

# St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Third Sunday of Easter 25 and 26 April 2020

Dear St Benedict's Community,

During these unusual times St Benedict's parish is well aware that so many people are undergoing massive disruption to their lives and their livelihoods. Our wonderful Parish Priests are experiencing similar challenges.

With the cancellation of face-to face Masses due to COVID-19 there are no collections taking place. In order to support our community and our Priests, who rely on the collections for their livelihood, the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils would like you to consider making electronic deposits of your usual giving or donation until the Churches re-open.

**There are a variety of ways that these contributions can be made:**

Just as we are urged in this environment 'to be in this together' we urge you to be together as a Parish community and make these new arrangements while we are staying at home for the duration of the pandemic.

We thank you for your consideration and pray that together we will assist our Parish community and our Priests in this challenging time.

Moira Najdecki  
 Chair

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE TIMES AND INFORMATION—PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE**

**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.**

**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)

<b>Via QKR</b>	This quick and very simple: Download the app to your mobile phone OR Online at <a href="https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home">https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home</a>
<b>Drop in your contribution to the Parish Office</b>	Please call first to ensure there is someone at the office. Ph: 6295 7879
<b>Direct Transfer</b>	<b><u>1st Collection</u></b> BSB 062 786 Acc. No 0000 16906, Acc. Name: MGL Narrabundah  <b><u>2nd Collection</u></b> BSB 062 786 Acc. No 0000 14992, Acc. Name: St Benedict's Parish Accounts

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### FIRST READING

**Acts 2:14,22-33**

***God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this***

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11***

**Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since He is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever.

## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

***Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ***

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Cf Luke 24:32***

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

***Luke 24:13-35***

***They recognised him at the breaking of bread***

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

# PARISH NEWS

## **MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MAX DAVIS** **REGARDING STREAMED CELEBRATION OF THE** **NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS 2020**

For over 30 years a special Mass in St. Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra has been celebrated at 8:00am on Anzac Day. This year (2020) the community has been responding to the pandemic COVID 19 that has necessitated that 'social distancing' procedures are put in place to control the pandemic. Included in those measures has been the closure of Churches across the nation and the cancellation of public Masses. Hence the National Anzac Day Mass has had to be cancelled this year.

However, especially for Catholics, our observance of Anzac Day should always include the celebration of Mass with the intention of praying for the happy repose of the souls of those who have died in military service. It is the least we can do for them. It adds our own dimension to our remembrance of their outstanding contribution of their service. With this in mind I have resolved to maintain that tradition and celebrate Mass with that intention this year also.

The Mass will be celebrated in the ANZAC Memorial Chapel of St. Paul at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. The intention is to stream it **at 8:00am on Anzac Day** via the diocesan website [www.military.catholic.org.au](http://www.military.catholic.org.au) and the link will be found in the 'Events' section of the website. I have produced a little booklet that may help those watching to follow the Mass prayerfully. The booklet can be downloaded beforehand perhaps. This is a simple 'no frills' effort that has only one purpose and that is to provide an opportunity for us to spend some time in prayer together, even though we are apart, for our usual intention.

Please God we will have the opportunity to gather together to celebrate Mass as part of our observance next year.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Bishop Max L. Davis

## 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, 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.

*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*