

# St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter 2 and 3 May 2020

### Invitation to assist with live streamed Masses

As you may be aware, Masses are being live streamed five times per week from St Benedict's Collins Wing, and we are able to have a small number of people assist.

Should you wish to assist with a Mass, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Fathers.

If you are unwell, showing any flu-like symptoms, have low immunity, over the age of 70 or work/live with vulnerable people, you would be unable to assist.

### Good Shepherd Sunday

This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday (Vocations Sunday). Let's pray for and promote all vocations, but particularly the vocation to Priesthood this weekend. For more information please see the back page of the Bulletin.

### Month of May—live streamed Rosary

During the month of May, we will live stream the Rosary from the Collins Wing after the Thursday 5:30pm Mass and the Saturday 8:00am Mass. As with the Masses, there is the possibility of having a small number of people present. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish office.

### Finance update

Further to last week's financial giving information, please note that Parishioners who are donating electronically will need to ensure that their planned giving number and Surname are in the 'description' field to be able to claim a tax receipt at the end of financial year (Eg. PG 123 SMITH) If there is no planned giving number and surname provided, the Parish assumes the deposit is a general donations towards the Parish.

If you are giving electronically or are not sure of your planned giving number, please contact the Parish Office.

### 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**

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

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

**MASS TIMES:** (Live streamed from MGL Priests and Brothers Facebook page)

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

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

2 and 3 May 2020

## FIRST READING

**Acts 2:14,36-41**

***'God has made him both Lord and Christ'***

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 22(23)**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
in the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 2:20-25**

***You have come back to the shepherd of your souls***

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**John 10:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**John 10:1-10**

***I am the gate of the sheepfold***

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

# PARISH NEWS

## Good Shepherd Sunday 2020

### **3 May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *'Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives. (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation.

### **Pope Francis' – Message for 2020 World Day of Vocations**

*'Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us, and save us.'*

*'The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice - like marriage or special consecration to his service - calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear".'*

*'Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations.'*

### **What can I do?**

Each one of us can do something for the future of the Church in our nation. We all want and need more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. What can I do? The most important and essential thing that each of us can do is to pray. Intentionally, regularly, insistently. Make a decision today to include a prayer for vocations in your daily prayers.

### **On Line ideas**

At this time when we are communicating with people on line much of the time, it is an opportunity to enter into the world of young people, and engage with them in a new way. The Masses that are being streamed may be one of the few times that they may engage with the Church; the posts on social media; the new and innovative ways of pastoral ministry – these are all opportunities to spread the message of vocation in a new way.

## 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. Amen.

### 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.

*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*