



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

### Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

#### Sunday 24th January 2021 – Third Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

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| Sunday, 24 Jan    | 10.30 am | Solemn Mass                            |
| Sunday, 24 Jan    | 6.00 pm  | Young Adults Mass                      |
| Monday, 25 Jan    | 12.35 pm | Conversion of St Paul, apostle (F)     |
| Tuesday, 26 Jan   | 10.00 am | <b>Australia Day – Day of Prayer</b>   |
| Wednesday, 27 Jan | 12.35 pm | Sts Angela Merici, Timothy & Titus (O) |
| Thursday, 28 Jan  | 12.35 pm | St Thomas Aquinas, priest (Mem)        |
| Friday, 29 Jan    | 12.35 pm | Weekday – Ordinary Time                |
| Saturday, 30 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)

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A VOCATION VIEW: 'Some born of homely parents, for ages settled down – The steady generations, Of village, farm and town: And some of dusky fathers who wandered since the flood – The fairest skin or darkest, Might hold the roving blood.' *Henry Lawson – excerpt from his poem, The Rovers*

\* **Fr Reginald will be celebrating Australia Day Mass at 10 am on Tuesday!**

**Australia Day – Day of Prayer** – 'Set your hearts on God's kingdom.' The great South Land of the Holy Spirit is richly blessed by God. May the Providence of God continue to be manifest through the way we live, preferring good to evil, having a profound respect for one another, sharing our goods with those in need and making hospitality our special care.

**Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm** – here's this Sunday's Mass link for – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (24th January 2021) – <https://youtu.be/aFUGtxC4yqg>

# Happy Australia Day!

### Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle** – this date (25th January), first linked with Saint Paul, in the so-called martyrdom of Saint Jerome (c. 431) became established in the liturgy of Gaul. Celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.

**Saint Thomas Aquinas** – this great Dominican teacher who lived for only forty-nine years is one of the Church's most outstanding theologians. His two Summas (Medieval Latin writings) should not obscure his other biblical, theological and philosophical writings. Thomas prayed much and dedicated his brilliant talents to investigating the sublime truth of God in the light of faith and the human intellect. On his feast date (28th January) his body was transferred to the Dominican monastery at Toulouse. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274 and was canonised in 1323. He is patron of all Catholic schools and is called the 'Angelic Doctor'.

**Congratulations to Fr Reginald Mary Chua, OP – Newly ordained Dominican priest and new UNDA Chaplain** – Fr Reginald has been a warm presence here since June last year when he was ordained a deacon in St Benedict's Church, on his way to priesthood. Fr Reginald was ordained a priest in the Order of Preacher's (Dominicans) in St Mary's Cathedral, Perth (by Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe, SDB, Archbishop of Perth) on 18th December 2020. Fr Reginald celebrated his first Sunday Masses at St Benedict's last weekend and his first weekday Mass here last Monday and he gave many 'first' blessings to parishioners and the UNDA community. On Wednesday, he offered Mass for his ordination to the priesthood. In seeking thoughts from Fr Reginald on what he may wish to convey about himself, he provided a lovely summary and here are his words, below:

'My parents are Malaysian Chinese and I am the youngest of three siblings. My brother is a schoolteacher, married with three lovely kids, my sister is a religious missionary. I moved to NSW in 2009 to study philosophy at Campion College and then at Sydney Uni. I had hopes of becoming a philosophy teacher before meeting Dominicans at Sydney Uni in 2012. A couple of years later in 2014, whilst still a graduate full-time student, I entered the Dominicans. It's nice to be back in Sydney after a long stint of priestly formation in Melbourne. Three things I enjoy (somewhat at random) are: golf, listening to all sorts of music and eating Malaysian food. These things pale in comparison, though, to that greatest of all earthly pleasures, reading philosophy.' :-) *Fr Reginald*



Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near: / believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

24 JANUARY 2021

## FISHING FOR OPEN HEARTS

In many ways, the book of Jonah is a moral tale that aims to open closed minds and hearts to the possibility that all people can respond to God's word if they are given the opportunity to hear it. When he was first commissioned to go to Nineveh, Jonah fled because he resisted the invitation to see his traditional enemies in a more positive light. Jonah saw Nineveh as a lost city – a symbol of power, aggression, and domination. Having walked into the middle of this huge bustling city he learned that even his enemies hungered to hear God's living word, and could respond generously by amending their lives.

At first sight, Paul's advice to the Corinthians can seem to devalue daily life. Paul was asked to give his advice to a group of Christians who were not sure how they should balance the demands of daily life and their Christian commitment. They expected Jesus to return in the very near future. Time was a precious commodity and they wanted to live each day in a state of readiness. Imagine you had only days or months to live – how would you spend them so as to be ready to meet the Lord?

Peter and Andrew, James and John were going about their normal lives when suddenly Jesus was present among them, inviting them on a journey that would turn their world upside down. Their response, like that of the people of Nineveh, was immediate and generous. It would now be their role to cast the net of God's word into the world – fishing for open hearts.

## FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The people of Nineveh renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

**R.** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

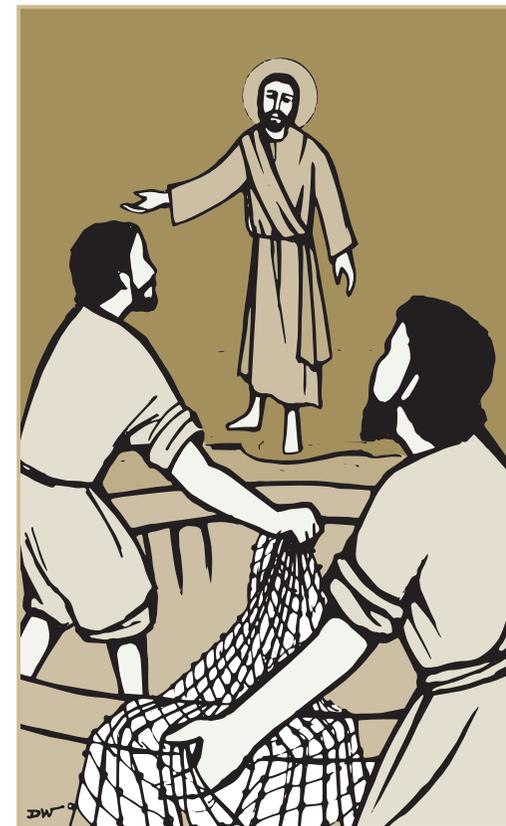
3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

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

*The world as we know it is passing away.*



Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

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