



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4-5 Sept 2021

Entrance Procession

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the
tongues of the dumb speak.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the
kingdom?*

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ,
our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions
between classes of people. Now suppose a man
comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and
with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man
comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the
well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best
seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or
'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see
that you have used two different standards in your
mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt
judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor
according to the world that God chose, to be rich in
faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he
promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way
of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man
who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked
him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in
private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the
man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then
looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him,
'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were
opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened
and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell
no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more
widely they published it. Their admiration was
unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he
makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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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 [directly via YouTube \(Friars of St Francis\)](#)

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.
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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

- ❖ **To All Parishioners:** Please pray that our Churches may open to the faithful without delay. We need the Lord more than anything.

***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***

An Act of Spiritual Communion

***"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."***

Saints of the Week:

***8th September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary***

9th September – Saint Peter Claver

- ❖ **BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL WEEKEND:** This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing for all their lives, asking little for themselves. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement. With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation can help them with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.
- ❖ Please keep the Afghan people in your prayers by submitting the petition being encouraged by the Diocese: atunitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta
- ❖ **The Parramatta Diocese HOME Ground online** gatherings have been extended for another four weeks, with a range of online events running until 17 September. Join in for a chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground
- ❖ Parishioners please be reminded you have free access to the Parish's subscription to **'Formed' an online media platform at www.formed.org** Through this subscription you will have access to thousands of great Catholic content such as movies, video presentations, audio books, talks and eBooks. This is very useful for families with young kids and parents learning and teaching the Faith. Simply go to 'Sign Up' select 'Sign up as a parishioner' and search for your Parish name and location. You will then be prompted to insert your name and email address.
- ❖ **The weekly Parish Bulletin** is published each week on our web page: www.friarsofstfrancis.org

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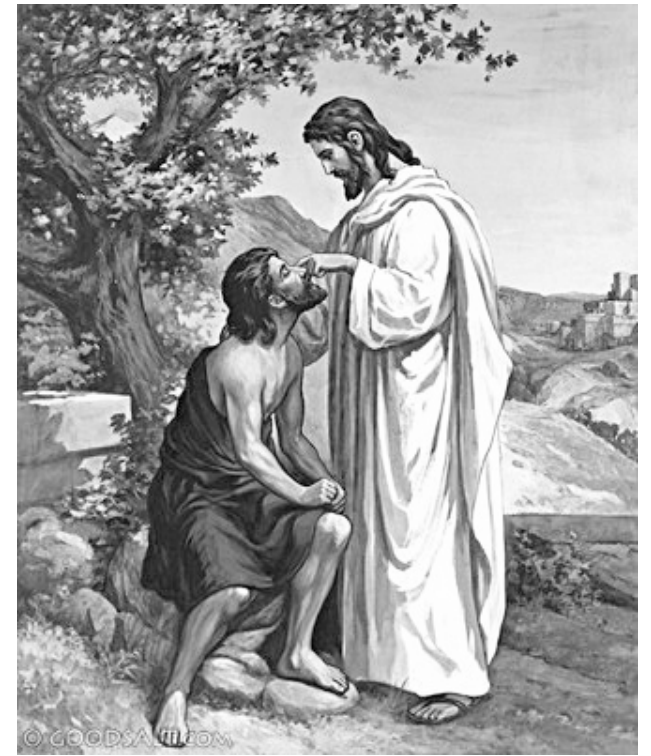
From the Padre:



The miracle in this Sunday's Gospel is one of the many signs which Christ fulfils to prove that He is the promised Messiah and that He is indeed God made man. His power to save us eternally is demonstrated by His power to set us free from sickness, evil and death. With such proofs as these, to not believe Him

places us alongside with the Pharisees and hypocrites. What more proof does anyone need to see that He is truly God who became man and lived among us? Yet, as Our Lord teaches in the Gospel parable of Lazarus and the Rich man, for those who are hard of heart, even if someone were to come back from the dead, they would still not believe. Some people of course, demand that these signs be worked in front of them in order that they can believe. They will not accept the testimony of others. I fear for these people, because when they finally see the truth, it may very well be too late for them.

We live in an age where God is largely rejected. Oh, people say they believe in God and more, but in practise, many do not. For example, those who think it is justifiable to close our Churches for fear of Covid show no faith in God. To only trust mortal man is to not understand that it is indeed God who gives life and death. Man has free will and this is utterly real, however, trusting in His holy Will means that everything will be for our true good. I am not saying that we do not need doctors or medicine and hospitals. Far from it. Nor am I saying that we should not be clean and do all that we can for our good health. That would be stupid. What I am saying is that we must put God first and trust in Him. That we acknowledge His grace which helps us in every way and enables man to find good medicines and cures. And above all, Churches should not be closed, especially when our need for God's grace and healing is greater than ever.



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

Ellie Egan; Paul Lawson; Annabelle Bughd; Tina; Vanessa D'morias; Tereso Pelias; Brandan Corbett; John Hanna; Eddy Borovnjak; Antoine El Azzi; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Zahia Kaser Abood; Kath Whitfield; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Wahid & Wadia Samyia; Jabbour & Suzan Samyia; Wahib, Nouhad & Roly Maroun; Noelene Williams; Lucita Gocotano; Guiseppe Fazzari; Conrad & Bridget McNamara; John O'Maley; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

THE RETREAT
by
JAMES MCAULEY
(Written for B.A Santamaria)

'Come into yourself awhile,
Be deaf to outer cares;
Ask not who wins, who falls, who rages
Or what each doubtful sign presages,
Or what face treachery wears

Soon you will return to tasks
That sicken and appall:
The calumnies will never cease,
Look only to the sign of peace
The Cross upon the wall.

This is that sole instrument
That measures every chart;
This square and level overrules
The subtle calculus of fools
By a celestial art.

It is not said we shall succeed,
Save as His Cross prevails;
The good we choose and mean to do
Prosper if He wills it to,
And if not, then it fails.


Nor is failure our disgrace:
By ways we cannot know
He keeps his merit in his hand,
And suddenly, as no one planned,
Behold the kingdom grows!'

*Wishing all the father's a blessed and happy Father's Day.
Also, remembering all the Fathers who have gone to their eternal rest.*

*With a Special Happy Father's Day, to
Our Heavenly Father
Father Christopher FSF PP
Father Ruben FSF
Father Benedict FSF*



Roster for Ministries 11-12 Sept			
Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm G McAdam	Sun 8am B Chigwidden	Sun 9.30am C Hilder
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Altar Gowns:	Nissrine Taouk		
Floral Arrangers:	Nisa, Socheata, Val, Ted		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thurs 9/9/2021 Ben, Violet Standfort, Nisha Thomas, Denise Melhem		
Cleaners:	G 5: Sat 11/9/2021 @ 8am Ian Cummerford, Ross Evans, Leanne Cakmakci, Tony Fernandes, Jenni & Zoe Egan		



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