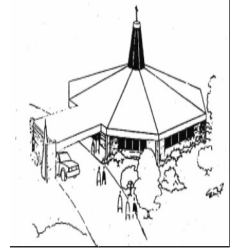


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

16 and 17 May 2020

Dear St Benedict's brothers and sisters,

The recent loosening of restrictions have been welcome—I hope you're all coping ok. We miss you all so much and can't wait until we can all gather together again for Mass and fellowship.

Masses will continue to be streamed in the Collins Wing until further notice. If you would like to attend one of the Masses please let me know.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Collins Wing will recommence this Friday. If you would like to join please contact the Parish Office.

We are hoping to Steam Clean the Church this weekend, **so the Church should be open on Monday for Private Prayer**, with a maximum of 10 people in the Church at a time, practicing social distancing. If you are unwell or of frail health please do not enter the Church. I will send another email to confirm.

Attached to the email and uploaded to our Parish website, are the current St Benedict's guidelines in response to the Archdiocesan ones.

Also attached to the Bulletin email is a humorous video kids in NZ are watching on their return to school. I hope you enjoy it and understand the positive message to still be vigilant. Remember to keep out of people's moist air zone (and animals too!)

God bless

Fr Dan

MASS TIMES

(Live streamed from St Benedict's Church and Mission Centre, Canberra Facebook page)

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| Tuesday | 5.30pm |
| Wednesday | 5.30pm |
| Thursday | 5.30pm |
| Saturday | 8am |
| Sunday | 10am |

MASS TIMES

(Live streamed from MGL Priests and Brothers Facebook page)

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| Friday | 5.30pm (Healing Mass) |
| Sunday | 6:00pm (Charismatic Mass) |

Parish Secretary Vacancy

Our Parish Secretary Monica will be taking time off from about July. We are advertising now for a new permanent part time Secretary, to work the usual office hours of Tuesday to Friday, 9am-12 noon. If anyone is interested, please contact Father Dan or the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession

The Sacrament continues to be available by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office, the Parish emergency number or one of the Priests to make an appointment.

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.

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FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

PARISH NEWS

Laudato Si Webinars

Please consider taking part in two webinars about *Laudato Si*, the encyclical *On Our Common Home*, a key focus in the Pope's personal Christian ministry across the world, and what it means for us all. The webinars will be held from **6-7pm on 19 & 21 May** to help mark the Vatican's *Laudato Si* week. World-class consultant, Jacqui Rémond will present on what *Laudato Si* is about on the Tuesday evening and facilitate discussion on its deep implications on the Thursday.

Hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South, the webinars *On Our Common Home* reach out particularly to towns and parishes affected by drought and bushfires, as well as those in Canberra.

Registrations are essential. Please contact the Parish Office for further details on how to register.

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.

Financial giving:

Thank you to those who have been generous in their financial giving since our public Masses ceased. We are very grateful for the way God provides. Please keep in your prayers a speedy return to our public gatherings.

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: Pam Pini, Alberto Alfredo Bonsea, 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 Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Sam & Nina Agius

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.

*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*