



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A:15-16 August 2020

From the Padre:



THANK YOU all for the beautiful and generous celebration of the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I am deeply grateful to all of you, for the love and generosity you have shown me. I am very blessed to have such wonderful parishioners and friends. God is so good and with all my heart I thank Him for all He does for us. I am praying for you all, in gratitude for your gifts and the great encouragement you give me. I cannot help but think of the generosity of my mum and dad at this time. Their wonderful faith and trust in our Lord have always been a great inspiration to me. As you know, I am the sixth child in my family. If my parents were not open to the gift of life, I would not exist. Their faith throughout all the struggles of life has shone through and has been my foundation. When Our Lord promised a “prophet’s reward to those who give him a glass of water”, I know that also means that parents of priests will also receive a priest’s reward when they go to heaven. But that also means you will receive a priest’s reward for your wonderful generosity and support as well! May God bless you all abundantly.



READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

NOTICES:

- * **First Holy Communions.** Our First Holy Communion Mass this year will be on Sunday 30th August at 11.15 am. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions imposed on us by the government, we have to limit numbers to 100. Therefore, we can only allow the parents to attend with each child. This is very disappointing for us. Please note, as a consequence, there will be no 11am Mass on that day, and we cannot open the 11.15am First Communion Mass to the faithful. Please pray that these restrictions will come to an end as quickly as God wills.

- * Planned Giving Envelopes are now available on the back pew of the Church (placed in alphabetical order).

- * The CSF of the Parramatta Diocese will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests i.e. the Father's Day appeal this September due to the social and financial impact on families caused by COVID19. The CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests however Donations will always be accepted. Please visit www.parracatholic.org/csf.

- * **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:

* **Youth Group:** Will be on Friday 21st August at 6. 30p.m in the school hall.

* **Catholic Central:** Please go to

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



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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 22-23 August 2020

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	Youth Volunteer	D Tudehope	R Cabela
Altar Servers:	Joseph Arabit Rick Atie Nicholas Chehade Zoey Loo Liam Maze	Raish Family Sam Flitcroft Chloe Dellas Isaac Baron	Daniel Mierzanowski Matthew Mierzanowski Mary Taouk Emily Billingsley Firkin Family
Acolytes:	Bernard Hanson	Nidhin Thomas	Peter Thomas
Flower donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi Patricia Abraham		
Altar Gowns:	Jenni Egan		
Floral Arrangers:	Mary/Mandalina/Marketa		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thursday 20/8/2020: J Nipperess, V Standfort, N Thomas		
Cleaners:	G 5: Saturday 22/8/2020 @ 8.00am: I Cummerford, R Evans, L Cakmakci, C Aquilizan, T Fernandes, Jenni, Zack & Zoe Egan		

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; Isobel Espiritu; Mary Irene de Silva and all of our sick parishioners;

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Lorna Redolfi, Frieda Piesch; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Margaret Gaulton; 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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