



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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From the Padre:



Our Lord's parable of the sower teaches us about the generosity of the Lord and the different ways people receive his graces. It is interesting to note that while there are many influences in our lives and in our different circumstances, what we do with God's grace is essentially our free choice. It seems to me that life is short, even for those who live till their nineties or more. It is during this short span of life that we make the choices that will bear fruit for eternity. The risk, the danger that we allow this world to choke all the good God gives us is very real. Let God's wonderful mercy, patience and love help you to do good, to forgive, to pray and to grow in virtue and holiness. Coming close to the Lord is the best remedy for everything. Prayer obtains miracles, and sometimes when we least expect them. A good prayer life helps us to give everything over to Our Lord and to give ourselves to his holy will. I have met some who keep praying for what they want from God and get very disheartened when they don't get what they want. But I sometimes note, that they do not always ask what God wants. The truth is that his will makes us much happier than our own. And, the more we give everything over to him, the more readily he gives to us.



READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

NOTICES:

- * The new Flower Donation Roster is displayed in the main foyer. Thank you to all those who give so generously to our Parish.
- * **Our Parish Secretary, Cathy is leaving** after 15 years of faithful and loyal service. We are very sad to see her go, but wish her every blessing and happiness for her future. Please pray for her.
- * **Manning Foundation Winter Appeal:** Our Appeal will be held on the weekend of 25 July. The Covid-19 virus that began in January has seen our resources being called upon much more than anticipated. Your generosity will enable our members to render much needed extra help to those in need. Should you require a receipt, envelopes will be available in Church foyer. May God bless and reward your support. Lorraine Bonisoli.
- * **Father Christopher 30 years Priestly Anniversary** celebration is to be held on Sunday 9 August after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.
- * **FOR THIS MONTH ONLY** the **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration** will be held on Friday 31st July starting at 8.30pm with Exposition at 8.30pm and concluding with Benediction at 7am, followed by Mass at 7.30am. Please write your name down on clipboard in main foyer if you are interested.
- * **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."

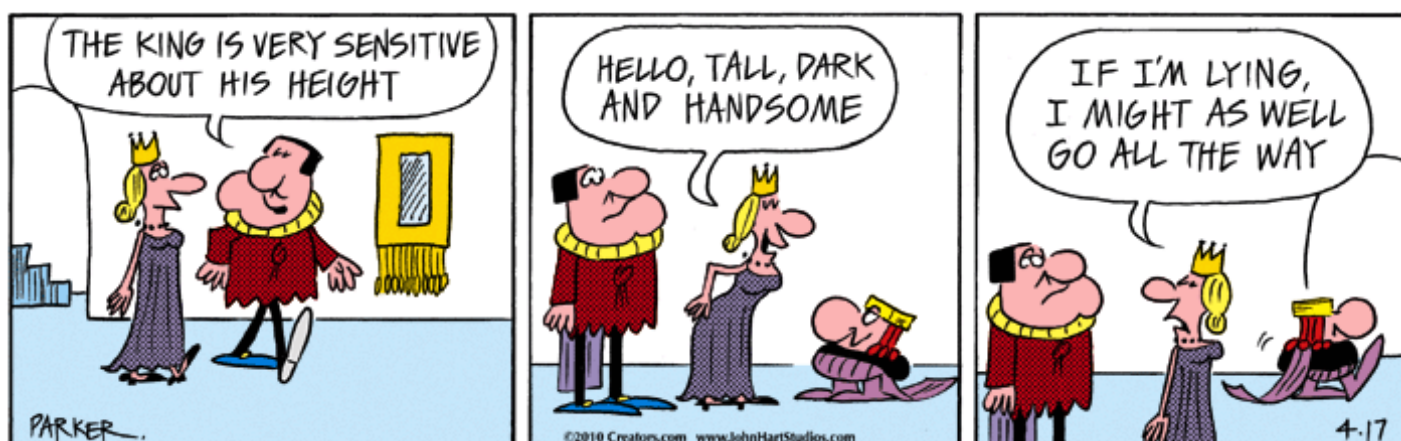
YOUTH NOTICE:

- * **Catholic Central:** Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/> for further information and to RSVP.

- * **Teen Outing:** Friday 17 July - Everyone to meet for 9am Mass in the Church followed by a day at Parramatta Lake for a bushwalk and picnic. If parents could help with carpooling it would be much appreciated. Please RSVP brbenedictfsf@bigpond.com or Parish Office on 9871 4414 so as to help arrange catering and transport.

- * **Youth Mass** will be on 25 July @ 6pm.

- * **Youth Choir Practice** will be on Saturday 18 July @ 3pm.



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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 18-19 July 2020

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	B Hanson	S Carter	M Wang
Altar Servers:	R Atie I Baron B Gaynor R Weerakkody E Billingsley	J Locke L Raish R Raish S Flitcroft	W Firkin J Firkin R Baricevic Z Loo X Redolfi
Acolytes:	C McAuley	P Thomas	G Redolfi
Flower donor:	Volunteer required		
Altar Gowns:	Maggie Elias		
Counters:	Jennifer & Ted Takita, Michael Sullivan & Patricia Abraham		
Floral Arrangers:	Ted, Mandalina, Mary		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thursday: 16/7/20 (W): J Nipperess, V Standfort, N Thomas		
Cleaners:	G 5: Saturday 18/7/20 @ 8am: I Cummerford, R Evans, L Cakmakci, C Aquilizan, T Fernandes, J Whelan		

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

Ellie Eagan; Stephanie Rachel van der Kolff; Jonathon Joseph Najem; Lawrence Hatcher; Andreja Sesthnal; Lorna Scott; John Wakeling; and all of our sick parishioners.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

John Fernandes; Frieda Piesch; Ron Fitzgerald; Mr Thomas; Alan Boekman; Anke, Ljubo & Ivan Komadina; Charlie & Rita Saliba; John Fernandes; Bill Patterson 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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