



# ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A

5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023

## 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 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

**R.** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

## Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us

and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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: Matthew 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

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

## Parish Contact Details:

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**Facebook:** St Bernadette Dundas Valley  
**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-6 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: [brbenedictsf@bigpond.com](mailto:brbenedictsf@bigpond.com) or visit [www.friarsofstfrancis.org](http://www.friarsofstfrancis.org)

# Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Friday's 7.00pm
- ❖ **First Holy Communion Parent Information Evening:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm in the School Hall. The information evening is only for parents/carers of children enrolled in our First Holy Communion Program. If your child has made their First Reconciliation and yet to enrol please email the Sacramental Team: [stbernadettevsp@hotmail.com](mailto:stbernadettevsp@hotmail.com)
- ❖ **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6.45pm Adult Formation:** A monthly catechesis session for any parishioners 18 and over, will begin this coming Thursday in the school hall. The first topic will be on The Early Christian Church.
- ❖ **Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.**
- ❖ **Catholics must receive Holy Communion** at least once a year: between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. However, those in serious sin, including those who have not faithfully attended Sunday Mass, must go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion.
- ❖ **Sunday School:** Each Sunday during School Term at 11.00am for Years K-6.

## Youth Notice Board

- ❖ **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm Youth Group Social Night Outing:** Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre. Our teens will be meeting at St Bernadette's carpark to carpool their way to dinner and an evening of fun at the Don Bosco Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. New members and their friends welcome. Please RSVP to Megan Stoneham [megan.stoneham@hotmail.com](mailto:megan.stoneham@hotmail.com) or call the Parish on 9871 4414.

### Saints of the Week:

7<sup>th</sup> March - Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8<sup>th</sup> March - St John of God

9<sup>th</sup> March - St Frances of Rome

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

(Please quote in the reference either your SURNAME & INITIAL or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

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## From the Padre:



**T**he question of swearing comes up every now and then. Is swearing a sin? To answer this, it is important to define swearing. Swearing can mean making a promise or an oath, and it can mean using rough, profane or obscene language, or taking the name of God in vain. Of course,



there is nothing wrong with taking oaths or promises that go with public office, or positions of responsibility, etc. Using rough language is not sinful in itself unless it is used uncharitably or sexually. Then it is sinful. Using language in an obscene or profane way is always sinful. Using God's name can be seriously sinful. His name is holy and must always be used prayerfully, with respect and love. So, the rough language that many people use, like the "B" words and the "S" words etc, may not be sinful at all, unless they are used in an uncharitable way or in a sexual way. When confessing the sin of swearing it is better to be clear what you mean, because some rough language is part of the Australian colloquialism and is not offensive or sinful. However, there are those who use Our Lord's name, or the term "God" not prayerfully or respectfully, and this goes against the Second Commandment and is in fact a sin. Even though it can be a habit for some, they still need to make the effort to break such a habit. God is holy. His name and every reference to Him must always be respectful and prayerful.

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

Stephanie van der Kolff; Sam Komadina; Julia Nekich; Fr Teodorico Santiago OD; Angelo Odello; Colleen Shunker; Elaine Riordan; Michelle De Ceglie; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

### **Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**

Frieda Piesch; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Eileen McGovern; Benjamin Bugarin; Mary Mallett; Minnie-Jean Cordina; Janette Houghton; Robert Fazzari; Maria Reyes; Frederick (Richard) and Fred Sharah; The deceased members of the Friends of the Holy Souls; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

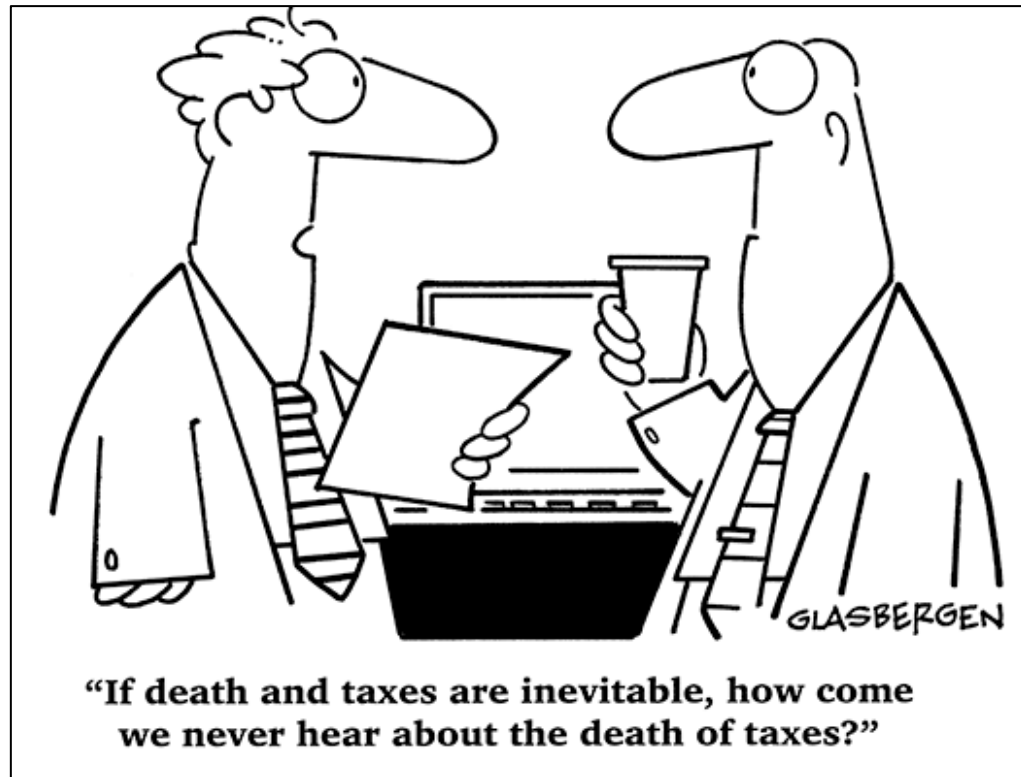
***Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and  
snares of the Devil.***

***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 11-12 March 2023**

	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 10am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	B Heath	P Walsh	E Nott
<b>Acolytes:</b>	JP Abi-Khattar	N Thomas	G Redolfi
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	J Elias J Locke N Chehade R Harb B Nakhoul	R Mandla B Gaynor S Flitcroft T Flitcroft	B Bowen A Bowen X Redolfi L White M Furjanic
<b>Flower Donor:</b>	Mr Stephen Rossi		
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	No Flowers		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G4: Thurs 09/03/23 @ 9.30am</b> V Standfort, C Y Cheung, J Bonner		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G3: Sat 11/03/23 @ 8am</b> S Laoulach, C Harb, M Gray, C Koong, C Khalil, A Boudib, A Bunadi, G Walsh		