



# ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B

27-28 February 2021

### Entrance Procession

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

*The word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19

*R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

### Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## Parish Contact Details:

**Parish Priest:** Fr Christopher FSF PP

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**Parish Office Hours:** 9.30am-1.30pm

Tues, Wed & Fri

## Parish Masses & Services:

### **Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

Live-streamed Masses via

[www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org) or directly via

YouTube

### **Weekday Mass Times:**

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 7.30am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 7.30am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

### **Holy Hour and Exposition:**

Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **All Night Adoration:**

First Friday of each month, from 8.30pm throughout until Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction at about 7am.

### **Infant Baptism**

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings**

Please give at least 6 months' notice.

Please book with the Parish Secretary

### **Sunday School:**

Years K-12 at 11am in St Bernadette's Primary School.

## Parish Prayer Groups:

**Rosary:** Mon: 7.55am

Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am

Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass

Sun: After 9.30am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Fridays 9.45am

## Parish Youth Groups:

**Younger Teens:** Years 6-8

**Older Teens:** Years: 9-12

**Young Adults:** 18-35

**Catholic Central:** 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth Group enquires:

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[www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org)

## Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Church Wardens urgently needed over all Masses.** If you are able to help, please call Lorraine Bonisoli on 0410 325 921.
- ❖ **Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Fridays at 7pm
- ❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 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.
- ❖ **Sunday School:** Years K-12 at 11am in St Bernadette's Primary School. Please let Parish Office know if you would still like to enrol your children.
- ❖ Parishioners please be reminded you have free access to the Parish's subscription to 'Formed' an online media platform at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
- ❖ **The weekly Parish Bulletin** is published each week on our web page: [www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org)
- ❖ **The Friar's Masses can be accessed via their webpage:** [www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org) or directly from YouTube: Friars f St Francis

## Youth Notices

- ❖ **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-6.00pm** – Life Night Young Teens (Year 6-8) in the school hall. Please bring yourself, a smile and a friend.
- ❖ **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-6.00pm** – Life Night Older Teens (Year 9-12) in the school hall. Please bring yourself, a smile and a friend.
- ❖ **Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> 8.20am** – Heaven on Earth feeding of the homeless.
- ❖ **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm** – Youth Choir Practice.
- ❖ **Catholic Central:** Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/> for further information and to RSVP.

### Saints of the week:

4<sup>th</sup> March: St Casmir

### **Contributions to Planned Giving:**

(Please quote in the reference either your INITIAL & SURNAME or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

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## From the Padre:



The Fashion Industry has a lot to answer for. Particularly in the “modern era”, which is considered to begin from the mid eighteenth century, fashions have pressured people to wear styles of clothes that at times have been bazaar. Woman have usually been the more intense focus for fashion. They have been forced into corsets, bustles and hoops and other strange things. Then the sixties brought in the “mini skirt” and away it went from there. The problem is that immodesty is in fact a sin. Wearing clothing that leaves nothing to the imagination, so to speak, is sinful and can lead others into sin. While I am not going to stipulate the length of garments, there is a serious problem with shorts, dresses and skirts that are too short, and with clothes that are too tight. We wear clothes as a sign of dignity and respect to ourselves as well as to others. We appropriately cover certain areas of our bodies for chastity and purity. Remember, we are all going to be held accountable for our choices on the day of judgment. We must not let “fashion” rule us. We are not slaves of this world, because we have been redeemed by Christ and set free.



### **Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:**

Ellie Eagan; Michael Siddle; Rima Sammour; Peter Holland; Baby Matthew Ingils; Martin Toohey; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

### **Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**

Frieda Piesch; Diane Oldman; Cassie Chapman; Ana Zizic; Rita & Charlie Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Oriel Ross; Sam Betros; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.***  
***Amen.***




"We've given TV up for Lent. My dad's just keeping his remote thumb in shape."

*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*

### ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 6-7 March 2021

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b> Youth Volunteer	<b>Sun 8am</b> N Thomas	<b>Sun 9.30am</b> F Orji
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Liam Maze Rick Atie Louis Burbridge Preston Burbridge Mary Taouk	Damian Chigwidden Raish Family Chloe Dellas Nicholas Chehade	Xavier Redolfi Firkin Family Samara Cliff Joshua Locke Rivera Family
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Motha John Bosco	Nidhin Thomas	Gerard Redolfi
<b>Flower Donor:</b>	Lent – No Flowers		
<b>Altar Gowns:</b>	Caroline Burbridge		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	Lent – No Flowers		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G 4: Thursday 4/03/2021: @ 9.30am</b> Violet Standfort, Chor Yee Cheung, Jann Bonner		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G 3: Saturday 6/3/2021 @ 8.00am</b> Gail Instance, Paul Chigwidden, Souzi Nakhoul, Sandra Laoulach, Robert Sestan, Milica Baricevic & Carol Harb		



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