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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary; Saint Benedict
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary;
	9.30 AM	Mass,
	5.30 PM	Mass;
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses.	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanks Giving Offering	\$1280.05
Presbytery Offering	\$ 962.45
Thank you for your commitment and support	

Next Week's Reading	
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	
First Reading	Amos 7: 12—15
Second Reading	Ephesians 1: 3— 14
Gospel	Mark 6: 7 – 13
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BAPTISMS <i>(Baptism requires a months' notice)</i>	
Upcoming baptism:	
Laundry in July	
Church Cleaning —	13 July—Clement, 27 July—Matilde;

Week's Roster				
	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Clyde Pereira	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Kate Robinson	Sheryn Disanayake	Peter Liptai
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Reader	Sarah P	Greg Ferreira	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Veronica Pedrola	Volunteer

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Jacques Re'my (in hospital) , Pereira family members, Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James.

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us.



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B **7 JULY 2024**

First Reading Ez 2:2-5
The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 122. R. v. 2
(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

- To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
- . Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Cor 12: 7-10
I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud!

About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18
Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6: 1 - 6
A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him.

They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him.

And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England. Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return. Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play. We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm

- Open The Heavens No 163; Page 342

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Different Gifts No 13; Page 215

COMMUNION SONG

- Glorify The Lord With Me No 26; Page 26

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

FINAL SONG

- God Is Good No 120; Page 300

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm

- Seek Ye First No 48; Page 49

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Come As You Are No 31; Page 34

COMMUNION SONG

- How Great Thou Art No 94; Page 95

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

FINAL SONG

- Blest Be The Lord No 179; Page 177

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am

- Let Heaven Rejoice No 124; Page 123

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Come To Me No 37; Page 39

COMMUNION SONG

- Lord I Offer My Life To You Text attached

FINAL SONG

- Our God Reigns Text attached

LORD I OFFER MY LIFE TO YOU

1. All that I am, all that I have
I lay them down before you, oh Lord
All my regrets, all my acclaims
The joy and the pain, I'm making them yours.
(CHORUS)
Lord, I offer my life to you
Everything I've been through
Use it for your glory
Lord I offer my days to you
Lifting my praise to you
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer you my life

2. Things in the past, things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true
All of my hopes, all of my plans
My heart and my hands are lifted to you.
(Repeat CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)
What can we give that you have not given?
And what do we have that is not already yours?
All we possess are these lives we're living that's what we give to you, Lord...

OUR GOD REIGNS!

Our God reigns!
Our God reigns!
Our God reigns!
Our God reigns!

How lovely on the mount-ains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news;
Announcing peace, pro-claim-ing news of happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

PIETY STALL

Anyone who would like to enrich God's teaching is welcome to do so by purchasing the Holy Bible available in our stall



GOD AND BEER JULY

WHEN: Monday 15 July 2024

TIME: 6.30 PM
Dinner available for purchase

TALK 7.30 PM

TOPIC : **The Armor of God: Prayer and Spiritual Combat**

SPEAKER: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (USA)

COST: Free (donations gratefully accepted)

WHERE: Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)),
260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill

REGISTER: Godandbeer.com.au

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new QR Code for donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections.

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



JUNIOR FUN DAY

WHEN: Saturday, 13 July 2024

TIME: 10.00 am—3.00 pm

VENUES


Mass at 10 am at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne;

Rosary Procession at 10.30 am from the Church to Legion of Mary HQ, Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St, North Melbourne.

Activities from 11am
Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St., N.M..

REGISTER Maryanne Watkins
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SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA



Saint Benedict who died around 547, and who is regarded as the 'father of Western monks' whose Rule is still followed by Benedictine communities around the world. Benedict was born in Nursia (now known as Norcia), in Italy, and he was educated in Rome but he left the city because of its decadence, and he went off into the forest to live as a hermit and pray. But he was soon joined by other like-minded men, and so monasteries were formed.

Benedictine monasteries were centres of classical learning and Christian culture, and Blessed John Henry Newman said that *"St Benedict found the world, physical and social, in ruins, and his mission was to restore it... quietly, patiently, gradually... There was no one who contended or cried out, or drew attention to what was going on, but by degrees the woody swamp became a hermitage, a religious house, a farm, an abbey, a village, a seminary, a school of learning and a city."* In other words, St Benedict's monasteries turned Europe into a Christian civilization. Hence St Benedict was declared to be one of the patron saints of Europe.

However, St Benedict and his Rule is not only relevant for monasteries or for consecrated religious. St Benedict's aims and wisdom applies to every Christian, and also to every school community. St Benedict's goal was to become a better disciple of Jesus Christ. The Benedictine way was to be interiorly conformed to Christ, and thus to transform and change the world; building a civilisation of love throughout Europe. As St Benedict's Rule says: *"What can be sweeter to us... than this voice of the Lord inviting us? Behold, in His loving kindness the Lord shows us the way of life."* We must become what St Benedict called in his Rule, *"a school for the service of the Lord."* We are called to love God, love learning and love neighbour.

St Benedict prioritised prayer, saying:

"Let nothing, therefore, be put before the Work of God", meaning, nothing before prayer. When European civilisation was threatened and Rome falling into decay in the 6th-century, St Benedict fled the noise and busy-ness of Rome and went to pray.

For St Benedict said: *"prefer nothing whatever to Christ"*.