

# WELCOME



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

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—10 MAY 2020

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Reconciliation:

Sat: **ONLY ON REQUEST**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**CLOSED**

Rosary Groups:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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Baptisms: CANCELLED

Marriages: By Appointment



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## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

### Blessing Prayer for Mothers

Lord God,  
through your creative power you give birth to all and love all as a mother loves her child.

Bless these women who are mothers.

When they worry for their child, hold them in your care.

When they work to provide a home for their child,  
stand beside them.

If they mourn for their child, hold them in your love.

When the joy of their child overtakes them, laugh with them.

Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your love;  
a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Happy Mothers Day to all  
moms, grannies, great  
grannies, step moms,  
foster moms, and those  
who lost their mom. Moms  
are priceless!

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### Ways God speaks to us during COVID-19

**When the pandemic foments loneliness, we can remember God's promise never to leave us.** When we self-quarantine or practice six-feet-between-us social distancing, it's easy to feel a growing alienation. But Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46) so that we would never be abandoned. He who knew no sin became sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21). He experienced exile—ejected from the Father's presence—so that we might never be alone. Though we may feel alienated, disoriented and isolated, God has welcomed us into his family forever (John 14:18; Gal. 4:6). The resurrected Savior secured the right to make this guarantee, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20).

**When we feel our life's fragility and vulnerability, we can rest in Christ's unchanging refuge.** Because Christ rose triumphant from the grave, we have a risen Savior who intercedes for us, the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, a Heavenly Father who governs our lives, and the church as a shelter in this world.

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY— AT HOME FOR YOU

### Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

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: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

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

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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. (R.)

### Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

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: Jn 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: Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*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 now going 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.'

### Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere. If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

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**9 MAY WALK WITH ME: LOUNGEROOM SESSIONS**

Aria Award winning musician and mentor to the stars Gary Pinto is bringing an all-star line up of guests, to loungerooms nationwide, including our own Johnny Diesel! Star performers are bringing hits from their loungeroom to yours. The COVID-19 pandemic has spread globally and its impact is amplified for those who are in communities already vulnerable to poverty, malnutrition and without access to adequate healthcare. According to the WHO only 1 in 4 people in low-income countries have handwashing facilities with soap and water at home. Caritas Australia works in over 20 countries throughout the world, in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and the Middle East, across many life changing programs. The monies raised during the Benefit concert will expand our capacity to assist vulnerable communities at risk of infection as we all try to contain the spread of the virus. So, save a seat this Saturday, 9 May, for an extraordinary gift in a time of extraordinary need and help us go further together, in solidarity to protect our most vulnerable communities, globally. To register visit <https://www.livemusic2u.com/loungeroomsessions/>

**13 May MIRACLE PRAYERS**

The next Miracle Prayers healing service will be on Wednesday 13 May as a Zoom Meeting from 7.30pm and Live Streamed on YouTube. The opportunity to receive prayer individually with an experienced prayer team will be available via Zoom Breakout rooms. Reg Firth, leader of the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community in WA will be speaking on "Trust in the Lord." Join Zoom Meeting on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921472246?pwd=RWgxb094Tml0eXRBeERNZ2t4aVpndz09>. Meeting ID: 859 2147 2246. Password: 888798. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Zc7ucuJ7uRw>. Further info: visit the Miracle Prayers Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth>, or 0404 028 298

**12 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](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9241 5221.

**Presence**

What is present to me is what has a hold on my becoming. I reflect on the Presence of God always there in love, amidst the many things that have a hold on me. I pause and pray that I may let God affect my becoming in this precise moment.

**Freedom**

I try to let go of any prejudices and narrow mindedness that may be clouding my vision at this present moment. I hand them over to God's merciful care, So I can pray in freedom at this time.

**Consciousness**

In the presence of my loving Creator, I look honestly at my feelings over the last day, the highs, the lows and the level ground. Can I see where the Lord has been present?

**The Word of God**

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT DURING ISO**

*With Jesus in the Desert*

**Prayer**— Dear Lord, help me to be open to you now, and all this day. Believing that you are everywhere, may I sense your presence with me now. May I learn anew that you love to be with me. Amen.

**Readings**— (Luke 4: 5-8 NRSV) / Psalm146 [NRSV]

**Reflection**— Our time in the desert of isolation is also a time for daydreams about what kind of people we want to be and how we want to live. We can also dream of being always in control, dedicated and competent and making other people's lives better. We won't simply be a good the wife, father, worker, teacher, doctor or whatever, but the best. All we need to do is to take on and meet the expectations that society has of such outstanding people.

**Closing prayer.**

Loving God, stay with me during this hard time in the desert. Show me what matters most deeply. Help me to be happy with not being in control. Be close to everybody who is isolated during the epidemic. 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. I ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER:**

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?

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Color each shape without a dot • a different color, or simply just color in the shapes with a dot •

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Beatrice Leong, Peter Colleran, Kathleen Howell, Jack Heron, 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:** Robert Woolford, Lucia Vallini, William Bourne, Kevin Quinn, Verna Hevron, John McAdam, Norman Pearn-Rowe 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.*