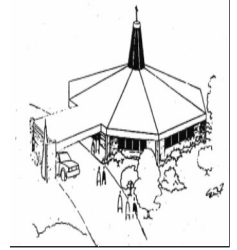


St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Fifth Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day

9 and 10 May 2020

Month of May—live streamed Rosary

During the month of May, we will live stream the Rosary from the Collins Wing after the Thursday 5:30pm Mass and the Saturday 8:00am Mass. As with the Masses, there is the possibility of having a small number of people present. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish office.

St Benedict's giving

Please remember that Parishioners who are donating electronically will need to ensure that their planned giving number and Surname are in the 'description' field to be able to claim a tax receipt at the end of financial year (Eg. PG 123 SMITH) If there is no planned giving number and surname provided, the Parish assumes the deposit is a general donations towards the Parish.

If you are giving electronically or are not sure of your planned giving number, please contact the Parish Office.

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)

Parish Secretary Vacancy

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession

The Sacrament continues to be available by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office, the Parish emergency number or one of the Priests to make an appointment.

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.

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

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FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33): 1-2,4-5,18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to Him

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

PARISH NEWS

Laudato Si Webinars

Please consider taking part in two webinars about **Laudato Si**, the encyclical **On Our Common Home**, a key focus in the Pope's personal Christian ministry across the world, and what it means for us all. The webinars will be held from **6-7pm on 19 & 21 May** to help mark the Vatican's *Laudato Si* week. World-class consultant, Jacqui Rémond will present on what *Laudato Si* is about on the Tuesday evening and facilitate discussion on its deep implications on the Thursday.

Hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South, the webinars *On Our Common Home* reach out particularly to towns and parishes affected by drought and bushfires, as well as those in Canberra.

Registrations are essential. Please contact the Parish Office for further details on how to register.

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.

Financial giving:

Thank you to those who have been generous in their financial giving since our public Masses ceased. We are very grateful for the way God provides. Please keep in your prayers a speedy return to our public gatherings.

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, Alberto Alfredo Bonsea, 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 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.

*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*