



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

4th September 2022

Entrance Procession

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

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not
granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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.

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 & 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

❖ **NO Sunday School due to Father's Day.**

❖ **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.

❖ **Church Cleaning Volunteers Required** for only 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.

❖ **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests this weekend 4th September:** 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.

❖ **Centenary Mass of The Legion of Mary:** The Senatus of Sydney invites Legionary members past and present, along with their families and friends to attend this mass on Saturday 10th September at St Mary's Cathedral. Opening prayers commence at 10.00am followed by the Holy Mass at 10.30am. Please see the flyer in the front foyer.

❖ **Formed Subscription:** 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.

Recommended Viewing: Chris Stefanick interview "What's the Church doing for children of divorced parents?" Link below:

https://watch.formed.org/stefanick/videos/healing-from-divorce-as-a-catholic-chris-stefanick-show?ajs_uid=057d0320-0c40-4d32-b3e5-720608dcd231&utm_campaign=FORMED_Stefanick-Show_Email-8%2F31%2F22&utm_content=FORMED_Stefanick-Show_Email-8%2F31%2F22&utm_medium=email_action&utm_source=customer.io

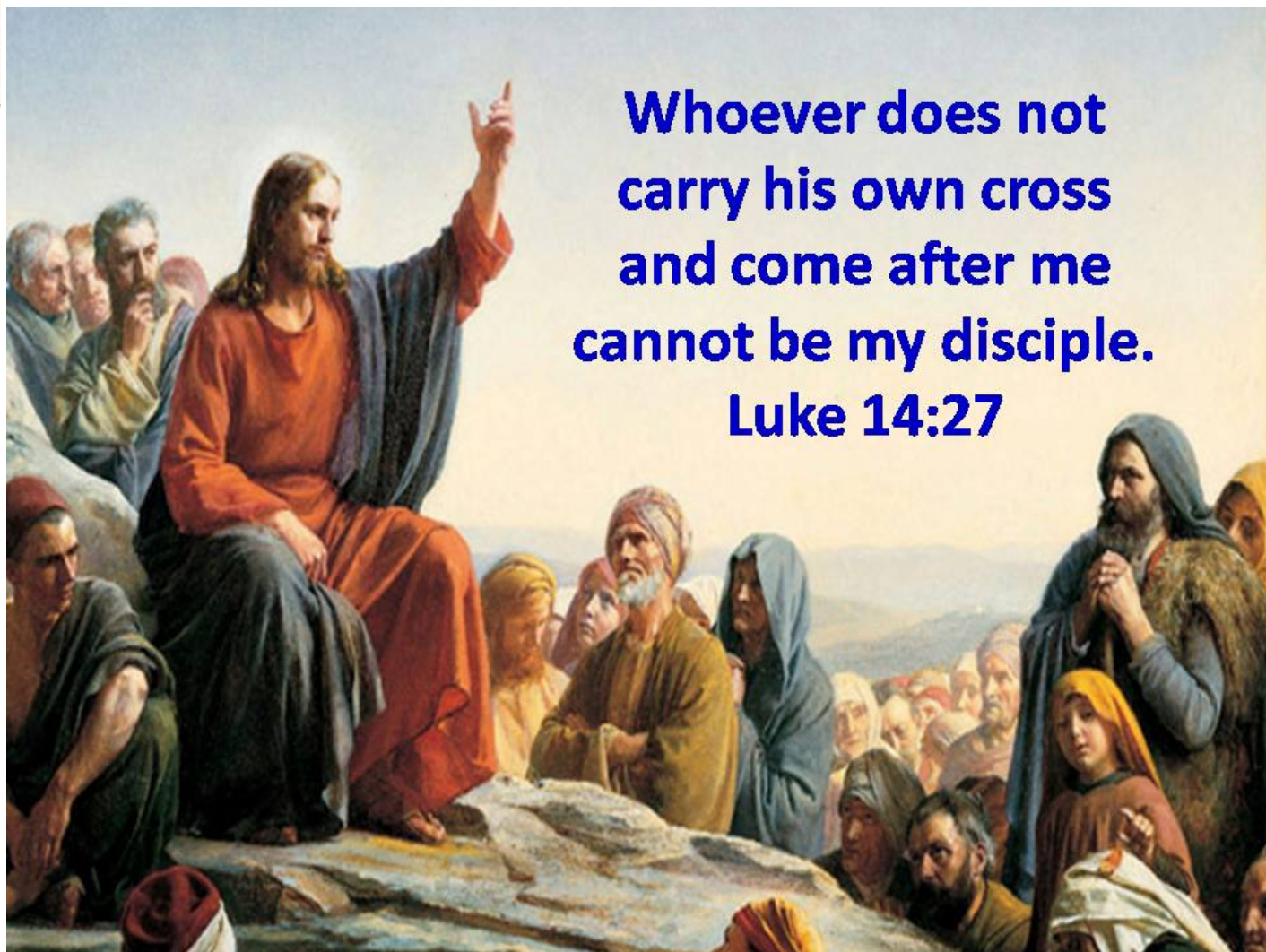
❖ **Live-streamed:** the 8.00am Sunday Mass is usually live-streamed, especially for those who are house bound. The best way to access this each week is via the Friars' web page: <https://www.friarsofstfrancis.org/> Click on St Bernadette's Parish, then scroll down to "Live-streamed Masses" and click on the word **HERE**.

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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From the Padre:



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:

8th September - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9th September - St Peter Claver

***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)***

***Wishing all the Father's a Happy and Blessed Father's Day, especially to
our very own,
Father Christopher, Father Benedict and
Father Ruben.
We also remember all the fathers who have gone to their eternal rest.***

Roster for Ministries 10-11 September 2022

Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm G McAdam	Sun 8am P Walsh	Sun 10am B Riley
Acolytes:	B Hanson	N Thomas	JP Abi-Khattar
Altar Servers:	Fernandes Family J Elias R Harb O Elias N Chehade	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft R Mandla S Skocic	JP Cabela R Cabela M Furjanic B Gaynor J Melhem
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Nisa, Socheata, Val		
Altar Society:	G3: Thurs 08/09/22 @ 9.30am C Khoury, I Barry, V Goodwin		
Cleaners:	G2: Sat 10/09/22 @ 8am A Hanson, B Chuah, P & N Thomas, C Reyes, B & J Chuah		

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