

WELCOME



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

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—21 JUNE 2020

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @ 7am

Wed/Fri: 7.00am

Tues/Thurs: 9.00am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil @ 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM-5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

OPEN

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: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Marriages: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

12 SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the Twelve that they are not promised success; they will suffer. Yet he bids them repeatedly, 'Do not be afraid'. The Father's tender care will never desert them. God is on their side: not as a remote figure, but as a Father who has intimate knowledge of and care for each of them.

In these our own times of trial and vulnerability, we pray for God's guidance and teaching. 'Lord, you invite us to cry out with complete confidence in the Father's boundless love. This day we offer you praise and thanks for your abundant gifts to us in our poverty and weakness.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE BELOW:

ONLINE REGISTRATION TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE @ 6PM -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/109762554756>

SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE @ 7.30AM -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/109763028172>

SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE @ 9.30AM -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/109763611918>

SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE @ 6PM -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/109763700182>

Online registration to attend weekend Masses will be available from Thursday, 18 June 2020 at 12.00 Midnight until Saturday, 20 June 2020 at 4.00pm.

BENEDICTCARE CO-ORDINATORS

Anne - 0477 284 906 (Meals)

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HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

FRIDAYS @ 7.30AM



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As the COVID-19 pandemic inflicts all sorts of difficulties around the world, Pope Francis in his Missionary Prayer Intention for June asks us to pray for those who are suffering. He reminds us that many people are suffering due to the great difficulties they are enduring and that we can help by accompanying them in prayer. Pope Francis asks us to pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of Pope Francis' international Pontifical Mission Societies. Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. *(R.)*
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. *(R.)*

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you

not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon: Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

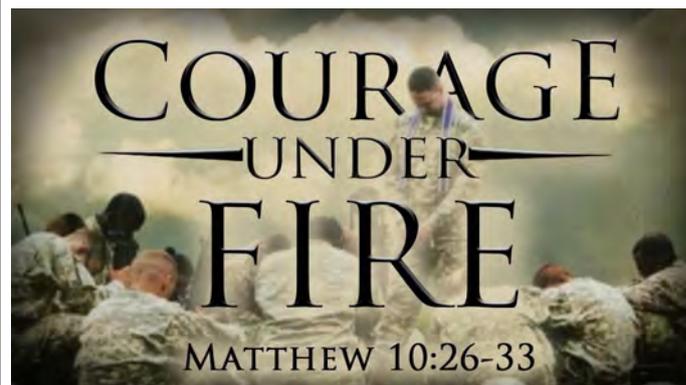
GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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In this week's reading Jesus continues to prepare his most trusted disciples for their ministry. He tells them, three times, not to be afraid. The twelve are not to fear the darkness nor death, because God is all powerful and values the faithful. The twelve are to be the light in the darkness for others.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 27 & 28 JUNE 2020

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	S CARRICK	N THOMAS	D RIGG	D LONGO
COMMENTATORS	S CHEN	S HOBDAV	M HANDYSIDE	M CINANNI
COLLECTORS	I COORAY S DONOVAN	G DOYLE	T BOLAND R BUNN	G CINANNI L BOVE
READERS	J McNAUGHT F MEYERKORT	A SCOTT G PULKER	J WONG A RYAN	M BRIGHT B KERMAN
EMOCH	E O'CONNOR	M ANDERSON	M BUNN	D ARTINGSTALL

ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS C DALLA COSTA, MRS A NANKIVELL, MRS C & MISS F VALLINI

PILGRIM STATUE: MAY ARNOLD

COUNTERS: B FARRELL, S SALDANHA & E NORONHA

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **NO LITURGY DURING COVID-19**

PLANNED GIVING—NEW YEAR

The New Year for Planned Giving starts in July and if you have been thinking of joining now would be a good time to start as the new financial year starts on Sunday 5th of July. If you join the parish planned giving program then you are planning to support our church financially. We are a family and we need to budget, just like you do in your family. We plan for the future as well as trying to live day by day. By committing to give your nominated amount our finance committee are then able to plan for our future and pay the bills today. We are self-funded and we rely on your support to run our family/parish effectively.

Where does your money go? 1st Collection & Easter Offering Envelopes: This money goes to pay our priests a basic income. A percentage of the 1st collection goes to helping priests in smaller parishes so that they too can receive their basic income.

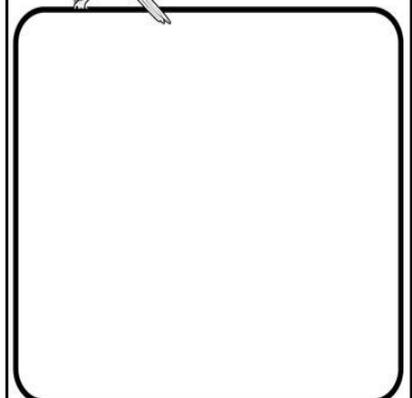
2nd Collection: This is the money you put in your planned Giving Envelopes and any loose cash put into the 2nd Collection baskets. This money maintains our presbytery, church, office, parish centre and pastoral group expenses. Join any time by filling in a pledge card on the tables in the foyer.

PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS! As we are approaching the end of the financial year in a one week's time, and since the Coronavirus Pandemic situation, we are giving Parishioners the option to change the way they contribute to the Parish Planned Giving Program. You can now choose to change from the envelopes to either by Credit Card payment or by Direct Debit payments. For those who would like to change their contributions to one of these methods, please take a form from the Church foyer and fill in your details and give the form to Fr Nelson or drop it off at the Parish Office as soon as possible, so that we can process these new methods of payment for you before the start of the new financial year. For those of you who are happy to remain with the envelopes, you don't have to do anything. The envelopes are out for collection from this weekend. Should you wish to request for a financial statement of your contribution, please contact the Parish Office on 9364 1120. Thank you sincerely for your generous financial support to the Parish Planned Giving Program.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:



God watches over us and protects us because we are precious to him. Draw a picture of something that is precious to you.



A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

What are some of your most precious things?
How do you care for them?
God says that we are precious to him.
How does God care for us?
We do not need to be afraid because God is always with us.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Beatrice Leong, Kathleen Howell, Jake 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: John (Neil) Smith, Agnes Robinson, Andrew McDonald, Sean Gorman, Robert Atkinson, Alan Stephens, Phil Murray, Betty Young, 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

22 Jun ADULT FAITH FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMME – PT 1 - WHAT IS THE CHURCH? A JOURNEY THROUGH THEMES, IDEAS AND DOCUMENTS

Monday, 7pm to 8.30pm online – three sessions. The word Church is a translation of the Greek word Ecclesia (Εκκλησία), which means "an assembly". The Church is the assembly, or gathering of the people who respond to Jesus Christ. What role does the Church play in Christian history and contemporary life? How can the Church work toward God's ultimate purpose for human beings? Join us as we draw from the richness of the Catholic tradition to uncover the true meaning of Church for us. Over four terms, this four-part foundational programme will cover core topics of the Catholic tradition such as Church, liturgy, sacraments, Scriptures and the call to holiness. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge. Cost: \$15. Presenter: Sr Margaret Scharf OP. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.

23 Jun BIBLE BASICS FOR CONTEMPORARY TIMES

Tuesday, 7pm to 8.30pm, online – four sessions. Though it sits as a foundational component of the Christian faith, many people can struggle to understand the Bible; how we came to have it, how we use it and what is really in there. This online course will look at how we can make sense of the Bible in the modern world. Various skills and concepts will be explored including inspiration and truth, how the Bible was formed, how we can understand difficult parts, and what Catholics and Christians in general really believe about scripture. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge. Cost: \$20. Presenter: Mr Joe Tedesco. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.

24 Jun UNDERSTANDING IDENTITY, SEXUALITY AND THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Wednesday, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, online – four sessions. Through his Theology of the Body, Saint Pope John Paul II gave the Church a deep new understanding of the purpose of the human body. He emphasised the theme of love as self-gift and saw the body as the means to love in the image of God. This online lecture series explores the role and dignity of the human body as male and female in God's great plan for us. Topics include original nakedness, sexual unity, the Fall, our Redemption in Christ, marriage, celibacy and an explanation of the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life and contraception. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Faith Formation Cost: \$20. Presenter: Natalie Thomas. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.

Presence

Dear Lord as I come to you today Fill my heart and my whole being with the wonder of your presence.

Freedom

Everything has the potential to draw forth from me a fuller love and life. Yet my desires are often fixed, caught, on illusions of fulfillment. I ask that God, through my freedom may orchestrate my desires in a vibrant loving melody rich in harmony.

Consciousness

Lord, you gave me the night to rest in sleep. In my waking hours may I not forget your goodness to me. Guide me to share your blessings with others.

The Word of God

1ST FRIDAY FRIENDS

YEAH!!! Recommencing 1st Friday Friends Group on Friday, 3rd July @ 11am in the Fr Albert Lynch Room. All seniors welcome to come along and join in the fun.

ST BENE'S CRAFT GROUP

Is looking to recommence

Anyone interested in joining the group, please contact the parish office on 9364 1120 to lodge your interest in recommencing on the **1st July 2020 @ 9.30am**

We need more ladies to help make some wonderful creations

ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL



2021 Enrolments

Enrolments for Pre-Kindy and

Kindergarten are now open for 2021.

Places are filling fast so please contact Administration on 62173500 to register your interest or visit our website:

stbenedicts.wa.edu.au/enrolments for instructions on how to enrol at our school.

Interviews for this intake will commence from Week 5 of Term 2 – 25 May.

We look forward to your family becoming part our school community.

Parish Rosters

New rosters will be emailed out next week so please advise if there are to be any changes to your commitment. We are also looking for new volunteers to come onto the rosters especially for the Ushers/Collectors and the Altar Society rosters

A smiling face and a bright "Hello!" makes such a difference to regular Mass-goers, but it is especially important that new parishioners and visitors feel the friendliness of St Benedict's Parish.

Any queries, please contact the parish office.