BACK

The Church is not a community of the perfect. Allowance has to be made for dealing with moral lapses and dissensions that inevitably occur in a community still on the way to the Kingdom.

In today's Gospel the procedure Jesus lays down for dealing with conflict reveals his sense of the Church as the *family* of God. Correction should as far as possible be carried out in private. Only if that proves unsuccessful should a carefully staged progression of increasingly public procedures be set in place. The goal is not simply to win, but rather to 'win back' the 'brother or sister', to preserve as far as possible the dignity of the errant person, and to enhance everyone's sense of being a valued member of the 'family'.

If, despite all, the process fails, there is nothing to be done but to treat the person as an outsider. There comes a point beyond which a community can no longer tolerate members who consistently defy its core values.

To set someone outside the community is no light matter. The Church needs to know that its decisions in this regard enjoy heavenly sanction. Hence Jesus' assurance that the 'binding and loosing' authority conferred personally upon Peter in regard to interpretations of the law (Matthew 16:19), is also enjoyed by the local community with respect to the exclusion or non-exclusion of errant members. As risen Lord, Jesus remains 'Emmanuel', 'God with us', in community life and deliberation (see Matthew 1:23).

The Church's canon law and way of proceeding has developed way beyond this simple instruction. But its fundamental spirit should remain.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / Alleluia!