



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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2nd Sunday of Lent – Year C

12-13 March 2022

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 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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: Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

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

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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

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Fridays at 7pm
- ❖ **Sunday School Each Sunday:** 11.00am – 12noon in the school. All school children are welcome (K-12).
- ❖ **Singers required for Saturday Vigil Mass Choir:** Parishioners are warmly invited to join one of our adult choirs, which regularly sings at the Saturday evening vigil mass. No rehearsals and no experience, or musical knowledge necessary - just an ability to sing in tune and the desire to praise God through music and singing. For further information, please contact John Petre on 0417 246 741.
- ❖ **Please sign the e-petition to ABOLISH the voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021** which closes Monday 25th April 2022:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/Pages/epetition-details.aspx?q=apWMtQo6WVdu1NOOVqOtYA==>
- ❖ **Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022:** Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.
- ❖ **Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 18 March:** The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.
- ❖ **Links:** Here are a couple of links that you may find interesting. Fr Christopher gives a little talk at the end of each interview. One of the interviews is from Dr Robert Malone, the inventor of the mRNA Vaccine.

<https://rumble.com/vwww1h-truth-what-is-truth-an-interview-with-dr-robert-malone.html>
<https://rumble.com/vvqfrc-turning-point-australia.html>

Please consider subscribing if you like these – subscription is free.

Youth Notices

- ❖ **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
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Account:	00000271

From the Padre:



When I was young, I used to try and imagine how the Lord flooded to the whole world. Lately, it seems as if we have been given a glimpse of what it may have been like! In the Sacred Scriptures, there is much evidence that God uses nature to punish

and teach humanity. Sadly, because it is “nature”, many do not recognise God’s hand. They fail to understand that nothing happens without God’s Holy Will and that He is in command of all of His creation. The believer, however, ought to recognise that God is calling us to His merciful Heart, to prayer, to penance and to virtue. The believer is called to give witness to the world so that others may be enlightened and encouraged. When “Christians” embrace the sins and wickedness of this world and worse still, justify them, they give “counter-witness” and lead many souls astray and down the path to perdition, instead of leading them onto the path of life. Falling through weakness is one thing, but choosing sin and justifying it is something completely different. There are those who will be held accountable for the harm they have done in this way. It is vital that we accept the Church’s teachings, as well as the Sacred Scriptures. The Church was built by Christ on the rock of St Peter. Peter was a human being with human flaws. When he tried to prevent Christ from going to his crucifixion, he incurred the harsh rebuke from the Lord: “Get behind me Satan!” When he denied Christ St Peter repented with tears. He never justified his failures. Neither should we.



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

Eleni Michael; Antoine Elazzi; Divna & Dusko Odrljin; Cathie Courage; Val Lavis; Michael Siddle; Dorothy Frost; Baby Lucas Ibrahim; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Rita & Charlie Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Isabella Gomes; Yvette Zeaiter; 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:

17th March - SAINT PATRICK

18th March - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

19th March - SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**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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3 KG bucket \$36 free delivery if within metropolitan area.
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Roster for Ministries 19-20 Mar 2022

Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm B Heath	Sun 8am P Walsh	Sun 10am B Riley
Acolytes:	B Hanson	N Thomas	F Orji
Altar Servers:	I Baron D Mierzanowski M Mierzanowski R Cipollone N Chehade	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft B Nakhoul S Skocic	J Melhem J Locke S Cliff Cabela Family G Boudib
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Altar Gowns:			
Floral Arrangers:	No Flowers (2 nd Sunday Lent)		
Altar Society:	G3: Thurs 17/03/22 @ 9.30am C Khoury, I Barry, V Goodwin		
Cleaners:	G2: Sat 19/03/22 @ 8am Alyson Hanson, Bernard Chuah, Peter & Nisha Thomas, Ces Reyes, Brendan & Julieanne Chuah		