



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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From the Padre:



One thing that these last few weeks have reminded us all is how frail our lives really are.



Coming across people who are utterly terrified

has given me pause to think. Whatever the truth is regarding the virus, the reality is that we all have to face the Day of Judgment one day. Most of us rightly do not want this before “our time.” However, we need to be realistic about it as well and prepare for that day as best as we can. This is done best by a close relationship with Our Lord and a regular confession (I suggest monthly – perhaps the elderly, quarterly?) – which also means a good examination of conscience. I would also like to suggest a devotion to Saint Joseph, the patron of a happy death. Our Lord is so kind towards us and grants our prayers, especially those that come from the heart. Even when it seems He does not answer our prayers, the reality is He does and in a better way than we have asked.

I am printing a prayer below. There are others available on line as well.

READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that.

Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' R.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was

paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed

him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer to Saint Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

NOTICES:

- * **The weekly Parish Bulletin** is published each week on our web page:
www.friarsofstfrancis.org

- * **The Friar's Daily Mass can be accessed via their webpage:** 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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Altar Society: G 5: Fri/Sat. 2/5/20 @ 8am ~ C Reyes, L Guthrie, M Cudmore

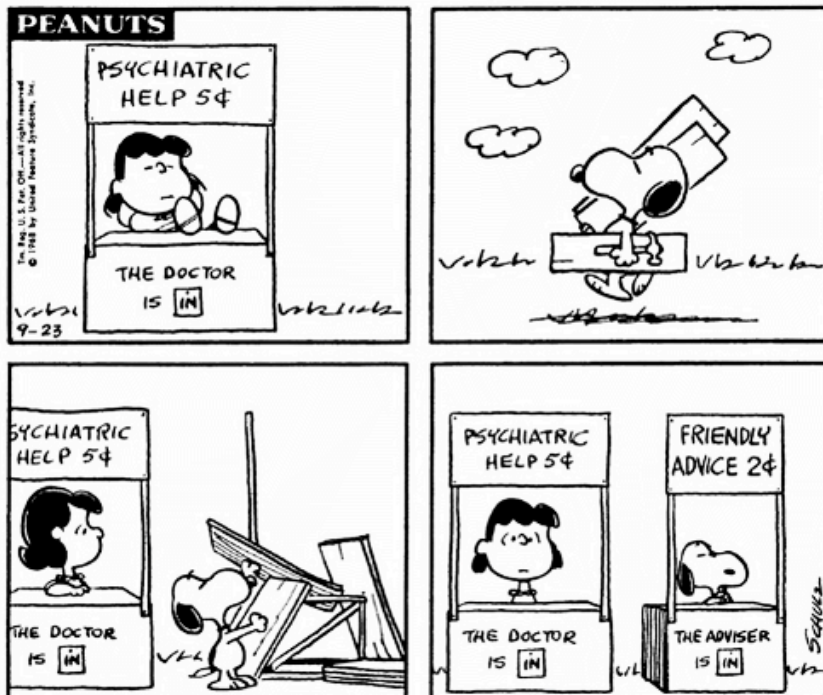
Cleaners: G 4: Saturday 2/5/20 @ 9am ~ D Tudehope, J Nipperess, L Chehade, M Billingsley
N Taouk, F Fitzgerald, D Greenfield

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

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

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Kevin Taylor; Joanne Lukins; Charles Stanton; Roman Tigas; Abe Green; Fr John Wakeling; Fr Egan; 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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