

# St Bernadette's Parish

Under the Pastoral Care of The Paulist Missionaries 59B Westmoreland Road, North Sunshine

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#### **Easter Sunday**

Fr John Taliana MSSP

Miss Amanda Browne

Mrs Joyce Cutajar

Mrs Bev Tessari

Miss Josie Desira

Mr Brendan Gill

9.15 am

9.15 am

6.30 pm

7.00 pm

9.15 am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9.15 am

Mass

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#### 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Parish Staff** Parish Priest

Pastoral Worker

Office (Tuesday)

School Principal

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Novena, Rosary followed by

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday - 8.30 am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am, 12.30pm (Vietnamese) and 7.00pm.

**Reconciliation** 

Saturday - By Appointment

**Baptisms** 

By Appointment Only

Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

at 11.00am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Office (Wednesday)

Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)

May the Risen Lord whose love is every-

where. Bless You at Easter and embrace you and

your families in his Peace.

Fr John Taliana

Miss Amanda Browne



"He has Risen.

Have faith in him..

And he will always

## Easter Sunday

Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the

Garden and the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!

My transforming Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let you transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord, may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.



#### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our Scripture reflection sessions are on Thursday evenings.

These sessions are via ZOOM video platform so

you do not need to leave the comfort of your own home to attend.

If you haven't already attended these sessions, but would like to, please send Amanda an email to brownieab75@gmail.com and she will send you the ZOOM link weekly.

These sessions focus on reflecting on the scripture for the following Sunday and they are a chance for you to connect, not only with the Word of God, but also with the other Parishioners that join.

#### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Parents please ensure you know exactly where your child is if they are not beside you;



and PLEASE ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD if they need to leave the church for any reason (e.g.: to go the toilet, get something from your car, etc.)

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES & ENVELOPES**

From next week please return your Project compassion boxes and envelopes.



#### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



hank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better

tomorrow For All Future Generations.



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



### We Welcome into our **Parish Community**

Dominic ZAMMIT son of Anthony & Phuong Amaliya Eve VERDEROSA daughter of Paul & Danielle Evelyn Janet KLUKOWSKI daughter of Adam & Brooke Zailee Marie SPITERI daughter of Alfred & Erin Bailey Patricia BONNICI daughter of Daniel & Renee



#### 'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.

Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80

(Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.



#### CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE **OPEN DAY - SUNDAY, 29 MAY**

Join us for our College Open Day and enjoy a tour of all three campus', meet and greet our students and staff, have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our College, plus hear from our College Principal.

For more information please visit cccc.vic.edu.au, contact registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au or call (03) 9296 5311 We look forward to seeing you at our College Open Day!



The collection held during the Maltese Mission raised \$1,524.90. The money will support the MSSP Seminarians in the Philippines.



God Bless Um

Sr Renata would like to thank all those people who donated towards the Easter Flowers.



### **MISSION EXPERIENCE**

with the Paulist Missionaries in the Philippines Join the Mission Experience with the Paulist Missionaries between January 5 and January 21 in 2023. Together the group will: work in a Paulist Missionary Parish in Bataan; minister to the community on 13th Street, New Manila; do prison ministry; visit an orphanage; visit schools and work with

the sisters of Mother Teresa in Manila. First preference will be given to applicants between the ages of 18 and 35

who have never joined on one of these experiences. Applicants over the age of 35 are welcome to apply and will be considered if vacancies arise. Total cost: AUD 2,000. For more information or to express interest in participating in this programme email: mission2023@mssp.org.au or call: 0431984689. Applications close June 30 2022.

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—FEAST DAY AT **RESURRECTION CHURCH, 51 GUM ROAD, KING PARK ON 24 APRIL 2022**



Confession: 2.15pm to 3.00pm Holy Rosary in Front of the Blessed Sacrament - 2.30pm Divine Mercy Rosary - 3.00pm **Benediction Holy Mass** 



#### **DIVINE MERCY FEAST 2022** PROGRAM ALL WELCOME ST PETER CHANEL PARISH

Novena program every evening. 5pm 15th—17th April. 6.15pm 18th to 23rd April.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 PROGRAM 2.00pm - Confessions (with Fr Edwin Agius & Fr. Simeon Anthony), Rosary Prayers & Litanies

3.00pm - Holy Mass Celebrated by Fr. Rene Manubag, CMF Superior. Blessing of Portraits & Holy Ornaments (Please bring your Holy Ornaments)

4.00pm – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Divine Praises & The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song.

#### **First Reading:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

#### Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!** 

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Acts 10:34. 37-43

#### 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

#### John 20:1-9

# Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

# Colossians 3:1-4

#### **EDUCATION IN FAITH**

Our Lenten journey and pilgrimage are over. Our fasting is complete; now we can feast and celebrate. We have travelled with Jesus from the harshness of the desert to the new life coming from the empty tomb. Having walked with Jesus as we carried our cross, we now share in and experience the joy and power of his resurrection.

When we look at the news on our televisions or read it our newspapers we are all very well aware of all the hardship and pain that exists in our world today. There isn't a day that goes by were we don't read the story of a random act of terrorism or a shooting of one kind or another. There are painful scenes of war, famine and terrorism of our televisions, most if not every evening. Even in our own country and communities there are senseless acts of violence that leave families grieving for the death of a loved one. How are we meant to celebrate Easter in such difficult circumstances?

Even at the time of Jesus there was inequality, injustice, and poverty. He would have seen it, experience it and been very familiar with it. But it is into that world that he came with the good news of the Kingdom of God. It is into our world today that Jesus comes with the same good news. It is in and through our world today that we experience and share in his resurrection.

The trial and crucifixion of Jesus must have been such a painful and even disappointing experience for his friends, followers and family. They had placed such hope in Jesus; in his preaching, his teaching and in his miracles. Then they had to stand and watch as he was betrayed, condemned, beaten and then crucified. They stood and watched him die.

it is in and through our ordinary daily lives and our world today that Jesus comes risen from the tomb. The resurrected Jesus comes to us as we are. But he also comes as he is; through the power of God he is resurrected and comes to us with the gift of new and everlasting life. Death has not had the final say. Where there was despair, God brings us hope. Where there was darkness, God has bright light. Where there was death, God bring us not just life, but new and everlasting life. These are the gifts that God offers each of through the resurrection of Jesus.

In world where there is often the reality of suffering, violence and injustice, we are called to be people of hope. This is not ordinary human hope. This is the hope that comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus. In the face of sadness, difficulty and pain, we are called to look to and rely on the resurrected Jesus and not just on our strength and resources.

The call, invitation and even challenge of Easter is that I experience it personally deep within myself. I am called to be an Easter person, a person of the resurrection. I am called and asked to be person who is filled with the new life and hope of the resurrected Jesus.

We may be tempted to give in and give up the world as it is today. However, because we now share in the powerful resurrection of Jesus, we are to live our daily lives full of Easter hope. As Pope Francis says to us, as Christians, we must never look like people who have just come back from a funeral! This Easter Sunday and for the rest of the Easter Season, may we be people who are filled with the Light Joy, Life, and Hope of the Resurrection of Jesus. The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia!

