



# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B: 30-31 January 2021



Since the rebellion of Lucifer and his legions, Sacred Scripture teaches us in the Book of the Apocalypse, that they were cast down to the earth to wage war on the “elect” (the People of God – the believers). They work to deceive and lead astray, and in some cases oppress and even possess human beings. The Church received from Christ the power to drive out devils and we should never doubt that they fear Christ’s faithful much more than we fear them. It takes little effort and real faith to drive them away. Even the sign of the Cross or the devout saying of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary sends them fleeing. They hate Holy Water and blessed religious objects. When Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes, they were far away not daring to come near, screaming. Our Lady merely glanced in their direction for a millisecond, and they were silenced. However, their ability to deceive is where we need to be careful above all else. They have even appeared to some souls looking like Jesus and Mary and leading them astray. That is why we should never follow private revelations that are not fully approved by the Church. We should always remain true to the traditions of the Church and her official teachings. Especially, beware of modern fads and ideas in regard to the faith.



## READINGS FOR MASS:

### **Entrance Procession**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

### **First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

*R. If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

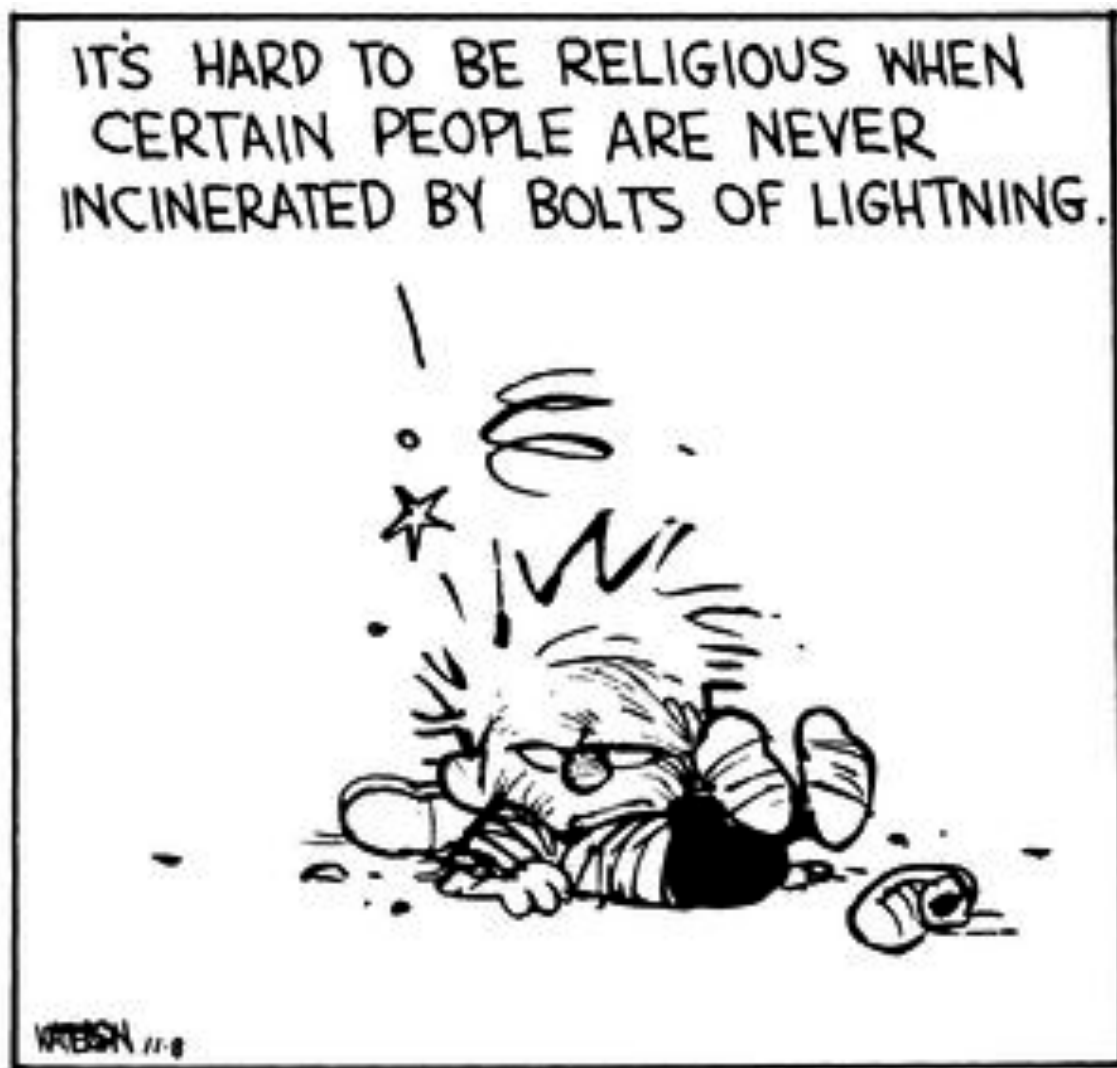
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## **NOTICES:**

- ❖ **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** classes for 3 – 6year olds at Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Each session is one and a half hours on Mondays. For further information please contact Mary Clare 0435496624. Please see the Notice Board in the main Foyer for further information as well.
- ❖ **Sunday School begins 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.00am in St Bernadette's Primary School.** Please let Parish Office know if you would still like to enrol your children.
- ❖ **Sunday Mass at 11.00am continues for the time being. We will let you know when we are going to stop it.**
- ❖ **Holy Hour Resumes Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 5.00-6.00pm.** Confessions are available during this time.
- ❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration Resumes:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 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.
- ❖ **Altar Society Volunteers needed for help with candles & vacuuming.** Please contact the Parish Office on 9871 4414 or Violet Standfort on 0412 140 889.
- ❖ **Parish Office** is now open 9.30am – 1.30pm from Tuesday to Friday.

## YOUTH NOTICES:

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



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**ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 6-7 Feb 2021**

	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	G McAdam	B Chigwidden	D Giribaldi
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Emily Billingsley Isaac Baron Rick Atie Nicholas Chehade Ha Family	Samuel Flitcroft Thomas Flitcroft Ethan Choi Chloe Dellas	Jack Firkin William Firkin Ryan Raish Lucas Raish Joshua Locke
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Bernard Hanson	John Paul Abi-Khattar	Franklin Orji
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<b>Altar Gowns:</b>	Jenni Egan		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	Sylvana, Dominica, Mary G		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G 5: Fri-Sat 5/2/2021@ 8.00am:</b> Ces Reyes, Leonie Guthrie, Marita Cudmore		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G 4: Saturday 6/02/2021 @ 9.00am:</b> Diane Tudehope, Julie Nipperess, Lauren Chehade, Marketa Billingsley, Fay Fitzgerald, David Greenfield, Jacqueline Doueihy		

**Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:**  
 Ellie Eagan; Rima Sammour; Peter Holland; Baby Matthew Ingils; and all of our  
 sick parishioners and loved ones.

**Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**  
 Frieda Piesch; Pamela Ralph; Leon Delpeche; 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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