



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A: 14-15 November 2020**

## From the Padre:



One of the most loved passages in Sacred Scripture is Our Lord's rebuke to His disciples when he said: *"Let the little children come*

*to me, and do not stop them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* (Mt 19:14)

Children were considered insignificant in those days and the disciples were worried about the Lord being tired. However, our Lord Jesus shows how important they really are. We stop them coming to Him these days in so many ways, worst of all by killing them in the womb. Also, by not teaching them about God or about the faith that Christ our Saviour established on earth, and by not bringing them faithfully to Church each Sunday, the Lord's Day. We have the crying room (or the foyer can be used as well) for when the little ones are very noisy. However, normally they should be very much a part of our Mass and sacred rites. There is nothing our Lord loves more than the little ones "around His Altar," – i.e., in His Church. They are innocent and their angels have special care for them. Our Lord's response to those who harm or corrupt the little ones is fierce: *"It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea."* (Lk 17:2) The greatest protection and good we give to the little ones is a loving relationship with Our Lord.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### **First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife - who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 127:1-5

*R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. R.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

***Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30***

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will entrust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would of recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

## NOTICES:

- \* There are no more 11.00 am Mass as we are now allowed 300 people in the Church.
- \* Parishioners are reminded to sanitise and to keep a safe distance of 1.5m.
- \* **Volunteers needed to assist in arranging flowers in the Church.** The Roster will be once a month on a Saturday. If you can assist please call the Parish Office on 9871 4414.
- \* **Piety Store** – for any Piety Store enquiries please contact Lauren Chehade on 0451 050 600 or you can email Lauren at [lauren@manningfoundation.org.au](mailto:lauren@manningfoundation.org.au)
- \* **Aid to the Church in Need** is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses in November on behalf of loved ones & for the souls that have nobody to pray for them. Find out more: [www.aidtochurch.org/november](http://www.aidtochurch.org/november)
- \* **November Masses for the Holy Souls:** If you would like Masses offered up for your deceased loved ones through the Parish, please write their names on the November Mass envelopes located in the Foyers and place them in the collections or hand them to one of the Friars. ***Due to the high number of Mass intentions offered in November, the names of the deceased will be published on a list that will be placed in the Front Foyer of the Church.***
- \* **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. 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."***

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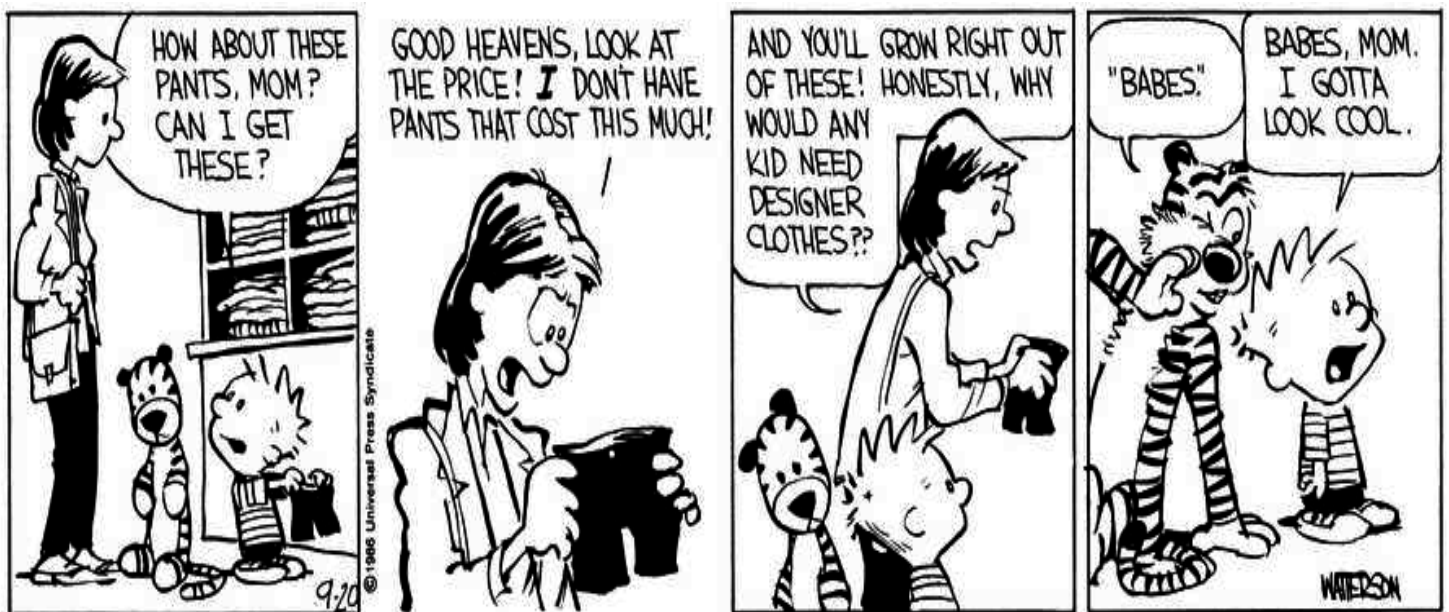
\* **Friday 20th November, 6pm - Social Night Outing:** The Youth Group will be going bowling at Auburn Tenpin Bowling for a 6:30pm session. Those youth who are physically well & are looking for a carpool will meet at St Bernadette's carpark for a 6pm departure. More details to follow. Please RSVP to [megan.stoneham@hotmail.com](mailto:megan.stoneham@hotmail.com) or 9871 4414.

\* **November Youth Choir Practice** – will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> November at 3.00pm

\* **Youth Mass** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 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: 21-22 Nov 2020**

	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Youth Volunteer	P Walsh	V Goodwin
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Fernandes Family Louis Burbridge Preston Burbridge Samara Cliff Reshan Weerakkody	Chloe Dellas Nicholas Chehade Isaac Baron Samuel Flitcroft Thomas Flitcroft	Mierzanowski Family Brandon Nakhoul Rick Atie William Ha Sarah Ha
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Cameron McAuley	Nidhin Thomas	Peter Thomas
<b>Flower donor:</b>	Mr Stephen Rossi Debra Andrews		
<b>Altar Gowns:</b>	Jenni Egan		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	Christ the King - Ted/Mary/Mandalina/Lauren		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G 4: Thurs 19/11/2020 @ 9.30am:</b> Violet Standfort, Chor Yee Cheung, Jann Bonner		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G 3: Saturday 21/11/2020 @ 8.00am:</b> G Instance, P Chigwidden, J Daher, S Nakhoul, S Laoulach, R Sestan, R Kazzi, M Baricevic		

**Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:**  
 Ellie Eagan; Stephanie Rachel van der Kolff; John Touma; Noelene Davis; Emily Carter; John Steele; Leon Delpech; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

**Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**  
 Frieda Piesch; The deceased members of the Delaney Family; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Ronald, Adalia, Mahrdouss & Warde Tawk; 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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