



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH BULLETIN

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The greatest thing that stands out with all of the saints is their relationship with Our Lord Jesus. They all loved Him with every fibre of their being. Everything they did, they did for love of Jesus. Saint Francis used to weep genuine tears when he considered our Lord's sufferings, and these tears flowed from his deep love of Our Lord. Saint Clare endured extraordinary penance, depriving her body of basic comfort and fasting beyond normal human ability, all because she loved Our Lord so much. St Damien lived in isolation on the island of Molokai to care for the lepers that were abandoned there, all because of the burning love he had for Our Lord. Loving our Lord Jesus is everything. The question is, how do we grow in love for Him, whom we cannot see? The answer is prayer. By praying we participate in a relationship with Our Lord Jesus – a friendship which He offers. When we pray, we say “yes” to Him and open our hearts to His love. One of the things that help in prayer is learning to set our hearts at peace when we begin to pray. Even though there may be many things that are pressing on us and worrying us, by calming down when we come to pray and letting a little peace enter our soul, we are able to pray better and experience Christ's love and friendship. It is also vital to choose to have faith and to trust Him – no matter how we feel.



READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. R.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. R.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

NOTICES:

- ❖ **Palms for Ash Wednesday.** Please bring in your blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday and place them in the labelled box in the front foyer.
- ❖ **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 commences this weekend - 7th Feb at 11.00am at 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.**
- ❖ **Church Wardens urgently needed over all Masses.** If you are able to help when needed at the regular Mass that you attend, please call Lorraine Bonisoli on 0410 325 921.
- ❖ **"Lawn Mowing Volunteer:** To help maintain the lawns of our beautiful Church, we are seeking an adult volunteer to join our Church lawn mowing team. Each of our teams mow the lawns up to four times per year. All equipment is supplied. If you are able to assist, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office, or John Petre on 0417 246 741."
- ❖ **Saint Bernadette's Church has a "no phone" policy:** We ask the faithful not to use mobile phones in Church at all. As I have explained many times, among the problems with mobile phones is:
 - 1) they have a light shining from them which distracts others.
 - 2) there is the risk of messages and phone calls coming through during Mass which again distracts the user and those around them, even if they are on silent.
 - 3) At Mass we are supposed to be focussed on our Lord and on the prayers offered. It seems unhealthy if people cannot put them away for one hour to give themselves completely to our Lord.
 - 4) Cardinal Sarah, who is in charge of Divine Worship in the Church says: "they are not worthy: they desacralize prayer...These apparatuses are not instruments consecrated and reserved to God, but we use them for God and also for profane things! Electronic devices must be turned off, or better still they can be left behind at home when we come to worship God."
 - 5) Missals and prayer books are for one purpose only, thus they become sacred. Phones do not.



**Ash Wednesday Mass Times:
Wednesday 17th February 2021
7am, 9am & 7.30pm**

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: 13-14 Feb 2021

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am
Readers:	B Heath	D Tudehope	C Hilder
Altar Servers:	Nicholas Chehade Natalie Higgins Joshua Locke Reshan Weerakkody Rick Atie	Brandon Nakhoul Mary Taouk Liam Maze Ethan Choi	Rivera Family Mierzanowski Family Louis Burbridge Preston Burbridge Xavier Redolfi
Acolytes:	Motha John Bosco	Nidhin Thomas	Gerard Redolfi
Flower donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi Jamal Abraham		
Altar Gowns:	Jenni Egan		
Floral Arrangers:	Nisa, Marketa, Breannah (*17 th Feb is Ash Wednesday)		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thurs 11/2/2021: Violet Standfort, Ben Standfort, Nisha Thomas		
Cleaners:	G 5: Saturday 13/02/2021 @ 8.00am: Ian Cummerford, Ross Evans, Leanne Cakmakci, Tony Fernandes, Jenni, Zack & Zoe Egan		

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; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Donna Boyd; Ellen Dunn;
 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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