



St Bernadette's Parish

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

11th February 2024

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you know, next weekend (16th -18th February), Bishop Martin Ashe, who is Auxiliary Bishop to the Western Region – Melbourne, will be visiting our parish. We look forward to welcome Bishop Martin, and to have him experience the life of our parish, even if just for a weekend. You may look at the programme in the bulletin. He will be celebrating and addressing us during all weekend masses, beginning with Friday morning mass (at 9:15am), when the children from St. Bernadette primary school will also be in attendance.



There are a couple of events I would like to highlight.

The Parish Ministries meeting, starting at 9:30am in the Pioneers' Hall on Saturday the 17th of February, is an opportunity for all leaders and volunteers in the parish to meet the bishop. It would be appreciated if you attend, speak about your work in the parish, ask questions, and listen to other volunteers and to the bishop himself. He will surely be affirming your ministry and share his own thoughts about parish ministry.

We will then have morning tea, and at 11:00am, the **Parish Forum** will commence. This is open to all parishioners, except me 😊. This meeting will take the shape of an open forum, where all will have the opportunity to share their views about parish life, with its strengths and weaknesses. You will also be able to share about your spiritual growth, and how the parish is helping you encounter Jesus. Finally, you will be able to share about how you envisage the shape of the parish in a few years' time, and more importantly, how you and others may contribute to this development. Give this topic a think, attend and share your views and experience.

On Sunday the 18th, Morning Tea will be served in the Pioneers' Hall between 9:30 and 10:45am. That's between the first and second Sunday masses. It will be an opportunity to meet up in a more relaxed manner. Everyone is invited. Let us all keep this visitation and the bishop in our prayers. God bless you.

Fr Silvio

Weekday Masses

Monday 12th

7.30pm tối thứ hai hàng tuần có Thánh Lễ và lần chuỗi LCTX

Tuesday 13th

9.15 am Daily Mass

Wednesday 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15 am Daily Mass

12.00noon School Mass

5.15 pm Mass for the Polish Community

6.30 pm Novena, Rosary followed by

7.00 pm Mass

Thursday 15th

9.15 am Daily Mass

10.30 pm Funeral for Maria Lucifora - Rosary followed by Funeral Mass

Friday 16th

9.15 am Daily Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30pm and

8.00pm Neo-Catechumenal (Pioneers Hall)

Sunday - 8.30am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am,

12.30pm (Vietnamese) and 7.00pm.

2nd Sunday of the Month 2.00pm (Samoan)

except in November and at Easter time.

Reconciliation

Wednesday Evening - 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Saturday - 11.00am to 12 noon (at the Presbytery)
and 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Baptisms

By Appointment Only.

Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11.00am.



6th Sunday of Year B

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith.



And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord.

Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Last Weekends Thanksgiving \$2,930.00

Ash Wednesday

BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT



LENT INFORMATION



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

Prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

Self-Denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

Helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast.

All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Refer to the Notice Board in the foyer for more information from Vicar General Fr Joe Caddy AM

St. Bernadette Parish Visitation

Bishop Martin Ashe

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February 2023

Programme

FRIDAY 16th Feb: Focus – School and Parish Leadership

9.00am Bishop Martin arrives.
9.15am Celebrate mass, School Children in attendance
10.00am Visit to St. Bernadette School.
2.00pm Meeting with Parish Staff.
6.00pm Meeting with Parish Pastoral Council, Designing for Mission Team, Safeguarding Committee and Finance Committee.

SATURDAY 17th Feb: Focus - Parish Community

9.30am Parish ministries meeting.
10.30am Morning Tea with everyone
11.00am Parish Forum (no clergy). Opportunity for Parishioners to speak with the bishop about priorities, goals, and challenges.
2.30pm Visit St. Bernadette nursing home and elderly parishioners.
5:30pm Meeting with Young parishioners.
6:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass (First Sunday of Lent).

SUNDAY 18th Feb: Celebration of Masses across the community

8:30am Sunday Mass
9:30am Parish Morning Tea
9:45am Meet and greet Polish priest and community.
11.00am Sunday Mass
12.30pm Meet and greet Vietnamese priest and community.
1:00pm Lunch and break
7:00pm Sunday Mass
8:15pm Depart

A RESURRECTED LIFE

A prayer and reflection resource for Lent. Starting on Ash Wednesday 14th February. You can purchase a copy from the Piety Stall for \$8.00.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy takes place every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at the 11am Mass. It is an opportunity for children to explore the gospel reading of the day in a more child friendly way so that they understand it's message more clearly.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Saturday 6.30pm: Paul & Rita Bugeja, Charles & Pully Galea, Louis Xuereb, Stellini & Xuereb Families, Theresa Zammit, Tony Zammit, Margaret Debono, Will Camilleri, Camilleri & Cutajar Families, Joe Pulis - Joe & Mary Porter, Porter, Fleri, Falzon and Micallef families, Louis & Theresa Galea, Michael Angelo & Rita Gatt, Bernard & Carmela Pace, Firmino & Maria Moretto, Alvin John, Joseph & Carmen Bugeja, Ganna & Joseph Pace, Gregory & Joe Pace, Victor, Carmelo & Maria Galea & Family, Carmelo, Rita, Loreto & Damien Grech, Xuereb Family, Grech Family & Special Intentions, Sam Xiberras, Carmelo Mercieca & Grech Family, Lewis & Emanuel Azzopardi, Tarcisio, Gulia, Spiro, Emanuel & Patrick Debrincat, All Souls

Sunday 8.30am: Emanuel Xiberras, Theresa Thieng Dinh, Maria Ron Dinh, Maria Hoi Nguyen, Da Minh, Khiết Dinh, Joseph Thanh Nguyen, Maria Huong Nguyen, Paul & Tita Bugeja, Theresa Zammit, Tony Zammit, Margaret Debono, Will Camilleri, Irma Ciccotelli - Laurie Haber, John Muscat, Vernon Browne, Emanuel Spiteri, Rita Cini, Lewis & Emanuel Azzopardi, Tarcisio, Gulia, Spiro, Emanuel & Patrick Debrincat, All Souls

Sunday 11.00am: Rita Petrarca, John Vassallo, Sam & Angela Camilleri, Paul Cassar, Rosario Manariti - Spiteri & Mercieca Families, Pauline Debrincat, Tony Micallef, Paul Cutajar, Joseph Grech, John & Nina Sultana, Rita Trost, Catherine Wicker, Josephine Borg, Antonia, Lawrence & Joe Sultana & Family, Bernard & Carmela Pace, Firmino & Maria Moretto, Gregory & Joe Pace, Emmanuel Piscopo & Family, All Souls

Sunday 7.00pm: - Alvin John, Joseph & Carmen Bugeja, Ganna & Joseph Pace, All Souls

Anniversary: Rita Petrarca (1st)

Recently Deceased: Noemi Decleva, Irma Ciccotelli

Funeral: Maria Lucifora - Thursday 15th February at 10.30am. Rosary followed by Funeral Mass.

Sick: Elli Riikonen, Bertti Riikonen, Clementina Leong, Kim Borg, Theresa Vella

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the Book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11

RESPONSE: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Luke 7:16

Alleluia Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Week's Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15