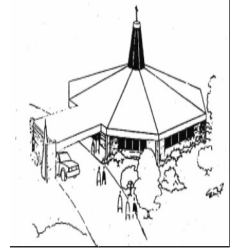


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Palm Sunday: 4 and 5 April

Message from Father Dan

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, **Palm/Passion Sunday** marks the beginning of **Holy Week**, the most sacred week of our Christian calendar. It will be perhaps the most different Holy Week we have ever participated in. We are all invited to make a Spiritual Communion with the Lord and with each other. I invite you to join us for live streaming of the liturgies via our Parish Facebook page, via the Archdiocesan Catholic Voice website, as well as so many other options including the Holy Father. **People are encouraged to place a Palm or Olive branch on their front door on Sunday.** Channel 7 is also screening Good Friday (3pm) and Easter Sunday services (10am) from the Cathedral in Sydney. We are hoping the Mass of the Oils (Chrism Mass) will also be streamed.

Please let people who don't have internet know. We can also deliver hard copies of prayers and Easter Liturgies to those who aren't online. We can also print and deliver copies of the bulletin for them.

If you or anyone you know needs help or just a chat please contact the Parish Office or our Parish Emergency number: **6239 6772**.

If you need to, please call the **Help lines** available—they can bring support at difficult times. Let's continue to reach out and care for each other.

For those who are well enough and are allowed to travel and would like to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Frs Rem, Baiju and I are available by appointment adhering to the proper physical distancing protocols. You can email or call us directly or call the Parish Emergency number (62396772) to set up a time and place.

The Missionaries of God's Love at Garran will be live streaming daily Masses from their Facebook page, "MGL Priests and Brothers", particularly the Healing Mass on Fridays at 5:30pm and also the Charismatic Mass at 6pm on Sunday Evenings.

Be assured of our love and prayers, let's continue to pray and grow in faith, hope and love.

St Benedict pray for us.

Frs Dan, Baiju, Rem, Ken, Chris & Dave (MGLs)

Special Anniversary

Congratulations to John and Noelene Carrick on their 50th wedding anniversary, celebrated on 4 April!

If anyone knows of any significant birthdays or anniversaries coming up, please contact the Parish Office.

Palm Sunday

4 and 5 April

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holds in my hands and my feet,
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL (read at the beginning of Mass)

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, '*Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.*' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

PARISH NEWS

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.

Catholic Military Ordinariate Anzac Day Mass

Cancelled: Given the Commonwealth Government's directives in response to COVID-19, The Catholic Diocese of the Australian Military Services has decided to cancel the National ANZAC Day Mass that was to be held at St Christopher's Cathedral on 25 April 2020. We too are mindful of the wellbeing of our veterans and the wider communities at this time, and fully support the Government's initiatives in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19. We thank you for your ongoing support for the National ANZAC Day Mass. Whilst we recognise there will be no Mass at the Cathedral on ANZAC Day, we will remember with great devotion the supreme sacrifice paid by so many for the freedom of our country.

Amicus gatherings: In the interest of AMICUS, our members, their families and the wider community we are suspending all AMICUS activities until further notice when this Coronavirus emergency is no longer a threat to us all. We look forward to resuming again then.

Parish Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis, Anthony & Padre Pio*— Consider Joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage **with St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony. Departing September 2020.** For more information call or email the Parish Office or Fr Dan. We are currently waiting for further advice due to the Coronavirus.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam 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: Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Alberto Alfredo Bonansea, 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

Marian Statue: If you would like to have Our Lady in your home, please write your name and contact details in the "Marian Statue" record book which will live on a table in the confessional. It will then be your responsibility to co-ordinate the exchange of Our Lady with the previous custodian. We ask that visits be kept to around 2 weeks duration. If there is nobody next on the list, please keep her safely with you until somebody requests a visit! If you have any questions or any issues arise, please contact Ingrid Kensey on 0401 489 525 or ingridparker86@gmail.com

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