



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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5th Sunday of Lent – Year C,

3rd April 2022

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: Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)

to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in
order to gain him.*

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on
everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and
be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection
by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law,
but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in
Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to
know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That
is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection
of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not
yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for
which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All
I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for
what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize
to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came
to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law
to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What
have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for
something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and
started writing on the ground with his finger. As they
persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If
there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first
to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on
the ground again. When they heard this they went away
one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left
alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He
looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one
condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I
condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any
more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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

- ❖ **Sunday School:** The last lesson for Term 1 will be 3rd April. We will recommence on Sunday 1st of May.
- ❖ **Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Fridays at 7pm.
- ❖ **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==>
- ❖ **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres:** Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or you can donate through the envelopes placed in each of the foyers. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.
- ❖ **Fr Christopher's talk on RUMBLE:** "Do not be afraid", after the interview with Dr Sucharit Bhakdi.
<https://rumble.com/vykk4z-do-not-be-afraid-for-i-am-with-you-an-interview-with-dr-sucharit-bhakdi.html>

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday 9th April Vigil Mass: 6.00pm
Sunday 10th April: 8.00am & 10.00am

Easter Services 2022

Holy Thursday – 14th April

Confessions: 6pm-6.45pm
Holy Thursday Mass: 7pm

Good Friday – 15th April

Stations of the Cross: 10am
Confessions: 2pm-2.45pm
Commemoration of the Passion: 3pm

Easter Saturday – 16th April

Confessions: 6.30pm-7.15pm
Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday – 17th April

Masses: 8.00am & 10.00am

Youth Notices

- ❖ **Friday 22nd April 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:

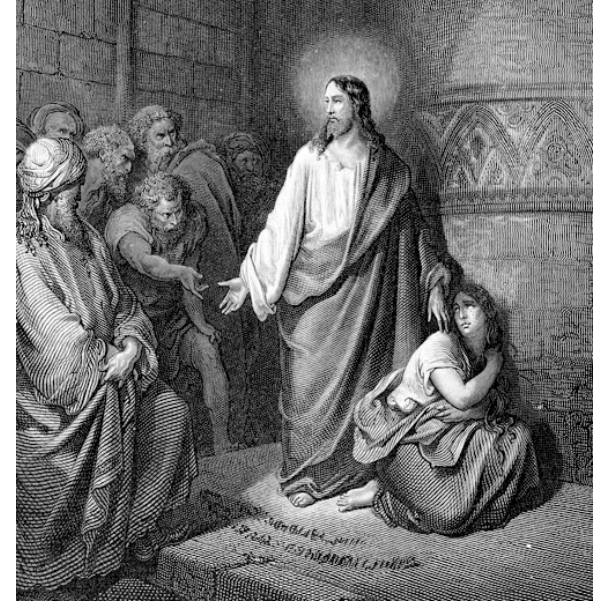
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From the Padre:



The mercy of Our Lord Jesus is unfathomable. The Pharisees and Scribes actually hated Him for it, and they tried to trap Him a number of times. This beautiful nature and compassion of Our Saviour fills us



with confidence and hope – hope for everyone who will repent. It is important to keep clearly in mind as well, that the last thing Our Lord said to the woman caught in adultery was, “Neither do I condemn you... and don’t sin any more.” He restored her life to her (they wanted to kill her by stoning) and called her to a new life. He not only told her not to sin again, but there is no doubt that He gave her great grace to help her. Not directly connected with this event, there is a sin that some fall into – idleness. When Our Lord was on earth, He laboured His whole life. During the last three years His labour changed from the hard work of carpentry to preaching, teaching and healing. Now the reason I am speaking about this, is that good healthy work actually helps us to avoid all kinds of sins. So to help us put into practise Our Lords command: “Don’t sin any more”, we need to work according to our ability – not just for wages, but also to produce and to do good in this world. Laziness is a serious sin, and these days with computers and other electronic devices, it is easy to become idle and unproductive, doing little or no good for ourselves, for our families or for this world.

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

Cathie Courage; Val Lavis; Michael Siddle; Dorothy Frost; Eleni Michael; Joan Hemmens; Elizabeth Mierzanowski; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Rita & Charlie Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; George Laoulach; Irene and Claude de Silva; Blanca Herran; David Molina; Hortencia Nunes; Wahib, Nouhad & Roly Maroun; Mariana Maroun Samyia; Wanda Riordan; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Saints of the Week:

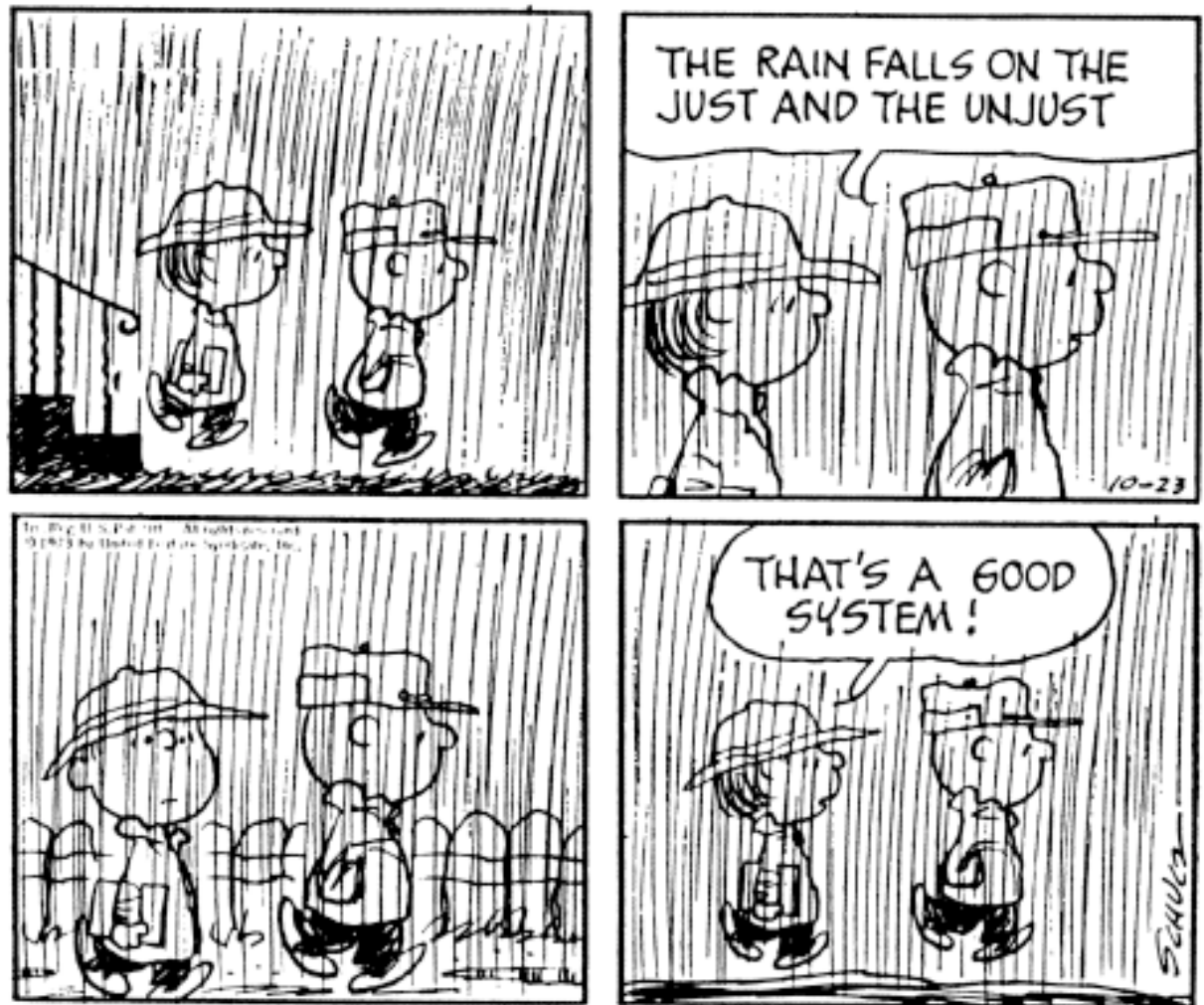
4th April – St Isidore

5th April – St Vincent Ferrer

7th April – St John Baptist de la Salle

**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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Roster for Ministries 9- 10 Apr 2022			
Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm Youth Volunteer	Sun 8am P Walsh	Sun 10am R Siciliano
Acolytes:	J P Abi-Khattar	P Thomas	G Redolfi
Altar Servers:	R Cipollone M Furjanic R Weerakkody O Elias I Baron	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft R Mandla N Higgins	X Redolfi J Melhem S Skocic J Locke R Atie
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Altar Gowns:			
Floral Arrangers:	Sylvana, Mary G (Palm Sunday)		
Altar Society:	G1: Thurs 7/04/22 Ben, V Standfort, N Thomas		
Cleaners:	G5: Sat 09/04/22 @ 8am I Cummerford, R Evans, L Cakmakci, T Fernandes, J Warnert, S Saad, C Burns		