

# St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## The Feast of the Holy Trinity

6 and 7 June 2020

Dear St Benedict's brothers and sisters,  
Earlier this week I returned from 2 days Solitude which has been a great way to recharge the batteries, pray for everyone and get closer to the Lord for which I'm very thankful.

As the ACT Government and the Archdiocese have given Churches the go ahead to have 20 people at Mass, **we have returned to our normal Weekday Masses in the Church.** If you'd like to come it helps to let us know in advance. **You must sign in as you enter and maintain social distancing. Weekday Masses will no longer be streamed from our Facebook page. We will continue to stream Sunday 10am Mass for the next couple of weeks from our Parish Facebook Page, until we are allowed 50 people.** If you'd like to come to Sunday Mass this weekend or next please contact the Office or one of the priests asap.

The **Friday Healing Mass and Sunday Charismatic Mass** are resuming at their normal times— if you'd like to attend you must call Carmel Henry on 0409 777 743.

Please note the MGL brothers will not be continuing to stream Friday Healing Mass but they will Stream a separate Charismatic Mass as they have been, at least for the next couple of weeks.

### Fr Steve Tynan MGL

We are blessed to have staying with us our brother Fr Steve Tynan MGL, the first one of us to be ordained back in 1992 by Abp Francis. Steve founded our MGL Manila Mission back in 1996 and continues to lead it. He is stuck in Australia until he can get a flight back to Manila.

As much as we are enjoying Steve's company and ministry, we do pray he can return to support the brotherhood, which includes our own Fr Matt and to care for the families in our Parish (which is also St Benedict's) and Mission. Amongst other things, the Brothers, including Fr Matt, are seeking to feed more than 2,000 families in their parish and 10,000 in another ministry area in a place called Payatas. If you'd like to find out more or make a donation please contact Fr Dan or the Parish Office.

### Adoration update

Wonderful news!! To celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, St Benedict's is holding **40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning 6am Friday 12 June and ending midnight Saturday 13 June.** We have our regular roster for Friday during the day and Friday night, but we will need to fill the Saturday hours from after mass - 9am on Saturday morning until midnight Saturday. Anyone able to help, please contact the Parish Office with what hour/ hours you can do.

### Parish Office Hours

**Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm**

At this stage, the Parish Office remains open at the normal times and we will continue to post the Newsletter on the website. At times the Parish Office may not be attended, but be assured we are monitoring emails and calls.

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## FIRST READING

*Exodus 34:4-6,8-9*

*'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Daniel 3:52-56*

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths  
from your throne upon the cherubim;  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven,  
praiseworthy and glorious forever.

## SECOND READING

***2 Corinthians 13:11-13***

***The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit***

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***cf Revelation 1:8***

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

***John 3:16-18***

***God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved***

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

# PARISH NEWS

## **Praying for those who are awaiting Sacraments:**

Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for the Sacraments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. Their perseverance is encouraging and inspiring.

**Altar cleaning and flower arranging:** Parishioners are invited to assist with the weekly preparation of the church by helping with the arrangement of flowers and light cleaning, this does not include vacuuming the church. Volunteers are roster approximately every 6 weeks, usually for about an hour on Saturday morning. The next roster period will run from mid-June till mid-December. For further information and to offer to join the roster please call Sue on 0407 269 193 before 12 June.

## **Census/Planned Giving:**

As we approach the end of the Financial Year, we need to ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for all our parishioners, for those who contribute and those who in some way are connected to St Benedict's.

Please see attached to our email the St Benedict's **Census/Planned giving form for 2020/2021**. We would be grateful if you would complete the entire form and return it to the Parish Office, either by email or in person. The links to any of the direct debit documents are located in the form, so please click on the appropriate link to be redirected to the CDF documents if required. Some of the information we currently have (residential and email addresses, phone numbers etc) is no longer correct and, during this Covid-19 period, it makes it difficult to keep in touch, and to ensure that **planned giving details are correct for the coming Financial Year**. We are grateful for the generous responses we have received over the last months and for any financial support you are able to contribute, however if you are not able to contribute at this time, please still fill in your name and contact details and leave the rest of the form blank.

For those who might be able to increase their giving by even \$2.00 per week for the coming Financial Year, this would be of immense help to the Parish.

Be assured of our love and prayers,  
Fr Dan (on behalf of the PFC and PPC)

## 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: Caroline Brunner, John and Antoinette Martin,** Pam Pini, Albert Alfred Bonansea, 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

**Youth alpha online:** The Archdiocesan youth ministers are running Youth Alpha Online for students from years 10-12! Grab a friend and a snack and come join us online **every Tuesday from 7-8pm**, on Zoom! We'll be exploring key parts of our faith in a fun and engaging way! There will be lots of opportunities for games and activities as we get to know students from across the Canberra region. Please email or call the St Benedict's youth minister, Anjalie, for the online details if interested at [Anjalie.upasena@cg.org.au](mailto:Anjalie.upasena@cg.org.au), or 0420 537 064.

## **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*