



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 19-20 September 2020

From the Padre:



I have noticed that there is an alarming emphasis put upon looks and the “body beautiful” these days. One of the awful side-effects of this attitude, is that people who think they do not “measure up” can believe that they are less than others or even have an alarming self-hate which leads to depression. It also harms relationships terribly, and blinds people to the true good of people, as they are merely being regarded by their external appearance or muscular shape. This means shallow relationships that cannot last. These attitudes lead people into vanity, pride and lust. And saddest of all, this shallow and empty approach is nothing more than a terrible deception. We do not know how long any of us have to live in this world. We need to make the most of the life-span which God has given us, and that means living as best as we can, in a way that will help us come to the glorious kingdom of Heaven. Health and fitness are fine and there is nothing wrong with looking after ourselves. However, we need to be careful of vanity and pride, and not fail to grow in genuine charity for others. Christ calls us to work in his kingdom, to grow in virtue, charity and above all love of God.

READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
For me to live is Christ.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

NOTICES:

- * **The Novena in Honour of St Francis;** begins on **Friday 25th September at 7.00pm.** It goes for nine nights. On the Ninth night, we celebrate the Transitus of St Francis. All are welcome. If you have not come before, I am confident that you will love the experience. It will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Life of St Francis, the Novena and Benediction.
- * **First Reconciliation 2020:** For children in Year 2 or above, who have received Baptism. The program will begin in late October. There will be 5 lessons to prepare for First Reconciliation which will be held on the 2nd Dec 2020. The group will then continue with lessons for First Holy Communion in Term 1- 2021, with First Holy Communion sometime in Term 2 – 2021. If you feel your child is ready you are welcome to pick up a Nomination Form from the Parish Office, during office hours or in the foyer of the Church with more details. For further enquiries, please contact the parish office - Thank you Frances Zore, Sacramental Coordinator.
- * **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 2nd October 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.
- * **Planned Giving Envelopes** are available on the back pew of the Church (placed in alphabetical order). If you would no longer like to donate through the envelope system or you would like to change the way you give through EFT or Credit Card please advise the Parish Secretary via phone or email. Thank you for your continued support & generosity to the Parish.
- * For all those Parishioners who have kindly given food to the Friars, your dishes, plates, containers etc, are available for pick up in the Church Foyer. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.
- * **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:

- * 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.
- * **Penrose Park Day Retreat, 18th of October 2020 at 8.00am**, Youth Group will be heading to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park** (120 Hanging Rock Rd, Sutton Forest NSW 2577) for a day retreat lead by the Dominican Sisters. For carpooling purposes, please RSVP by the 2nd October to Roshi Weerakkody on 0437061325 or roshi.weerakkody@gmail.com
- * **9th of October, Life Night Formation Evening** starting at 6.30pm. Please RSVP to Megan Stoneham; megan.stoneham@hotmail.com or 9871 4414.
- * **Catholic Central:** Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/> for further information and to RSVP.



“Chasing the ice cream truck does not count as a summer fitness program.”

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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 26-27 September 2020


	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	K Redolfi	J Chuah	M Wang
Altar Servers:	Nicholas Chehade Joseph Arabit Sofia Skocic Fernandes Family Zoey Loo	Damian Chigwidden Ha Family Chloe Dellas Raphael Cipollone	Mary Taouk Brandon Nakhoul Rick Atie Claire Cabela Rivera Family
Acolytes:	Bernard Hanson	John Paul Abi-Khattar	Raymond Cabela
Flower donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi Mandalina Pintur Webster		
Altar Gowns:	Loretta Mackenzie		
Floral Arrangers:	Yenny/Stevie/Lauren		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thursday 24/9/2020: Julie Nipperess, Violet Standfort, Nisha Thomas		
Cleaners:	G 5: Saturday 26/9/2020 @ 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; and all of our sick parishioners;

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:
Frieda Piesch; Michael Glover; Janet Boadle; Mary bergin; Rita & Charlie Saliba;
Carmelo Mifsud; 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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