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Requiem Mass for Cardinal Pell (CathNews.com)

A Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal George Pell will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, February 2, before a private burial in the cathedral's crypt, the Archdiocese of Sydney has announced.

Cardinal Pell passed away on January 10 in Rome. He was 81. Cardinal Pell's successor as Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, will be the Principal Celebrant at the 11am Requiem Mass, following which the cardinal will be buried in a private ceremony in the St Mary's Cathedral crypt.

Cathedral Dean Fr Don Richardson said thousands of mourners from Australia and overseas are expected to attend the Mass.

"Cardinal Pell left a remarkable legacy for the Catholic Church in Australia and this will undoubtedly be one of the most significant funerals ever held at the cathedral", he said.

"Cardinal Pell was also known and highly respected by many overseas due to his numerous roles in the Vatican over many decades. The Mass will be livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral You Tube Channel to allow overseas mourners to participate in the ceremony".

Fr Richardson said screens will be erected in the St Mary's Cathedral forecourt to accommodate the large numbers of mourners expected to attend and pay their respects to the deceased cardinal who served as Archbishop of Sydney from 2001-2014.

For mourners unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will be a Masses for the late cardinal at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, February 1, at 1:10pm and 8pm. Cardinal Pell will lie in state at St Mary's Cathedral from 9:30am on Wednesday, February 1.

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 21 & 22 January 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel &	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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28 & 29 January 2023		
1ST READING Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13	2ND READING 1 Cor 1:26-31	GOSPEL Matt 5:1-12a
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Barry Murphy
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Julie Douglas
Offertory	BA Daly	Maria Mendoza
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Ann Hill, Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	John Murray, Santhosh Jose	
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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Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)*

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 & 22 January 2023**

From the start of his public life, Jesus took up residence in Capernaum, a border town on the road uniting Galilee with the territory governed by Philip the Tetrarch. It was a busy town through which people of all backgrounds passed, both Jews and pagans. There, in the "Galilee of the Gentiles," "a great light" begins to shine (vv. 15-16), since Jesus has come to bring salvation to all men and women. In this gospel passage Saint Matthew shows us Jesus beginning his public life, with three of its key elements. First, we are given a brief summary of the essential content of his preaching: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (v. 17). Conversion requires rejecting sin in order to attain the goal to which we are all called: happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven. And it requires a change in our daily life, in order to allow more room for God, as Peter and Andrew, James and John experienced. Secondly, by inviting those who will be his first disciples to follow him (vv. 18-22), Jesus begins his Church, built on those simple and ordinary men whom he will make into Apostles.



Immersed in their daily work as fishermen when Jesus opened up unsuspected horizons to them, they immediately decided to follow him. Up to now their work had meant casting their nets, cleaning and repairing them, gathering the fish for sale... But our Lord makes them see that, without leaving their profession, they will now be catching different "fish." Their great adventure begins with a simple, apparently chance encounter. Their generosity in following Jesus enables them to get to know the Master personally. He asks them not merely to pass on his teachings to others but to be his intimate friends and witnesses to his Person.

This scene is repeated in the life of each one of us if, like those men, we listen to Christ's call and decide to follow him without placing conditions. Our life takes on a new meaning, a marvelous, divine one. "My children, our vocation is

to follow Christ – Venite past me et faciam vos fieri piscatores hominum (Mt 4:19) And to follow him so closely that we live with him, like the first Twelve; so close to him, that we identify with him, that we live his Life, until a moment comes, if we haven't hindered it, when we can say with Saint Paul: 'It is now no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (Gal 2:20).(St Josemaria Escriva) Thirdly, Matthew makes it clear that Jesus is more than just a great teacher, since we see him "healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (v. 23). He is the Redeemer of mankind in every dimension of human life, since he saves us as he teaches us: "Wherever Jesus goes the Creator Spirit brings life, and men and women are healed of diseases of body and spirit. God's lordship is thus manifest in the human being's integral healing. By this, Jesus wanted to reveal the Face of the true God, the God who is close to us, full of mercy for every human being; the God who gives us life in abundance, his own Life." (Pope Benedict XVI).

From Opus Dei website

22 January 2023

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm 26:1,4,13-14 *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe’s people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: ‘I am for Paul’, ‘I am for Apollos’, ‘I am for Cephas’, ‘I am for Christ.’ Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.’

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

Gospel (cont.)

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) recycles used stamps to raise urgently needed funds to fight poverty. Your used stamps will:

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Send stamps to John Altham, 17 Boronia St, Kyle Bay NSW 2221, or drop your used stamps into the parish office and we will forward them. No need to soak stamp off envelope—just trim stamp off leaving a generous margin all around stamp.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Marie Hamilton

Anniversaries: Ada Duncan, Therese Guerin, Margaret Hayes, Florence Irvine, Rudolf Krajeovic, Mary Meere, Barbara Pearce, Julia Templeman, Rose Tonna, John Weir, Lorraine Whichelo, Connie Woodford, Fr Thomas Mullins, Fr Michael D. Quinn, Fr John Callanan, Fr Michael Carey.

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.