



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 8-9 August 2020

### From the Padre:



I have always found the Gospel of Our Lord walking on the water very moving. The storm, the fear, Peter stepping out onto the water, the calming presence of Jesus who reproves them for their lack of faith – all this speaks powerfully of the reality of discipleship. As the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood is almost upon me, I have been reflecting on the years that have gone by so very quickly. What an adventure it has been! I have lived in Adelaide, Brisbane, Manilla (NSW) and various parts of Sydney. I have had the privilege of offering the Holy Mass in many countries around the world, including Israel, France and Italy. What a joy it has been to baptise, anoint and marry countless people, not to mention the endless confessions. The privilege of preaching and blessing and feeding the faithful with Christ's own Body and Blood. If God is calling any of you young men to the priesthood, don't ever hesitate. Step out onto the water with Saint Peter. Our Lord is there always. Following Him is the greatest gift of life. However, it is utterly important to stay with Our Lord and to stay close to Him. It doesn't matter how afraid we feel, or how many mistakes we make. He is kind and merciful and full of love. One day, at the end I will have to give an account of my life. Like anyone who thinks seriously about this, I am afraid of that day. But I do trust in the loving mercy of our Saviour and I place all my hope in Him.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### ***First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13***

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14**

*R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. R.

***Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5***

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed!  
Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Ps 129:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33***

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

## **NOTICES:**

- \* **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**  
This year, the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady (15<sup>th</sup> August) is not a Holy Day of Obligation because of the dispensation the bishops have given due to the Corona Virus.  
**Mass Times: Friday Vigil 6.00pm and Saturday Morning 7.30am**
- \* Congratulations to **Father Christopher** who is celebrating his **30 years Priestly Anniversary**. May the grace of the Lord continue to be bless and nourish you as you lead your flock.
- \* **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."***

## YOUTH NOTICE:

\* **Youth Choir** – will be practicing at 3pm on the Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August in the Church.

\* **Catholic Central:** Please go to

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/> for further information and to RSVP.



"See you people next week: Same time,  
same place, same sermon!"

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**ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 15-16 August 2020**

	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	G McAdam	S Carter	C Hilder
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Fernandes Family William Ha Sarah Ha Joseph Arabit Reshan Weerakkody	Benjamin Gaynor Sofia Skocic Isaac Baron Rick Atie	Nicholas Chehade Claire Cabela Liam Maze Rivera Family Brandon Nakhoul
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Cameron McAuley	John Paul Abi-Khattar	Raymond Cabela
<b>Flower donor:</b>	Stevia & Tony Fernandes We are very grateful to <b>Mr Stephen Rossi who owns the Rossi Fresh Grocer, in North Rocks Rd Carlingford</b> . He now donates the flowers to the church each week. Any extra money we receive in donations will be used for special occasions, when we need extra flowers.		
<b>Altar Gowns:</b>	Jenni Egan		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	Ted/Lauren/Val		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G 5: Fri/Sat 8.00am: 15-16/8/2020:</b> C Reyes, L Guthrie, M Cudmore		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G 4: Saturday 15/8/2020 @ 9.00am:</b> D Tudehope, J Nipperess, L Chehade, M Billingsley, N Taouk, F Fitzgerald, D Greenfield, J Doueihy		

**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; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Dib Touma; Ian Black; 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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