

# Pope Benedict XVI

*Requiescat in pace et resurget in gloria*



With deep sorrow, I inform you that **Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI**, passed away today at 9:34am in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican on 31st December 2022. He was 95 years old. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, served as Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church from April 2005 to February 2013. He was elected the 265th Pope since Saint Peter.

Joseph Ratzinger, was born at Marktl am Inn, Diocese of Passau (Germany) on 16 April 1927 (Holy Saturday) and was baptised on the same day.

**In honour of Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican Flag flags outside our Parish.**

**On the Sanctuary, you will find a Tribute Picture of Pope Benedict and a place for you to light candles to pray for the repose of his soul, and to give thanks to God for his holiness, unconflicted intellect, true Faith and humble service to the Church.**

**In the Parish Lobby by the Sacristy, you will find a Book of Condolence for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI if you would like to leave a few words of gratitude for his life. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.**