



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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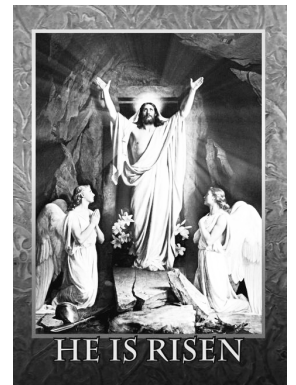
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) – 19 April 2020

### From the Padre:



The obsessive attack on His Eminence Cardinal Pell that comes from Victoria, defies intelligence and reason. I cannot help but wonder what or who is behind all this? Watching the interview with Andrew Bolt showed me the heroic virtue of the Cardinal. Despite the horrific injustice that he has endured, he remains charitable and merciful towards his accusers. As he himself stated, the reasons behind this are his Christian faith and the fact that he is innocent. I wonder how any of us would fare in such circumstances? Thanks be to God for such a holy man and a wonderful example of true Christian faith. Let us keep praying to Our Lord and begging the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Churches to be open to the faithful and the restoration of freedom in our society, as soon as the Good God permits.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### **First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

*R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' R.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. R.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. R.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### **NOTICES:**

- \* **During this time** when the majority of the faithful are unable to attend Mass at Church, your Friars are offering their prayers and Masses for your intentions.
- \* **The weekly Parish Bulletin** is published each week on our web page: [www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org)
- \* **The Friar's Daily Mass can be accessed via their webpage:** [www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org)  
Click on St Bernadette's Parish and then you will have the options to click on our Facebook page or YouTube, which will take you to our Masses and "From the Padre."  
During Holy Communion time, we ask you to make a spiritual communion. An example is as follows:  
  
*"My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I pray that you come into my heart spiritually. I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. never permit me to be separated from you Amen."*
- \* **Sacramental programmes** are postponed until the restrictions are lifted.

- \* **Office Hours:** If you need to contact the Parish Secretary, we have set up a special number - 0411 266 649. This number is to be used during office hours of Tuesday – Thursday, 9.30am – 3.30pm. If you wish to contact a Priest, please use the usual office number and leave a message if unattended.

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**ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 25-26 April 2020**

**Altar Society:** G 4: Thurs. 23/4/20 @ 9.30am (W) ~ V Standfort, C Y Cheung, J Bonner

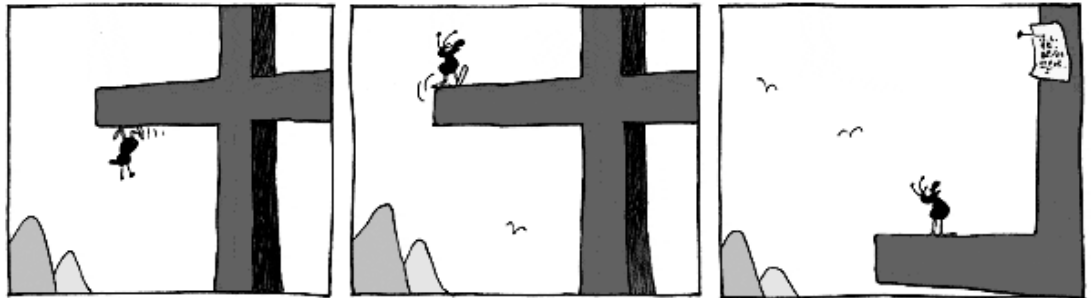
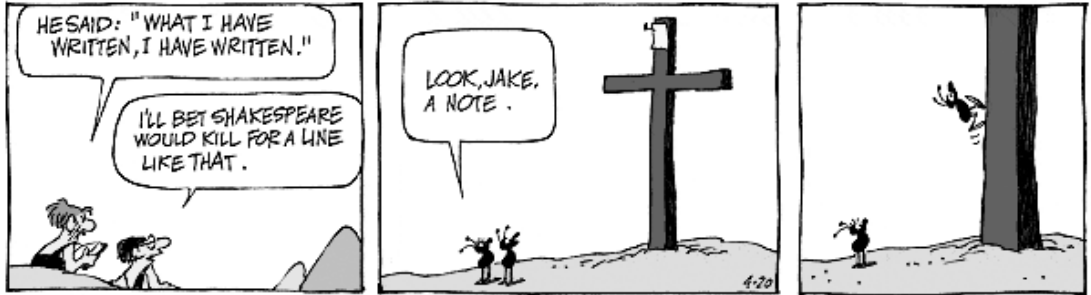
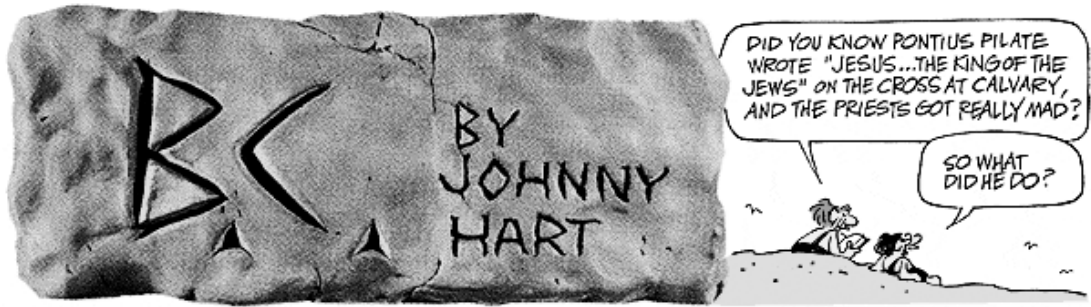
**Cleaners:** G 1: Thursday 25/4/20 @ 8am ~ G Instance, C Harb, P Chigwidden, J Daher, S Nakoul  
E Nakhoul, S Laoulach, R Sestan

**Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:**

Ellie Egan; Stephanie Rachel can der Kolff; Jonathon Joseph Najem; Colin Patten; Tony Karl; Lawrence Hatcher; Andreja Sesthnal; and all of our sick parishioners;

**Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**

Frieda Piesch; Concepcion Altiche; Deceased members of the Taylord family; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**



*Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)  
Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us*



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