



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 25-26 July 2020

From the Padre:



There is a short letter in the New Testament, rarely read by people. It is from the Apostle Saint Jude (Thaddeus), and is only one chapter in length. St Jude reminds us of the wickedness of the ungodly and their



ultimate condemnation. In verse 18 he says: *“In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.”* He warns the faithful to keep themselves in the love of God and to wait for his mercy. Of course, we see this very clearly now. These *“scoffers”* are the ones who reject the moral law and under any guise that suits the moment, justify all sorts of immorality, from sexual licentiousness to suicide and murder through euthanasia and abortion. Those who persist in mortal sin without redeeming it by repentance and God’s forgiveness, will be excluded from Christ’s eternal kingdom and be sent to the eternal death of hell (CCC 1861). In 1917 Our Lady showed the children at Fatima a glimpse of hell, as she said; *“where poor sinners go.”* However, she said it was God’s desire to save them through devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Everything that God has revealed, that Christ has done, that his holy Mother calls us to, is for our redemption, that we might be saved and live forever in heaven. It is absolutely necessary for all sinners to repent, to turn back to God, to pray, to do penance and to do their utmost to live according to the commandments of God, for salvation. Pretending that sins are not sins will never lead to heaven. Those who repent and confess always find mercy. That mercy is utterly real, always generous and can truly be relied upon.

READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-46

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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 this weekend 25 & 26 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.



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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 1-2 August 2020

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	B Heath	J Chuah	F Orji
Altar Servers:	Nicholas Chehade Benjamin Gaynor Raphael Cipollone Emily Billingsley Joshua Locke	Sam Flitcroft Isaac Baron Zoey Loo Mary Taouk	Daniel Mierzanowski Matthew Mierzanowski Raphael Baricevic Boudib Family Brandon Nakhoul
Acolytes:	Cameron McAuley	Nidhin Thomas	Peter Thomas
Flower donor:	Wright Family		
Altar Gowns:	Maggie Elias		
Floral Arrangers:	Sylvana/Socheata/Dominica		
Altar Society:	G 3: Thursday 9.30am: 30/7/20: I Barry, R Parsons, G O'Connor, V Goodwin		
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:

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Frieda Piesch; Wahib, Nouhad & Roly Maroun; 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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