



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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5th Sunday in Lent Year B

20-21 March 2021

Entrance Procession

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'
Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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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 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:

brbenedictsf@bigpond.com or visit
www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Fridays at 7pm.
- ❖ **Sunday School: LAST Sunday School for Term 1 is this Sunday 21st March.** There will be no Sunday School during school holidays. The date for term 2 will be advertised closer to the recommencement date.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Volunteers required** for only be 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.
- ❖ **Gardening Volunteers Needed:** To help maintain the beautiful gardens around our parish Church, we are seeking a number of volunteers who are keen gardeners. To make the job a lot easier, it is proposed that the gardens will be broken up into smaller, easily manageable sections, such as the "Guardian Angel" garden, "Saint Anthony" garden, "Saint Bernadette" garden, etc. If you, or your family would like to "adopt" one of these gardens and look after any necessary weeding, pruning and watering, please contact the Parish Office, or John Petre on 0417 246 741.
- ❖ **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal:** Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support to the sick and isolated. Please take an envelope from one of the foyers or donate on the website; yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.
- ❖ **CatholicCare Solo Parent Services** run a Monthly Bereavement Support Gathering for anyone whose spouse or partner has died. Please call Rita Chater on 8843 2500 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information or to register.
- ❖ **"Stepping Beyond" Support Group,** assists those navigating their way through separation or divorce. These groups are held on the last Tuesday of each month via Zoom or at CatholicCare Parramatta. **Registration Essential:** Call Rita on 8843 2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Palm Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass: 27th March 6.00pm

Sunday 28th March: 8.00am & 9.30am

Daylight Saving Ends Easter Sunday 4th April. Don't forget to wind back your clock!

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday – 1st April

Confessions: 6pm-6.45pm

Holy Thursday Mass: 7pm

Easter Saturday – 3rd April

Confessions: 6.30pm-7.15pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm

Good Friday – 2nd April

Stations of the Cross: 10am

Confessions: 2pm-2.45pm

Commemoration of the Passion: 3pm

Easter Sunday – 4th April

Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

Confessions: 9.00am-9.30am

- ❖ **NO Morning Masses:** Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday (1st-3rd April).
- ❖ **NO Holy Hour** on Holy Thursday 1st April or Easter Thursday 8th April.
- ❖ **NO All Night Adoration** on Friday 2nd April.

Youth Notices

- ❖ **Sunday 28th March 9.30am** –Palm Sunday Youth Mass
- ❖ **Sunday 28th March** – Social Outing. 7 Churches City Tour with Beach visit. Leaving at 10.30am from St Bernadette's Church.
- ❖ **Catholic Central:** Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/>

Contributions to Planned Giving:

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

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From the Padre:



The Cross is central to Christianity, not only as the sign of our salvation, but also as the necessary way for all who follow Christ. One of the main aspects of this, which throughout history baffles the world, is the need for Christians to reject the pleasures of sin and deny themselves – and we do this for the eternal joys of Paradise. The price we are called to pay is very small in comparison to the reward awaiting the faithful. We are also called to unite all of our sufferings and struggles with Our Lord's Passion and Cross, and thus share in the redemption which He wrought for us. Christ calls us into union with Him so that His glory may be shared with us in Heaven. That union is achieved through the Sacraments, particularly the Mass, and also through our sufferings offered to Him. The joy the Cross brings is the great fruit it bears. The world is constantly telling us to run away from the Cross, to reject it and to put ourselves and our own desires first. Christ is calling us to turn away from these false philosophies and to put Him and His Kingdom above all else. It is simple really. Life is short, Eternity is long – forever. Love of this world leads to eternal perdition. Love of Christ and His Kingdom leads to eternal life and glory.



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

Ellie Eagan Elly Eagan; Michael Siddle; Rima Sammour; Peter Holland; Martin Toohey; Judy Bloone; Belinda Nicholls; Nour Chelela; Matthew Bourne; Wiesia Taylor; Guiseppina Jaconno; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

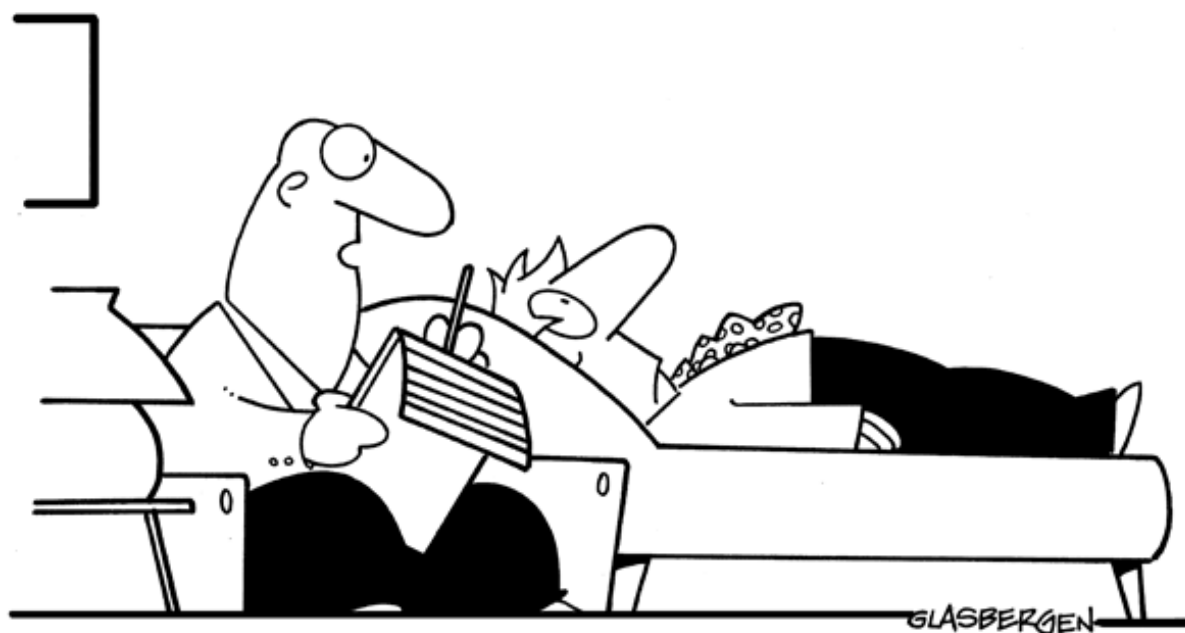
Frieda Piesch; Michael Moussa; Bernie Bond; Jack Riordan; Charlie & Rita Slaiba; Carmelo Mifsud; Mary Irene de Silva; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Saints of the week:

23rd March – St Turibius of Mogrovejo

25th March – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY

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"No need to feel embarrassed...the whole world has gone insane."

**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: 27-28 March 2021

Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm K Redolfi	Sun 8am S Carter	Sun 9.30am B Riley
Altar Servers:	Fernandes Family Louis Burbridge Preston Burbridge Samara Cliff Reshan Weerakkody	Damian Chigwidden Russell Mandla Samuel Flitcroft Thomas Flitcroft	Benjamin Gaynor Joshua Locke Rick Atie William Ha Sarah Ha
Acolytes:	Ray Cabela	JP Abi-Khattar	Gerrard Redolfi
Flower Donor:	Rabsima Karam (For Easter)		
Altar Gowns:	Caroline Burbridge		
Floral Arrangers:	Palm Sunday – Ted, Mary, Mandalina		
Altar Society:	G 2: Thurs 25/03/2021 @ 9.30am: Pravin, Margaret Flitcroft, Anthoinette		
Cleaners:	G 1: Saturday 27/3/2021 @ 8.15am Sandra Ballienas, Lori Leonardi, Hartono Sumardji, Olive Poon, Jann Bonner, Ana Furjanic		

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