St Benedict's Catholic Church

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Easter Week 2020

Message from Father Dan

Dear brothers and sisters,

I pray you had a blessed (albeit different) Easter triduum. Br Bear and I led a lovely liturgy on Saturday night with the Parish and School kids via Zoom Meeting. We blessed the Easter Candle and the young ones read readings and the Prayers of the Faithful. I think the young ones really enjoyed seeing each other and it confirmed in me what a beautiful School and Parish Community we have. Many have contacted me to say how much they miss coming together and I really miss not gathering with you all. It's certainly shown me how much I take for granted. Regardless, Easter Sunday was still a blessed celebration and we were able to bless the Holy Water which we will use for Baptisms.

My heart goes out to all those who had been preparing for Reception into the Church this Easter Vigil and were unable to receive the Sacraments. We keep in our prayers Grace and Jim who are to be Baptised, Confirmed and receive Holy Communion, as well as, Myrian, Elan, Peter and Florian who are to be Confirmed. Thank you for your faith and perseverance, I can't wait to celebrate with you all (we will need a really big cake this year).

It's good to remember that Easter is not over, each day this week is another Easter Day (the Easter Octave) leading up to this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Confessions are still available by appointment. Please call any of the priests or use our emergency number.

The Collins Wing has been so beautifully decorated we will continue to Stream Live Masses there this week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:30pm via the Facebook page, as well as Divine Mercy Sunday at 10am.

The MGLs at Garran will Stream the Healing Mass this Friday as well as Divine Mercy Charismatic Mass on the MGL Priests and Brothers at 3pm on Sunday.

Our Archdiocese is streaming daily Masses from the Archbishop's Chapel at:

https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/

Thanks to those who are reaching out and ringing the elderly and those who don't have internet, please keep up the great work. If you know someone in this position and would like to call them but don't have their number just let us know and we can connect you.

At this stage, the **Parish Office remains open** at the normal times and we will post the Newsletter on the website. If there is anyone you know who doesn't have internet access please let us know at **narrabundah@cg.org.au** and we can print a copy of the bulletin for them. At times the Parish Office may not be attended, but be assured we are monitoring emails and calls.

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.

If you or anyone you know needs help or just a chat please contact the Parish Office or our Parish Emergency number: **62396772**.

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)