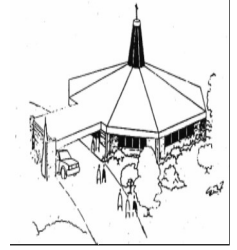


# St Benedict's Catholic Church



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## The Feast of Corpus Christi

13 and 14 June 2020

Dear St Benedict's brothers and sisters,

This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ which celebrates that God not only became human but also Jesus laid down his young life out of love for a broken, suffering and sinful world. Many will not be able to receive the Body and Blood of their Saviour and Lord today, and for that I am deeply sorry. I stand with all those petitioning the ACT Government to loosen the restrictions on Places of Worship as it has for other public places.

I believe the public expression of our faith and worship is an essential service and should be of the highest priority in loosening restrictions. It honours God, blesses our Community and encourages people to love one another in their everyday lives. It is positive to hear that many people added their name to the petition to the Government loosening the restriction on places of worship.

This year on this sacred day we also celebrate the Confirmation of Elan, one of our RCIA candidates. We praise God for, and stand with, a woman who asks God to fill her with the Holy Spirit so she can shine as an adult Catholic Christian in her daily life. Come Holy Spirit breathe on her and your people that we may be your witnesses in a world where people are hurting, oppressed, fearful, angry, sinful and lost. Breathe life and love into us Lord so we can do the same for those around us.

We celebrate this Breathe of the Spirit at a time when someone pleaded "I can't breathe" which has echoed in so many hearts. I don't support violent, dangerous protest but I do seek to hear and respond to the voice of the suffering, fearful, lost and oppressed, as Jesus did. Let's pray as a Eucharistic people that we would seek unity, healing and peace.

## Sunday Masses to resume

With the recent further loosening of restrictions, we are now delighted that we are able to re-gather as a community for the Mass this coming weekend, 20 and 21 June. The Saturday night 6pm Mass, the Sunday 9am Mass and the Sunday 6pm Charismatic Mass will all resume this coming weekend.

**Details of the practicalities of how we recommence Masses will come out shortly, as we need to continue the practice of social distancing.**

The **Friday Healing Mass and Sunday Charismatic Mass** are resuming at their normal times— if you'd like to attend you must call Carmel Henry on 0409 777 743.

## Adoration

A big thank you to all those who were involved in the 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Corpus Christi. Weather permitting, we hope to have a Eucharistic Procession this weekend after the 10am Sunday Mass.

## Parish Office Hours

**Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm**

At this stage, the Parish Office remains open at the normal times and we will continue to post the Newsletter on the website. At times the Parish Office may not be attended, but be assured we are monitoring emails and calls.

# The Feast of Corpus Christi

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## FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16*

*He fed you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 147:12-15,19-20*

### **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.

## SECOND READING

***1 Corinthians 10:16-17***

***That there is only one loaf means that, though we are many, we form one body***

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***John 6:51-52***

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

***John 6:51-58***

***My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink***

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

# PARISH NEWS

## **Praying for those who are awaiting Sacraments:**

Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for the Sacraments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. Their perseverance is encouraging and inspiring.

**Refugee Week: 14-21 June 2020:** Our parish continues to help support the 227 men still held in Papua New Guinea and the many who are now detained in Australia for medical treatment. The situation for these men continues to be dire. Particularly during this week, we ask you to keep refugees in your prayers and if you would like to provide financial support to these men, you can donate to the Manus Lives Matter bank account.

BSB: 062922                      Account Number: 10204914

## **Census/Planned Giving:**

As we approach the end of the Financial Year, we need to ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for all our parishioners, for those who contribute and those who in some way are connected to St Benedict's.

Please contact the Parish Office for the St Benedict's **Census/Planned giving form for 2020/2021**. We would be grateful if you would complete the entire form and return it to the Parish Office, either by email or in person. The links to any of the direct debit documents are located in the form, so please click on the appropriate link to be redirected to the CDF documents if required. Some of the information we currently have (residential and email addresses, phone numbers etc) is no longer correct and, during this Covid-19 period, it makes it difficult to keep in touch, and to ensure that **planned giving details are correct for the coming Financial Year**. We are grateful for the generous responses we have received over the last months and for any financial support you are able to contribute, however if you are not able to contribute at this time, please still fill in your name and contact details and leave the rest of the form blank.

For those who might be able to increase their giving by even \$2.00 per week for the coming Financial Year, this would be of immense help to the Parish.

Be assured of our love and prayers,  
Fr Dan (on behalf of the PFC and PPC)

## As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

**Our Sick:** Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Caroline Brunner, John and Antoinette Martin,** Pam Pini, Albert Alfred Bonansea, Kathleen Kensey, Donal Dwyer, Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Betty O'Brien, Zeta Evans, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Gerry Agnew, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara

**Youth alpha online:** The Archdiocesan youth ministers are running Youth Alpha Online for students from years 10-12! Grab a friend and a snack and come join us online **every Tuesday from 7-8pm**, on Zoom! We'll be exploring key parts of our faith in a fun and engaging way! There will be lots of opportunities for games and activities as we get to know students from across the Canberra region. Please email or call the St Benedict's youth minister, Anjalie, for the online details if interested at [Anjalie.upasena@cg.org.au](mailto:Anjalie.upasena@cg.org.au), or 0420 537 064.

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge the **Ngunnawal People**, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country*