



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

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 17th January 2021 – Second Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday, 17 Jan	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 17 Jan	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 18 Jan	12.35 pm	Weekday – Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 19 Jan	12.35 pm	Weekday – Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 20 Jan	12.35 pm	Sts Fabian & Sebastian (Opt)
Thursday, 21 Jan	12.35 pm	St Agnes, virgin (Memorial)
Friday, 22 Jan	12.35 pm	St Vincent, deacon (Optional)
Saturday, 23 Jan	No Mass	Weekday – 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

Confession at St James' Church

Saturday: 4.15pm - 4.50pm,
ahead of Vigil Mass
(No Confession on Sundays)

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: 'Futile the winds to a heart in port, Done with the compass, done with the chart! Rowing in Eden – ah, the sea, Might I but moor tonight – In thee!' *Emily Dickinson – nineteenth century American poet (excerpt from her poem: Wild Nights – Wild Nights!)*

***12.35pm Weekday Mass returns from tomorrow, Monday 18th January!**

Face Masks – now mandatory at Mass! – The NSW Government has recently imposed an order for the wearing of face masks in most indoor settings, as well as some outdoor settings. Places of Worship are included in this mandatory order. All attendees to St Benedict's Church must wear a face mask. Children under 12 years of age are exempt. Congregants cannot attend Mass without a mask! Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Of Life & Love Marriage Preparation Courses – this year, the *Life, Marriage and Family Centre* in the Archdiocese will be holding two marriage preparation courses, one commencing in late February and the other in mid August. If you are planning your wedding, please see the attached flyer for further information.

Cancellation of Summer Nights 2021 – the *Summer Nights January 2021* program (Summer Schools of Evangelisation) recently advertised in the bulletin has been cancelled, due to the recent COVID outbreak in Sydney – apologies for any confusion and disappointment.

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – here's this Sunday's Mass link for – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (17th January 2021) – <https://youtu.be/kWld6AqW7xQ>

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Saint Fabian – was pope for fourteen years from 236-250. For the Church, these were years of peace, organisation and missionary effort. Selected to become bishop whilst still a layman, Fabian showed himself to be zealous and wise. His service to the Church ended with the persecution of Decius, during which Fabian died as a martyr.

Saint Sebastian – the severe persecution of Diocletian – the last Roman persecution – began in 300 with a purge of the army. Sebastian, a Christian soldier from Milan, chose Christ over the emperor. The Christians of Rome buried Sebastian's body with honour in the catacombs along the Appian Way. Sebastian died in 288.

Saint Agnes – the martyrdom of this noble girl, aged between thirteen and fifteen, took place towards the end of Diocletian's persecution. She fearlessly proclaimed her faith and was condemned to death in 304. This popular saint is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer.

Saint Vincent – during Diocletian's persecution, the deacon, Vincent, suffered martyrdom with his bishop, Valerio, in Valencia, Spain. Vincent endured severe torture and willingly gave his life for Christ. This saint reminds us of the noble history of deacons in the early Church which honours three deacon martyrs: Steven (Palestine), Lawrence (Rome) and Vincent (Spain). Vincent died in 304.

New website and social platforms to promote the cause for sainthood of Eileen O'Connor

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has just launched a new website and Facebook and Instagram pages, aimed at promoting the pathway to sainthood for the co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. Eileen's great courage in serving the sick-poor despite enduring great personal illness herself is a truly remarkable example to us all. View the website – www.eileenconnor.com.au and follow the new Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/SoGEileenOConnor> and Instagram page at – www.instagram.com/theeileenconnor/ The new website features prayers through the intercession of Eileen O'Connor, details on upcoming events to honour her memory, videos and photo galleries.

Living Life to the Full at Home – CatholicCare's Home Care Services for seniors can support you or a loved one to live at home independently. To learn more, call – 13 18 19 or email – connect@catholiccare.org

A message from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know has been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak with your Parish Priest who will also be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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.

have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia! / We have found the Messiah: / Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1: 35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' — which means Teacher — 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' — which means the Christ — and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' — meaning Rock.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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OUR NEED FOR OTHERS

The readings for today reflect the dynamic nature of the life of faith. It is only gradually that we learn who we are called to be. In this process of growth in understanding, others can help us to appreciate how God is working in our lives and how we are to respond.

While Samuel hears the call and responds to it three times, he needs the help of Eli to recognise the meaning of the voice that comes to him in the night. It is John the Baptist who helps Andrew to come to faith by pointing him in the right direction. For his part Peter receives the new name Cephas and the call to follow, but it is his brother Andrew who has brought him to Jesus and shared his understanding that Jesus is the Messiah.

The gradual process of learning who we are as Christians is reflected in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Some people in Corinth had come to believe that because they had been baptised, and now shared in the life of the resurrection, whatever they did was acceptable. They even saw casual sex with prostitutes as no impediment to life in the Spirit. While such an attitude may surprise us we need to appreciate that these early Christians, like Paul himself, were learning as they went. As a trustworthy guide Paul sets out to counteract this view by reminding them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that their manner of life should reflect this.

FIRST READING

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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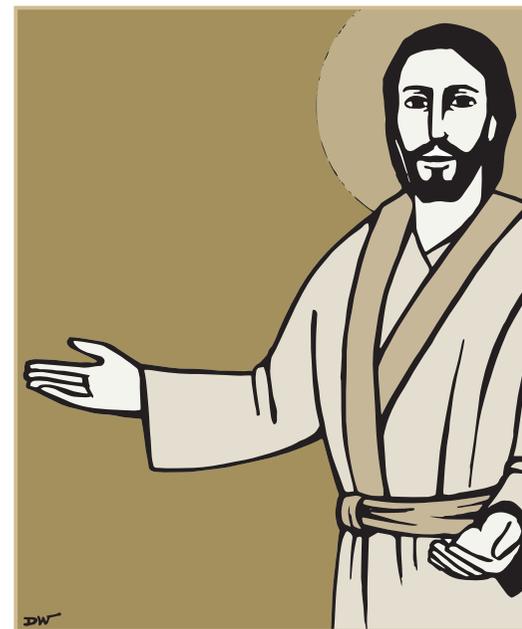
Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**



4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you

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