



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

26-27 February 2022

Entrance Procession

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true: Death is
swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is
sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us

thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and
then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every
tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs
from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
man draws what is good from the store of goodness in
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store
of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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, 10.00am
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 11.30am. 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

- ❖ **Easter Music Choir Practice:** The combined choirs of St Bernadette's will begin their practices for the Easter ceremonies on Saturday 5th March 2.30pm in the Church. Newcomers very welcome!
- ❖ **Sunday School Each Sunday:** 11.00am – 12noon in the school. All school children are welcome (K-12).
- ❖ **MANNING FOUNDATION THANK YOU:** Our members would like to thank all Parishioners who donated to our Christmas Appeal that raised \$9,693.60. This money has allowed us to bring some extra much needed relief to so many families that have fallen on very difficult times during these very challenging times brought about by Covid. May God Bless and Reward you for your generosity. Lorraine Bonisoli.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times:
Wednesday 2nd March 2022
7am and 9am**

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:
Fridays at 7pm**

- ❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4th March starting at 8.30pm with Exposition at 8.30pm and concluding with Benediction at 7am, followed by Mass at 7.30am.
- ❖ **2021 National Church Life Survey** available in all foyers for Adults (15years and above) and children (8 -14 years). The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Please return the survey to the Church by next Sunday. Online option is also available. Please use Church Code: TA408601 when completing the survey.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Volunteers Required** for only 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.
- ❖ **Volunteers required to teach Scripture Classes in our Local Public Schools** for only 1 hour per week. All resources and training will be provided. Please call or email Diane Tudehope on: 0419 687 397 or diane.tudehope@gmail.com
- ❖ **CatholicCare Supportive Hearts Bereavement Group** is open to men and women whose spouses /partners have died supporting you in your grief while connecting with others in similar circumstances. The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month 10am-12pm via zoom from February to November.

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Group, supports those navigating their way through separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. This group is held on the last Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

For more information on the above CatholicCare Services or to register please contact Rita on 8843 2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au
Registration is Essential. Please see flyer on the notice board in the front foyer.

Youth Notices

- ❖ **Friday 4th March 6.30pm-9.00pm:** The Youth Group will be hosting a youth group formation night in the school hall (for youth in years 6-12).
- ❖ **Friday 18th March 6.30pm-9.00pm:** The Youth Group will be hosting a social night (for youth in years 6-12).

Parish Bank Account details for Donations, Planned Giving or Direct Transfers:
(Please quote in the reference either your SURNAME & INITIAL or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

Name: St Bernadette's Catholic Parish
BSB: 067 950
Account: 00000271

From the Padre:



The problem with every human being is that we are fallen. We are inclined towards sin and the road to virtue is no easy one. The other difficulty is that many do not consider what is sinful. They think that if they “don’t commit adultery or murder or steal” then they do not sin! Whereas some of



our worst sins are rooted in pride, greed and self-indulgence, not to mention vanity, laziness and filling our minds and hearts with so much distraction and noise, that we never hear God communicating His love or His holy will to us. The very first commandment, especially as Our Lord teaches us in the Holy Gospel is about loving God with everything we are, body and soul. It is a commandment which is very often barely kept, if at all. How many give God time each day? How is that we forget what we exist for – to know love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next. Everything in our life ought to be geared towards our salvation. Life is brief in this world, no matter how long we live. God must be our priority. And here’s the best thing, when we put the Lord first and make Him our priority, we usually do a better job at everything else. For those who struggle with prayer, the easiest way is to set yourself certain prayers that you do faithfully every day. For example, start with a decade of the rosary, and never miss it. Then build up to two decades a day and then three. Before you know it, you’re praying the rosary faithfully daily. Find some good prayers as well and say them faithfully. Do not try to do too much. It is better to start with little and continue faithfully with it then do a lot and fall in a heap!

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

Divna & Dusko Odrlicin; Cathie Courage; Val Lavis; Michael Siddle; Dorothy Frost; Melissa Mardessi; Chithrangani; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Rita & Charlie Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Sami & Salime Abraham; Norah Joy; Cornelius Reardon; Joan Bonner; Pete & Dave Lawson; Minnie-Jean Cordina; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Holy Communion

Please remember in order to receive Holy Communion you must be in the state of grace. This also means attending Mass faithfully every Sunday (unless you are elderly or ill). If you have missed Mass (other than the elderly or the ill) you need to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion.

Saints of the Week:

4th March – Saint Casimir


**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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<u>Roster for Ministries 5-6 Mar 2022</u>			
Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm Youth Volunteer	Sun 8am D Tudehope	Sun 10am R Siciliano
Acolytes:	B Hanson	JP Abi-Khattar	R Cabela
Altar Servers:	O Elias Mierazonwski Family B Nakhoul R Atie N Chehade	I Baron R Mandla L Rivera N Higgins	B Gaynor M Furjanic S Cliff Cabela Family J Locke
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Altar Gowns:			
Floral Arrangers:	Yenny (1 st March)		
Altar Society:	G1: Thurs 03/03/22 Ben, V Standfort, N Thomas		
Cleaners:	G5: Sat 05/03/22 @ 8am I Cummerford, R Evans, L Cakmakci, T Fernandes, J Warnert, S Saad, C Burns		