



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 10 May 2020

### From the Padre:



This Sunday's Gospel brings home to us the reality that the Apostles did not fully understand who Jesus was until after His



Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. They looked back and then understood. Our Lord Himself told them in addressing St Peter when washing his feet that "afterward you will understand." (Jn 13:7) Often in our faith journey, when we look back we can see more clearly God at work in our lives. Certainly, when we look back now, we appreciate the freedom we had before this virus took its effects in the world. In truth, I feel grieved in my heart that the faithful are not able to come to Mass. I never would have imagined this. Be sure that we are praying for you all every day and remembering our parishioners at our daily Masses and prayers. Please beg Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother to grant us the graces we need so that our Churches will be free to open again without delay and all the faithful will be able to attend Mass and the Sacraments. Our love and prayers are with you.

## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### **First Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R.

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. R.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'  
'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?  
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:  
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever believes in me  
will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### **NOTICES:**

- \* **A Proposal to the Government:** We are awaiting to hear back from the federal and state governments regarding our proposal. Please pray that we are successful or that all Churches will be opened without delay.
- \* **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 **only** 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.



**CONFESSIONS DURING CORONA RESTRICTIONS**

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## ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 16-17 May 2020

**Altar Society:** G 2: Thursday 14/5/20 @ 9.30am ~ Pravin, M Flitcroft, Anthoinette

**Cleaners:** G 1: Saturday 16/5/20 @ 8.15am ~ S Ballienas, L Leonardi, H Sumardji, O Poon, C Khoury, F Cahill, J Bonner

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

Ellie Egan; Michael Joyce; Stephanie Rachel can der Kolff; Jonathon Joseph Najem; Tony Karl; Lawrence Hatcher; Andreja Sestnal; Joseph Cudmore; and all of our sick parishioners.

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

Frieda Piesch; Florence Panetta; Colin Patten; Kevin Taylor; 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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