



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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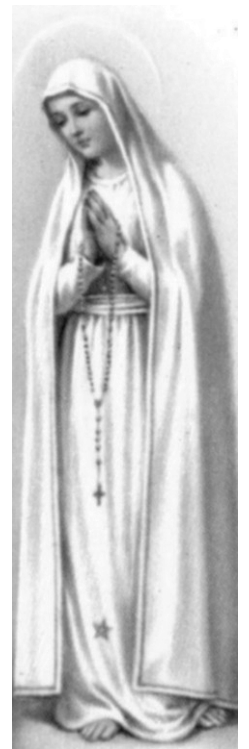
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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 17 May 2020

### From the Padre:



The 13<sup>th</sup> May was the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. It is a significant event in Catholic and human history. Not only did the Blessed Virgin Mary reassert the truth of heaven, purgatory and hell, she even showed the little children a glimpse of hell in order to impress upon them the need for the faithful to pray and do penance to prevent people from going there. Part of the central messages of Fatima is the vital importance of prayer and penance. Our Lady reminds us that through these we can change the world. She said at the time that the daily rosary would bring an end to the war (WW1), as well as warning us that another war was imminent if men did not repent (WW2). She made clear that the sins and blasphemies of humanity gravely offend God. But that love expressed through prayer and penance brings grace, peace and salvation. She warned us of the evils of Communism, and of its spread. This has turned out to be true, although relatively few have taken heed of her. Is it a coincidence that this terrible virus was “born” and has spread from a major communist country? It seems to me that we need to heed Our Lady’s requests, even now, 103 years later. Prayer, penance and a genuine and living love of God can change the world and bring peace to humanity.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### **First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: 65:1-7, 16, 20**

*R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. R.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: cf John 14:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

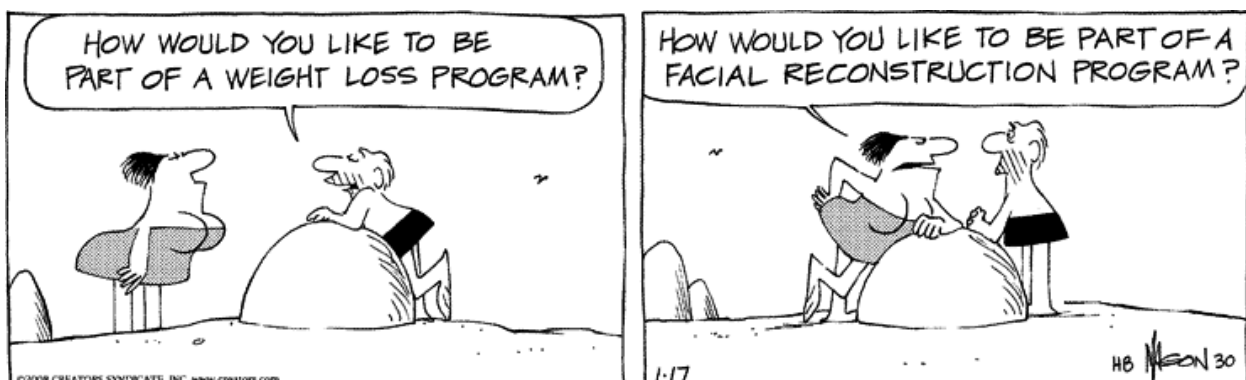
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## NOTICES:

- \* **Mass Intentions:** Some people do not write clearly and others give no indication whether the Mass intention is for a living or deceased person. We only print Mass intentions for the deceased and the sick. Above all, please be assured that we offer each Mass intention whether it appears in the bulletin or not.
- \* **A Proposal to the Government:** We have received a reply from the State government regarding our proposal. They have made it clear that our proposal was not accepted. However, from Friday 15, **ten** people were permitted to attend Mass and other religious services in Churches. Please contact the parish secretary on 0411 266 649 if you wish to be part of that small group.
- \* **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. 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.



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**ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 23-24 May 2020**

**Altar Society:** G 3: Thursday 21/5/20 (W) @ 9.30am ~ I Barry, R Parsons, G O'Connor, V Goodwin

**Cleaners:** G 2: Saturday 23/5/20 @ 8am ~ A Hanson, B Chuah, P & N Thomas, C Reyes,  
Y Tanggaraju, B & J Chuah

**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 Sesthnal; and all of our sick parishioners.

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

Frieda Piesch; Denis Hale; 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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