



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A:29-30 August 2020**

## From the Padre:



Congratulations to all our children who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11.15am Mass. It is always a special and beautiful time when our young ones receive Our Lord for the first time. I know God loves them completely and when they receive His Son in Holy Communion, He loves each of them as He loves His own Son. We pray that the gift of faith will grow strong in each child and that they will grow to realise how important their faith is. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to keep God's Commandments, and may their families and relatives encourage them to practise the faith throughout their lives. The mystery of Christ's presence in the Blessed Eucharist is something not meant to be "solved", but to be accepted and understood through faith. Our eyes do not see but our soul may perceive when we allow God's grace to permeate our lives through prayer and the Sacraments. May God bless and keep each child whom He unites to His Sacred Heart this day. May the Blessed Virgin Mary help each child to love Our Lord as she loved Him when she carried Him in her arms.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you

### ***First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9***

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6, 8-9**

*R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. R.

***Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2***

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew 16:21-27*

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you

## **NOTICES:**

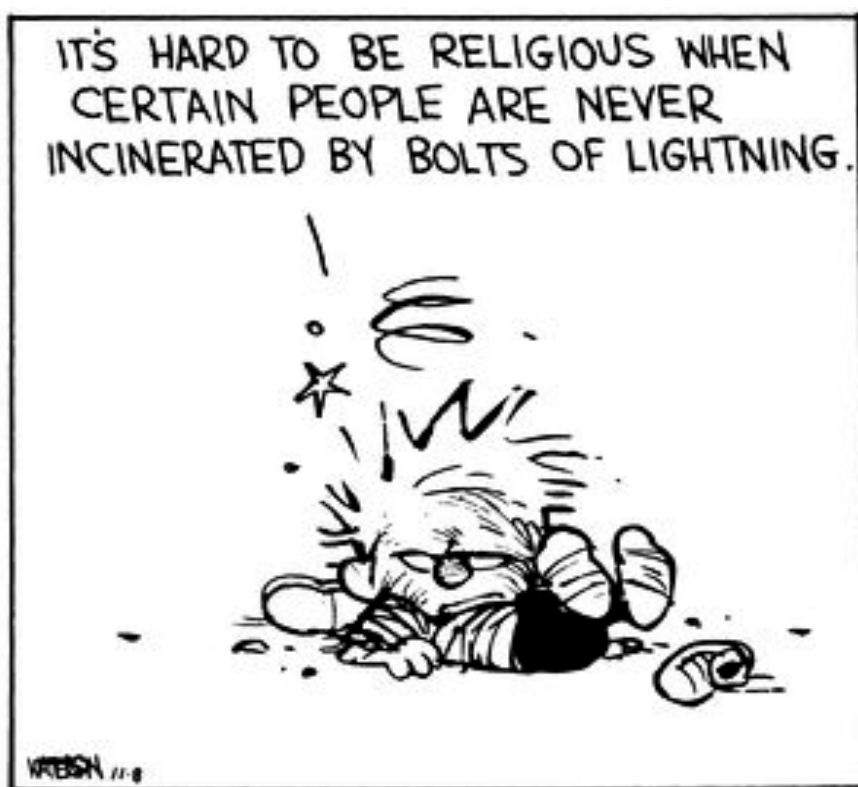
- \* **First Holy Communions.** Our First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 11.15 am. Please note, that because of government restrictions, we cannot open the 11.15am First Communion Mass to the faithful – only the children and their parents. Please pray that these restrictions 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).
- \* **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 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 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/csf).
- \* Anyone who may be interested in leaving a gift to the Diocese in their Will, please look at the information available in the main foyer.
- \* **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:

\* Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September starting at 6.30p.m. St Bernadette’s Teens Group will be having a Faith Formation night together with food, fun and friends. Please contact [megan.stoneham@hotmail.com](mailto:megan.stoneham@hotmail.com) or call 9871 4414 to confirm numbers for our volunteers.

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



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**ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 5-6 September 2020**


	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	B Hanson	B Chigwidden	E Nott
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Samara Cliff Reshan Weerakkody Joseph Arabit Liam Maze Raphael Cipollone	Chloe Dellas Joshua Locke Ethan Choi Nicholas Chehade	Natalie Higgins Claire Cabela Rafael Baricevic William Firkin Jack Firkin
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Bernard Hanson	Nidhin Thomas	Raymond Cabela
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<b>Altar Gowns:</b>	Loretta Mackenzie		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	Sylvana/Socheata/Dominica		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G 3: Thursday 9.30am 3/9/2020:</b> Irene Barry, Rosemary Parsons, Geraldine O'Connor, Val Goodwin		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G 2: Saturday 5/9/2020 @ 8.00am:</b> A Hanson, B Chuah, P & N Thomas, C Reyes, Y Tanggaraju, B & J Chuah		

**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; Leonardo D'Amico; Katrina Cunnane; and all of our sick parishioners;

**Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**  
 Frieda Piesch; Margaret Gaulton; Damian Sinain King; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Mieke Van Stee; Luke; Mary Irene de Silva; Wilfred LaPorte; Bill & Jean Lillis; Lorna Redolfi; Margaret French, 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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