



St Bernadette's Parish

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Ascension of the Lord

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29th May 2022

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.15 am

Wednesday 1st St Justin
9.15 am

6.30 pm Novena, Rosary followed by
7.00 pm Memorial Mass for Giuseppe Digiglio

Thursday 2nd Sts Marcellinus & Peter
9.15 am

Friday 3rd Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions
9.15 am

Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Saturday - By Appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment Only
Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month
at 11.00am



The Ascension

Reflect, today, upon the abiding and intimate presence of our Lord in your life. Know that Jesus invites you to share in His mission. From His glorious throne He wants us to "preach everywhere." He wants to invite each one of us to do our part. The part of the Father's plan entrusted to each one of us is not entrusted to another. We all have a share in that plan. What is your part? How does Jesus direct His mission through you? Ponder this question today and know that He accompanies you as you say "Yes" to your part in the glorious unfolding of His perfect plan.

My ascended Lord, I do find that my life is filled with many ups, downs, twists and turns. There are joys and sorrows, moments of confusion and clarity. In all things, help me to continually say "Yes" to Your plan. Jesus, I trust in You.



FACE MASK

The Flu season is upon us and to help protect each other from the flu and Covid we highly recommend that you wear your mask when attending mass.

Please Pray For

All who have died recently, for all whose Anniversaries occur at this time and for all those who are sick and dying.



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

If you have any queries or suggestion about child safety please refer to the 'Child Safety' board in the foyer or contact the Parish office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will be recommencing Children's Liturgy in June.



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.

The sessions will be facilitated by adults who hold a current working with children and Police check, and the sessions take place in the Sacristy – at the front of the Church- so they are never too far from you, their parents. The children gather together at the beginning of Mass and re-join their parents after the Offertory procession. Children's liturgy is a great opportunity for your child to pray with children their own age so as to grow their relationship with God and Jesus.

The first session will be Sunday the 5th of June.

June Movie– Every 2nd Friday of the Month

Come along for an evening of faith, fun and friendship.

Our next Movie night will be on Friday June 10th at 7pm in our Church. The DVD is called "Faith Under Fire"

Fireman Tom Hatcher is at the end of his rope. He saves lives but couldn't save his wife from cancer. Now his daughter faces the same battle. From an unlikely friend, Tom is challenged to face grief and embrace faith in his darkest hours.



Rite of Enrolment



Next weekend at the Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 11am Mass, the students who will be Confirmed in August will make their commitment to the preparation of their final Sacrament of Initiation.

Parents, sponsors and all of us, as a Parish community, will also stand up to support these students on the faith journey.

Online Lay Liturgical Ministry Training Courses

Lay liturgical ministers can now access quality online training and learn at their own pace, in their own homes, at times that suit them.



- No need to wait for a scheduled zoom meeting or face-to-face course - new volunteers can begin training immediately
 - Consistent, quality formation and training for all ministers
 - Certificate confirms participant's completion of the course
- Each fully online course contains short videos, readings, quizzes and course notes.

Content includes an introduction to liturgical ministry and an overview of ministries and the Mass, followed by specific training for each ministry.

Courses can be completed over multiple sessions – participants stop at any time and pick up where they left off.

This short video provides more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JegF5DSLFD4>

Courses Available now:

- **Ministers of the Word (Readers) Course (180mins)**
- **Ministers of Holy Communion Course (150mins)**
- **Combined Course: Readers & Communion Ministers (240 mins)**

If you are interested in completing one of these courses, please email Amanda at brownieab75@gmail.com

AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Contact Annie Bond rsj national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 02 8912 4818. More information on the notice board in the foyer.



Dear friends, relatives and benefactors of the Paulist Missionaries.

As a congregation we have created an email distribution list through which we share with you, our friends, relatives and benefactors, news about the Missionary Society of St Paul, and about the Cause of Canonisation of Joseph De Piro. We try to keep in touch with you regularly as we consider you all our extended family and we depend on your continued prayerful support.

Can I kindly encourage you to join our distribution list by sending your email address to:

Postulator@JosephDePiro.com, you can also ask your friends and relatives to join our mailing list, so that we can make more people aware of the holiness of the Servant of God Joseph De Piro.

As Paulist Missionaries we promise to continually pray for you and your families to God through the intercession of Joseph De Piro.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fr Mario Zammit mssp

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.



WEEKEND READINGS

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 28:19-20

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel :

Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

EDUCATION IN FAITH

The Ascension of Our Lord

Our Gospel last Sunday hinted at the Christ's ascension. This Sunday, in both the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke we have two accounts of the Ascension. The earthly mission and ministry of Jesus are now over and he is now returning to sit at the right hand of God. Jesus trusts his friends and followers to carry on his work of proclaiming and spreading the Kingdom of God.

In the first reading, they are told that will be baptised with the Holy Spirit and in the gospel Jesus tells them they are witnesses (to this) and that they will be clothed with power from on high. He knows that they will need help, encouragement and strength for the task that lies ahead of them. This promise points and leads us directly to Pentecost which we celebrate next Sunday. Jesus knows that these men and woman will need all the help they can get as they spread the good news of his resurrection.

Today as the church, we too are called by Christ and sent out just as these first Christians were. We are asked to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and like them, we too are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 5.5, 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.' We are Christ's witnesses today in our homes with our families and with our neighbours in our parish community. We are called and challenged by Christ not only to hear the good news of the gospel, but to do whatever we can to share it with others we meet. We do this through the quality of our daily lives in how we speak to each other and treat each other. As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, ***'we must use every means possible to proclaim the gospel and if we have to, we will have to use words.'***

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