

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—26 APRIL 2020



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Reconciliation:

Sat: **ONLY ON REQUEST**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

CLOSED

Rosary Groups:

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Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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Baptisms: CANCELLED

Marriages: By Appointment



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Have you thought? – Recognising Jesus

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

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Learning Moments—By Richard Leonard

...One of the things the Church values most deeply is its connection to the experience of the earliest Church. And rightly so. It's a great privilege for us to recall that what we do here each Sunday is built upon the faith and weekly celebration of countless generations.

And though, appropriately, many things can be different in various cultural settings for the Eucharist throughout the world, several elements always stay the same. It is the Risen Christ who accompanies us, listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, hosts us at his table, and sends us out to tell the world that He has been raised from the dead.

This is the best way to understand ourselves as 'traditional Catholics'. We share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts as we are welcomed here each week, are listened to, taught, nourished and sent out to do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

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Shaken Faith and Shattered Hope



Luke 24:13-35

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READINGS FOR THE DAY— AT HOME FOR YOU

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

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: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. 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.' *(R.)*
2. 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. *(R.)*
3. 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. *(R.)*
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus 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: See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the 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.

Communion Antiphon: Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

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05 May UNPACKING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN AUSTRALIAN CONTEXT

Tuesday, 10am to 11.30am, online. This online presentation will be in two parts. The first will outline key parts of the Church’s social teaching with a focus on social issues in Australia. The second will encourage and challenge participants to apply the Church’s social teaching. They will be asked to advise a Church, community or government group on how Catholic social teaching can make a difference to specific social concerns affecting Australians today. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge Cost: Free of charge. Presenter: Prof Matthew C Ogilvie. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221

07 May to 21 May PARABLES OF JESUS: SHEEP, GOATS, FEASTING AND LIVING IN THE KING

Thursdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, online – three sessions. This user-friendly online course explores Jesus’ parables about what it means to live the life of the Kingdom here and now. We will look at: the last judgement; the wedding and great banquets; the rich man and Lazarus; the 10 pounds and talents; and the labourers in the vineyard. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge. Cost: \$15. Presenter: Rev Dr Charles Waddell. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.

21 May to 28 May CHRISTIAN AUTOBIOGRAPHIES: SACRED STORIES FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION

Thursdays, 10am to 11.30am, online – two sessions. Christianity has been called “the greatest story ever told.” CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Faith Formation. Cost: \$15.00 Presenter: Fr Tom Scirghi SJ – Visiting scholar from Fordham University, New York. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221

Presence

As I sit here, the beating of my heart, the ebb and flow of my breathing, the movements of my mind are all signs of God's ongoing creation of me.

I pause for a moment, and become aware of this presence of God within me.

Freedom

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit Lord, so that I may have inner freedom. Let your Spirit instil in my heart a desire to know and love you more each day.

Consciousness

We are all pilgrims on a journey to you, Lord. May we contemplate your time on earth, and, with Your help, follow in your footsteps.

The Word of God

SPIRITUAL RETREAT DURING ISO

With Jesus—Curing the Shut-Out

Prayer— Ask God what you want. How would you like God to be for you today? Ask God to open your mind and heart to what God wants to give you today.

Readings— The daily mass readings

Reflection— Ponder on the readings of the day, what are they telling us, how can we put God’s word into action?

Closing prayer.

Loving God, stay with me during this hard time in the desert. Also be close to everybody who is isolated during the epidemic and all those who are excluded from the community. Thank you for the gift of all the people who love me and of those whom I love, especially those from whom I am separated. During these days show me how deeply you love me, and free me to love you more deeply. Amen

CHILDREN’S CORNER:

Life is like being on a journey of faith, but sometimes we encounter obstacles along the way. What are some of the toughest obstacles on your path of life?

How does Jesus help you and guide you along that path?

Draw yourself walking beside Jesus as you try to find the way to Emmaus. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them down in the boxes below to discover what the disciples learned at Emmaus.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Beatrice Leong, Peter Colleran, Kathleen Howell, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Eric Walsh, Sim Tan, Peter Hevron and all others who are not included in this list.



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Mauro De Judicibus, Nora Randall, Daniel McCormack all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers. Thank You.

