



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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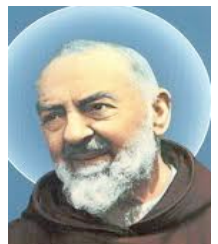
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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 26-27 September 2020**

## From the Padre:



Something you notice about many saints is how badly they were treated by those around them. This month we celebrated St Joseph of Cupertino (18<sup>th</sup> Sept) and St Pio of Pietrelcina (23<sup>rd</sup> Sept). Both extraordinary saints with the supernatural flowing from them. St Joseph could fly and St Pio had the stigmata for fifty years, not to mention bilocation and a “million” other things. Yet, both were treated terribly, especially by some members of the hierarchy of the Church. In all, they showed heroic patience and charity. These sufferings also proved their authenticity. They teach us how important it is to be patient when those around us act badly and treat us wrongly. It is never good to “get your own back” or to seek revenge. Leave justice in God’s hands and use the suffering for your eternal glory. I am not saying we have to be weak or let people walk all over us either. We can be strong without attacking back. We can guard our hearts by truly placing them in Our Lord’s hands. But we all need to understand that the cross is a gift which unites us to Christ, which purifies and sanctifies us and makes us grow in love, readying us for the eternal glory of heaven.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9**

*R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

***Second Reading*** *Philippians 2:1-11*

*In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew 21:28-32*

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## NOTICES:

- \* **The Novena in Honour of St Francis;** has begun and continues each night **at 7.00pm.** It goes for nine nights in all. On the last 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. Come along and enjoy this opportunity to refresh your spirit.
- \* For all those Parishioners who have kindly given food to the Friars, your plates and containers are available for pick up in the Church Foyer. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you!
- \* **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- \* **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:**

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

\* **Life Night Formation Evening**, 9<sup>th</sup> October starting at 6.30pm. Please RSVP to Megan Stoneham; [megan.stoneham@hotmail.com](mailto:megan.stoneham@hotmail.com) or 9871 4414.

\* **Penrose Park Day Retreat, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Roshi Weerakkody on 0437061325 or [roshi.weerakkody@gmail.com](mailto:roshi.weerakkody@gmail.com)

\* **Youth Choir Practice** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.00p.m.

\* **Youth Mass** – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am.

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

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



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**ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 3-4 October 2020**

	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	G McAdam	B Chigwidden	N Thomas
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Emily Billingsley Isaac Baron Rick Atie Joseph Arabit Ha Family	Sam Flitcroft Ethan Choi Chloe Dellas Raish Family	Benjamin Gaynor Zoey Loo Boudib Family Raphael Cipollone Joshua Locke
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Cameron McAuley	Nidhin Thomas	Franklin Orji
<b>Flower donor:</b>	Mr Stephen Rossi Catherine Bennett		
<b>Altar Gowns:</b>	Maggie Elias		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	Sylvana, Socheata, Dominica		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G 2: Thursday 9.30am 1/10/2020:</b> Pravin, Margaret Flitcroft, Anthionette		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G 1: Saturday 3/10/2020 @ 8.15am:</b> S Ballienas, L Leonardi, H Sumardji, O Poon, J Bonner, E Borovnjak, Steve & Ana Furjanic		


**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; Rita & Charlie Saliba; Vernon D’Cruz; Ramza Dib; Hanna Saba;  
Deceased members of the Saba & Khalil families; Michael, Mary & Maroun  
Saad; Regis Edward-Betsy; Nouhad, Wahib & Roly Maroun; Elizabeth Halabi;  
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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