



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 12-13 September 2020

From Fr Ruben:



Once again, we approach that season of the year in which we enjoy the many wonderful blessings that St Francis of Assisi left for the benefit of the whole Church. So much of what we know of Francis actually comes down to us from the pen of a lesser known saint. This was St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, who left us two Lives of St Francis. He was born in 1217 to Giovanni Fidanza, a physician and Maria di Ritello. As a child, Bonaventure's mother brought him to the tomb of St Francis where he received healing from a life-threatening illness. Ever grateful, the youth joined the Friars Minor. His teacher at the University of Paris, Alexander of Hales once made the remark that 'in Bonaventure Adam never sinned.' He became a Master at the University at the same time as St Thomas Aquinas did and they were close friends. Aquinas once approached his friend for advice but found him in ecstasy and departed, saying, 'Let us leave a saint to write the life of Saint.' Bonaventure became the seventh Minister General of the Order after St Francis and was then made cardinal bishop of Albano. He died at the 2nd Council of Lyons in 1274.



'I know that I am unworthy and incapable of writing the life of a man so deserving of our imitation and all our veneration, and I would never have attempted it, were it not for the eager desire of the friars and the unanimous request of the general chapter. Besides, I am under an obligation to him and so I felt compelled to do it. When I was a young boy, as I can still remember clearly, I was a death's door and I was saved only by his intercession. If I refused to sing his praises now, I might be accused of being ungrateful...' (Major Life, Preface)

READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. R.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

NOTICES:

- * **Manning Foundation:** Our Members would like to say a very big " THANK YOU " to all Parishioners who gave to our Winter Appeal that raised \$5,409.40. Your generosity is enabling us to provide much needed assistance to our brothers and sisters who have fallen on hard times during these very challenging days. May God bestow his abundant Blessings upon You and your Families - Lorraine Bonisoli.
- * **Planned Giving Envelopes** are now available on the back pew of the Church (placed in alphabetical order).
- * 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
- * **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:

* **Friday 18th September**, the teens will be hosting a **Glow in the Dark Ninja Night** starting at 6.30.p.m. Teens are to be dressed in casual clothing suitable for being covered in paint. Please RSVP to Megan Stoneham; megan.stoneham@hotmail.com or 9871 4414

* **Youth Choir practice; Saturday 19th September** will take place in the church at 3.00p.m.

* The Youth will be attending the **Novena of St Francis** from **25th Sept - 3rd Oct.** We will gather at 6.00.p.m in the school hall for some socialising with the prayers beginning at 7. 00p.m

* The **Youth Mass** will take place on the **27th September** at the Sunday 9. 30a.m Mass.

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

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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 19-20 September 2020

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	Youth Volunteer	D Tudehope	R Siciliano
Altar Servers:	Fernandes Family Benjamin Gaynor Joseph Arabit Natalie Higgins Raphael Cipollone	Sam Flitcroft Ethan Choi Isaac Baron Chloe Dellas	Joshua Locke William Firkin Jack Firkin Samara Cliff Rafael Baricevic
Acolytes:	Raymond Cabela	Nidhin Thomas	Franklin Orji
Flower donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi Nisha Thomas Catherine Bennett		
Altar Gowns:	Loretta Mackenzie		
Floral Arrangers:	Ted/Mandalina/Mary		
Altar Society:	G 5: Fri/Sat 8.00am 18-19/9/2020: Ces Reyes, Leonie Guthrie, Marita Cudmore		
Cleaners:	G 4: Saturday 19/9/2020 @ 9.00am: D Tudehope, J Nipperess, L Chehade, M Billingsley, N Taouk, F Fitzgerald, D Greenfield, J Doueih		

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:
 Ellie Eagan; Stephanie Rachel van der Kolff; and all of our sick parishioners;

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:
 Frieda Piesch; Clare Boulous; John Herlihy; Cedric, Thelma & Morrie Aboud;
 Margaret French; Rosa Costa; Umberto Bruzzese; Mary & John O’Mahey; Sr
 Kathleen Cudmore; Bernie Cudmore; Varini Massillamany; Patricia Mary
 Boreland, Tannous Daher, Maria Mranda, 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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