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Statement on the death of George Cardinal Pell

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

It was with great sadness that I learned of the unexpected death of Cardinal George Pell in Rome on Tuesday evening (Rome time). Cardinal Pell provided strong and clear leadership within the Catholic Church in Australia, as Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney and as a member of the Bishops Conference for more than 25 years.

His many strengths were widely recognised, both in Australia and around the world, as his Vatican appointments as Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and as a member of the Council of Cardinals, an advisory group to Pope Francis, testify.

Cardinal Pell's impact on the life of the Church in Australia and around the world will continue to be felt for many years. As we remember him and reflect on his legacy, I invite all Catholics and other people of goodwill to join in praying for Cardinal Pell, a man of deep and abiding faith, and for the repose of his soul.

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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 and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

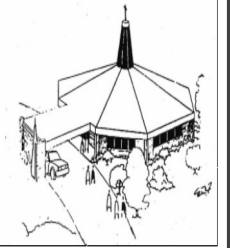
ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 14 & 15 January 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy
Readers	Helen Bennett, Moiraj Najdecki	Maria Mendoza, Josephus Bumaat
Offertory	BA Daly	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith, Amir	
Mt View		Jindalee

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21 & 22 January 2023		
1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Isa 8:23-9:3	1 Cor 1:10-13,17	Matt 4:12-23
Sat 6 pm		
Sun 9am		
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Linda Henry, Asterie Niyonsenga
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Maria Mendoza
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Avellino, Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		Jindalee

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is in recess at St Benedict's over the summer holiday period in January. Normal Adoration hours will resume on the first Monday of February 2023.

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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*Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)
Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director,
Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am—1pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)*

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 & 15 January 2023**

God's Word

There is a good chance that today many parish communities will sing one of the well-known versions of Psalm 39, 'Here I am Lord', based on the ancient hymn of David. While we may sing this hymn enthusiastically our reality is that we are usually not here in the present. Instead we carry burdens from the past and are troubled with anxiety about the future. Often the one place we struggle to be is where we are and in the reality of the present moment. This does not mean we should forget the pain from the past or ignore our anxiety about the future since emotion (pain, anxiety or other) can only exist in the present. While what has happened in the past has already happened, our present feelings of guilt, grief, hurt or pain about a past experience are an opportunity for us today to experience the healing of God in the present. In the same way anxiety about the future is a present feeling and can be healed by God in the present. The only moment God has with us now is the present reality of the circumstances of this day. Let our prayer from this present reality be simply, 'Jesus: here I am...'

20 & 21 January 2023 Made for More with Christopher West

Join international speaker and Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Christopher West and team, in Sydney as they offer a vision of the gospel through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology



of the Body on either 20th or 21st January 2023.

One event. Two date/location options. More information about event details are available by contacting the Sydney Archdiocese Life Marriage and Family Unit. Register your interest at www.trybooking.com/CDBSBW.

Contact lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’;
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm 39:2,4,7-10

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth*

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

Sound system upgrade

The parish is looking to update the sound system in the church, with a projected cost of \$25,000. So far we have raised \$17,000, so we need a further \$8000. Contributions to the project will be gratefully received. You can deposit your donation directly into the parish bank account. Details below:

Account name: St Benedict’s Parish
BSB: 062 786
Account number: 000014992

Please use the words ‘Sound system’ in the Reference. Thank you to the very generous donors who have given thus far.

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Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Gemma Di Placido, Verica Fairman, Peter Bird.

Anniversaries: Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Siegfried Schulze, Iris Struber, Connie Woodford, Jocelyn Zutt, Fr John J. Briscoe, Fr Patrick Lanigan, Fr Ronald J. Flack, Fr Thomas Kinnane, Fr Thomas Mullins, Fr Michael D. Quinn.

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne; Monica Boyton, Mary Smith, Ben Melbourne, Colin Paley, Janice Paley, Gert Fletcher, Caroline Evans, Anna Pace, Daniel Collins, Barbara Parsons, Edwina Gundelach.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 1pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6pm (*Vigil*)
Sunday: 9am; 6pm (*Charismatic Mass*)
Fourth Sunday of the Month: 6pm (*Youth Mass*)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 12.30pm; Thursday: 5.30pm;
Friday: 5.30pm (*Healing Mass*); Saturday 8.00am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from 6.15pm-7pm
Saturday: 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday: 7.30am 3rd Friday Padre Pio: 5pm
BAPTISMS: During weekend Masses or by appointment. See parish website for booking information.

WEDDINGS: by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays
10.30am at Jindalee 1st Thursday of the month
10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

In recess until 1st Monday of February 2023

Monday & Tuesday: 6am-10pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-10pm; Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

Urgent hours that need to be filled:
Monday 3-4pm, Tuesday 3-4pm, Friday 12-1pm

Hearing Loop is located in the right center rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

EMPOWER NIGHT will recommence early Feb 2023 at the new time of 7pm till 9pm Tues nights. It's a Charismatic night of Lay preaching and healing in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The night is a chance for those attending training to use their skills and gifts. Everyone is very welcome to come worship and soak in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Monday 6:30pm at St Benedict’s Parish Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.