



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

28th August 2022

Entrance Procession

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what

you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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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 & Mass at 7.30am.

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.

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: brbenedictfsf@bigpond.com or visit www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **The House of God:** Please remember, the Church is the House of God. Its primary purpose is for prayer and the due worship of God in the Sacred Liturgies. In Church we ought to be conscious of Our Lord's abiding presence and place our first attention on Him. It is good to greet one another quietly in charity and kindness, and it is fine to say what needs to be said, but conversations with one another belong outside the Church.
- ❖ **HATS:** Men must not cover their heads in Church. All hats, caps and beanies etc. must be removed when walking into a Catholic Church. Women may cover their heads. Traditionally it used to be obligatory for women to cover their heads.
- ❖ **Genuflexion:** When entering a Catholic Church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, we must genuflect. This is normally done before you enter your seat. We also genuflect before we leave the Church. Also, we genuflect whenever we pass the Tabernacle with the exception if we are going backwards and forwards a number of times, then we bow. We never pass the Tabernacle without an act of reverence. (This also applies even when you are Halfway down the Church.
- ❖ **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests:** This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. Your kind-hearted donation will help the team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or via the envelopes located in each of the foyers.
- ❖ **Sunday School:** Every Sunday 11.00am – 12noon in the school. All school children are welcome (K-12).
- ❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 2nd September starting with Exposition at 8.30pm and concluding with Benediction the following morning at 7am, followed by Mass at 7.30am.
- ❖ **Eagle Wing's Education:** A Homeschool education service for those wishing to educate their children at home rather than go through the school system. Please visit eagleswingseducation.com for further information.
- ❖ **Live-streamed:** the 8.00am Sunday Mass is usually live-streamed, especially for those who are house bound. The best way to access this each week is via the Friars' web page: <https://www.friarsofstfrancis.org/> Click on St Bernadette's Parish, then scroll down to "Live-streamed Masses" and click on the word **HERE**

Youth Notice Board

- ❖ **Friday 2nd September 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). Please bring a friend.

Parish Bank Account details for Donations, Planned Giving or Direct Transfers:

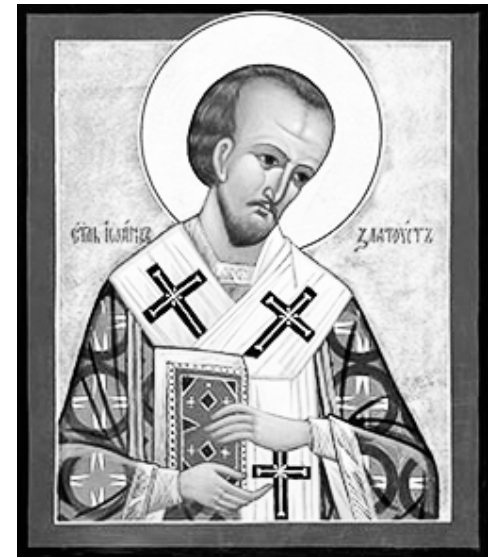
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From the Padre:



Saint John Chrysostom teaches about the five roads to repentance. They are all important and striving to put them into practice enables us to live well the Christian life, and the fundamental call of the Holy Gospel. Firstly, we need to examine ourselves and admit our sins and confess them. Secondly, it is vital



and a basic requirement that we forgive the harm done to us from others, including our enemies. This also means mastering our anger and not giving way to bad tempers. Remember Our Lord taught us that if we forgive others, we will be forgiven. However, if we do not forgive, then we will not be forgiven. Thirdly, we must pray - fervent prayer, which is genuine, sincere and comes from the depths of our hearts. Fourthly, almsgiving. We must be generous to others, especially those in genuine need. And fifthly, humility and modesty. Remember the two men who went to the temple to pray? The Pharisee bragged about himself, whereas the tax collector was completely humble before God and acknowledged his wretchedness. He went home forgiven and at rights with God, not the Pharisee. To sum up: 1) Honest confession (the Sacrament of penance); 2) Forgive others; 3) Pray from your heart; 4) Almsgiving; 5) Genuine humility.

These are things everyone can practice, and not only are our sins forgiven, but wounds are healed, and penance is accomplished. Then when we receive Holy Communion, Our Lord comes to us with untold joy and endless grace and blessings. There are those who think receiving Holy Communion is their right. Whereas this most august Gift from the Lord should always be received with deep humility and utter love.

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

Stephanie van der Kolff; Eva Piesch; Joan Hemmens; Antoine Elazzi; Isaac James Chew; Sam Komadina; Mrs Ky Kha; Eddie Borovnjak; Sadie Mockler; Paul Maher; Jenny Cardwell; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Norma Sciara; Margaret Cordina; Enid Vanderputt; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Saints of the Week:

29th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist

3rd September - Saint Gregory the Great

**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 3-4 September 2022

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am
Readers:	Youth Volunteer	S Carter	R Cabela
Acolytes:	R Cabela	N Thomas	F Orji
Altar Servers:	JP Cabela R Cabela R Harb O Elias I Baron	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft N Chehade J Elias	J Locke M Furjanic N Higgins B Gaynor R Atie
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Sylvana, Dominica, Mary G		
Altar Society:	G2: Thurs 01/09/22 @ 9.30am Pravin, Margaret Flitcroft, Anthoinette		
Cleaners:	G1: Sat 03/09/22 @ 8am L Leonardi, H Sumardji, O Poon, J Bonner, A Furjanic, A Yamin, S Blason		

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