



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

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 11th October 2020 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday, Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 11 Oct	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 11 Oct	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 12 Oct	12.35 pm	Monday – Week 28, Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 13 Oct	12.35 pm	Tuesday – Week 28, Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 14 Oct	12.35 pm	St Callistus I, pope, martyr (Optional)
Thursday, 15 Oct	12.35 pm	St Teresa of Jesus, virgin (Memorial)
Friday, 16 Oct	12.35 pm	Sts Hedwig & Margaret Alacoque (Opt)
Saturday, 17 Oct	No Mass	St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop (Mem)



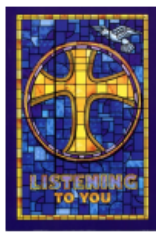
Regular Confession Times in St Benedict's Church:

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

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A VOCATION VIEW: 'All things come to the soul from its roots, from where it is planted.'

Saint Teresa of Avila

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (11th October 2020) – <https://youtu.be/fK5ale8waCk>

Fr John Neill, op – Celebrating 60 years of Priesthood – 22nd October will be Fr John Neill's 60th anniversary of ordination. For this wonderful occasion, the Dominican community, St Benedict's Parish and UNDA will be celebrating two Masses for Fr John. There will be 12.35pm Mass on Fr John's anniversary date, Thursday 22nd October and also 10.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October – followed by morning tea. Further details for morning tea on Sunday 25th Oct will be provided next weekend.

QR Code – trouble-shooting Sunday – next weekend – Sunday 18th October – As Mass Registrations are likely to be with us all for some time to come and we have the QR Code scanning system working in St Benedict's Church, we have organised a trouble-shooting day next Sunday for anyone who has had difficulties setting their Smartphone up for QR Code scanning but would like to. Two very helpful volunteers will be on hand at each Mass. It's a big help to the parish, too. ☺

The Holy Father's Appeal (Peter's Pence) – last Sunday, 4th October – thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Holy Father's Annual Appeal last Sunday. It was a wonderful parish effort. If anyone would still like to make a donation to the appeal, envelopes will be at the back of the church over the next few weeks. Thank you.

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Saint Callistus – in 217 Callistus, a former slave, was ordained deacon to pope Zephyrinus, and then succeeded him as pope. Callistus systemised the first official Christian cemetery in Rome, on the Appian Way (the catacombs of Saint Callistus) where popes were buried for a century. Callistus I had to battle several heresies before his martyrdom in 222. His tomb was discovered in Rome in 1960.

Saint Teresa of Jesus – born at Avila, Spain in 1515, Teresa entered the Carmelites in 1535. At first, she lived a mediocre religious life, but experienced a profound conversion in 1554. In collaboration with St John of the Cross, she undertook a reform of the Carmelites. Along the way, she experienced profound mystical revelations, along with many difficulties. Teresa composed works of the highest doctrines and mystical theology. She died at age 67 in 1582 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Saint Hedwig – a native of Bavaria, Hedwig married Henry I, duke of Silesia and Poland. A devoted mother of seven children, she raised her family in a model way according to the medieval pattern of prayer and penance. She founded a hospital to care for those sick and unable to afford medical care. After the deaths of her husband and six of her children, she retired to a convent where she later died in 1243, aged 69. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was Hedwig's niece.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque – born in 1647 in France, Margaret entered the Visitation convent in Paray-le-Monial at age 24. She received remarkable revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus from December 1673 to June 1675. The rich tradition of theology and devotion to the Sacred Heart, so beneficial to Catholic spiritual life, originated with this saint. She died in 1690 and was canonised in 1920.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch – Ignatius was bishop of Antioch and suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Trajan. While on his way to Rome, he wrote several letters to various churches that became an important source of information about Christian belief and practice, a century after the death and resurrection of Christ.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary – *Aid to the Church in Need, Australia* invites you to join in and pray the rosary on Sunday 18th October at 9am. For further details, please visit – www.aidtothechurch.org

World Mission Day (Mission Sunday) – Sunday 18th October

In this exceptional year, the Catholic Mission Annual Appeal will not be proceeding in parishes in the usual way that it does during any other year in October. However, Mission Sunday is a good day to reflect on the missionary work of the Church, through prayer and sacrifice. On Pentecost Sunday this year, Pope Francis released his message for this year's World Mission Day celebration and said that the COVID-19 pandemic is an opportunity for mission and service to others. For anyone who would like to read of the work Catholic Mission is currently doing in Cambodia at the Arrupe Centre, for children and young adults with disabilities – including Khean and Dara's landmine stories – or would like to support Catholic Mission, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au

e-Petition to proclaim Modern Slavery Act 2018 – While the NSW Government has now committed itself to enacting legislation passed by parliament over two years ago, pressure is still on the government to ensure this happens before the end of 2020. Here's a link to an e-Petition calling on the government to act: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx> The closing date for signing the e-Petition has been extended to 3rd November 2020.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants. "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2020

INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF LIFE

The parable of the Wedding Banquet symbolises the story of salvation. The banquet represents God's intent for human beings, which is simply to have us as honoured guests at the banquet of life. The bridegroom is Jesus. The servants sent out to issue the invitations are, first, the Old Testament prophets and then Christian missionaries. The response of the king to those who rejected the invitations reflects early Christian belief that the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE was retribution for failure to accept Jesus as Messiah. The new invitees from the highways and byways are Gentiles (non-Jews) who have joined the Church in large numbers.

We should not too readily identify the king in the parable with God. Jesus takes illustrations from life as it is, using aspects of the way people, including kings, behave to illustrate what he wants to convey.

The parable thus serves as an *explanation* of otherwise disturbing developments. Israel's *No* to the Gospel and the fact that the Church includes bad members as well as good has all been foreseen by the Lord.

What about the poor wretch caught out for not wearing a wedding garment? The wedding garment symbolises transformation of life. You don't have to be good to *get into* the community of the Kingdom: the invitation to the banquet is a great net of grace enclosing all, good and bad alike. But, *once within*, we must allow the grace we have received to transform us and make us worthy of final salvation, God's invitation to the banquet of life.

FIRST READING

Isa 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 6

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing
I shall want. / Fresh and green are the
pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near
restful waters he leads me, / to revive my
drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he
is true to his name. / If I should walk in the
valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You
are there with your crook and your staff; /
with these you give me comfort. **R.**



3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the
sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed
with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own
house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich
too. I have been through my initiation and now
I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach
or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of the
One who gives me strength. All the same, it was
good of you to share with me in my hardships.
In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in
Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory
to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

■ 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!**