



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 18-19 July 2020

From the Padre:



Do you remember the old saying; *“cleanliness is next to godliness”*? It was used frequently in Australia when I was a boy. It reminded us to be clean both personally and with our surroundings. I



I can remember how washing your hands after using a toilet was drummed into me growing up, so much so that I am horrified when I see men walk out of a public toilet without washing their hands. It happens more than I once would have realised. I remember on one occasion before the “corona virus” hit us, I was using the public toilet at Top Ryde, and I saw a guy who worked in a café, walk out from a cubicle without washing his hands. I realised that day that we cannot presume others are clean. If people all ensured basic hygiene, then many less germs would be spread. This applies also with sin. Sin spreads its “germs” and causes spiritual “illness”. Sin brings a darkness to our lives and does effect those around us. Sometimes those in sin actually encourage others to sin as well. I think it makes them feel less guilty? The hygiene we need for our souls is God’s grace which cleanses and heals us. This is given principally by the Sacraments, but also through prayer and all acts of charity and virtue. The idea of making up for sins is very important and is a strong part of Catholic tradition and the teaching of the Sacred Scriptures. Many people have done great deeds in order to make up for their sins and so much good has come from this. This is a part of penance that the Church always teaches us. It can be a little act of kindness, or helping someone in any kind of need or even doing a great project where many benefit. As God gives the grace, we can respond wholeheartedly.

READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. R.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

NOTICES:

- * Please welcome our new Parish Secretary, **Joanne Habib**.

Our new Parish Opening Hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

9.30am – 1.30pm

- * **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.

* **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: 25-26 July 2020

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	Youth Volunteer	D Tudehope	N Thomas
Altar Servers:	Fernandes Family Joseph Arabit Ha Family William Firkin Jack Firkin	Ethan Choi Liam Maze Chloe Dellas Damian Chigwidden	Benjamin Gaynor Raish Family Raphael Cipollone Lance Rivera Louis Rivera
Acolytes:	JP Abi-Khattar	Nidhin Thomas	Franklin Orji
Flower donor:	Dutt Family		
Altar Gowns:	Maggie Elias		
Floral Arrangers:	Yenny/Stevie/Lauren		
Altar Society:	G 2: Thursday 9.30am: 23/7/20: Pravin, M Flitcroft, Antionette		
Cleaners:	G 1: Saturday 25/7/20 @ 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; Stephanie Rachel van der Kolff; Jonathon Joseph Najem; Lawrence Hatcher; Andreja Sesthnal; Lorna Scott; John Wakeling; Isobel Espiritu; and all of our sick parishioners.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Judy Wright; Bill Patterson; Ann Bond; Joseph & Annie Moses; Rita & Charlie Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Kevin Taylor; Christopher Cozad; Aida Hatem; 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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