



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

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 7th February 2021 – Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday, 07 Feb	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 07 Feb	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 08 Feb	12.35 pm	Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita (O)
Tuesday, 09 Feb	12.35 pm	Weekday – Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 10 Feb	12.35 pm	St Scholastica, virgin (Memorial)
Thursday, 11 Feb	12.35 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional)
Friday, 12 Feb	12.35 pm	Weekday – Ordinary Time
Saturday, 13 Feb	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)

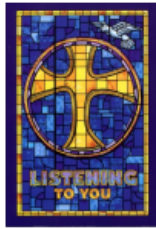
Mass at St James' Church, Forest Lodge:

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: 'Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced.' *John Keats – English writer and poet of the early nineteenth century*

Ash Wednesday Mass at St Benedict's – Wed 17th February – 12.35pm & 4pm – evening Mass – yet to be confirmed – The current capacity of the church is 85 congregants (at 4 square metres). Attendance at each Ash Wednesday Mass will be on a *first come, first served* basis. Once the church is at capacity, we regret that no further attendees can be invited into the church. *Places cannot be reserved for Ash Wednesday Mass – *please arrive early!

***Ash Wednesday Mass at St James' Church, Forest Lodge – Wed 17th February – 9am & 7pm Attendance will also be on a *first come, first served* basis, according to church capacity.**

***Festival of Beauty – St Peter's – Sun 31st Jan – Sun 21st Feb– www.stpeterssurryhills.org.au**

Project Compassion – Virtual Immersions – during Lent

Each week during this coming Lenten season, Caritas is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities via Zoom. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to – www.lent.caritas.org.au

[Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm](https://youtu.be/jz-681WAKY) – here's this Sunday's Mass link for – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7th February 2021) – <https://youtu.be/jz-681WAKY>



Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Saint Jerome Emiliani – was born in 1486 and was a Venetian soldier, captured and imprisoned at the age of twenty-five. He converted to Christ while in prison and later dedicated himself to serving the poor. He started the Order of Clerks Regular of Somascha and was heroic in caring for orphans and the sick, especially during the plague. He died in 1537 and was canonised in 1767.

Saint Josephine Bakhita – was born in Olgossa, Darfur, Sudan in 1869 and was sold into slavery when she was only seven years old. After years of suffering and abuse, she was given to the Italian consul of Sudan. He brought her to Italy where she became the household servant of Augusto Michieli and his wife. Bakhita was baptised a Catholic, taking the name, Josephine. She later entered the Canossian Sisters and quickly grew in holiness. Josephine died in 1947 and Pope John Paul II canonised her in 2000.

Saint Scholastica – was the twin sister of Saint Benedict. She lived in Central Italy during difficult times, when armies of Goths and Byzantines crisscrossed the land and repeatedly terrorised the people. Scholastica took up the monastic life and became a beacon of holiness, peace and strength.

Our Lady of Lourdes – this feast recalls the dramatic story of Lourdes and its influence on Catholic life. On this day (11th February) in 1858, in unbelieving, materialistic times, the Immaculate Virgin first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. Mary referred to herself as the Immaculate Conception, and through Bernadette, called sinners to conversion. Lourdes testifies to the healing power of grace and Mary's motherly concern for us.

Lent 2021 – with Bruce Downes, 'The Catholic Guy' – *Be Inspired, Be Refreshed, Be Renewed!*
'Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together.'
Bruce Downes Receive a short, inspiring video each day in Lent. This program is free and you can sign up here – <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> – or Call – 1300 734 880 – for more info.

Parent Line NSW (CatholicCare) – Parent Line has been providing support over the phone to families across NSW for over 25 years. Confidential and non-judgemental parenting support is just a phone call away. Parent Line counsellors are experienced, friendly and knowledgeable and available 7 days a week, from 9am-9pm on weekdays and from 4pm-9pm on weekends. Call 1300 1300 52 or Email – info@parentline.org.au

[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.

Alleluia, alleluia! / He bore our sickness, / and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

07 FEBRUARY 2021

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

In the midst of his suffering Job takes stock of his life and judges that it can be best described as drudgery and futile. His words are a powerful reminder to us that ours is not the first or last generation to search for meaning in the midst of the complexity of the human situation. It is into the darkness, pain and questioning of ours that Jesus enters with a message of hope. His mission and message is one of healing, freedom and new beginnings.

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the mission that he has received from the Lord, that of preaching the gospel message. He is dealing with a situation where some of the people are exercising their freedom in Christ by eating meat which had previously been sacrificed to idols. While Paul agreed with them that idols did not exist, and that the meat was only meat, their mistake was in not being concerned about their 'weaker' brethren who were scandalised by their behaviour. Rather than arguing who is right and who is wrong, Paul argues that not causing suffering to the other person is a higher value. Using his own practice as an example he talks about how he has tried to become all things to all people so that he might not be an obstacle to the gospel message being preached. Since he exercises his freedom by concern for the other, he hopes that the 'stronger' members of the community will do the same.

FIRST READING

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. or Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; / sing to our God for he is loving: / to him our praise is due. **R.**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem / and brings back Israel's exiles, / he heals the broken-hearted, / he binds up all their wounds. / He fixes the number of the stars; / he calls each one by its name. **R.**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; / his wisdom can never be measured. / The Lord raises the lowly; / he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

■ The word of the Lord.