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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year C

3rd April 2022

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Fr John Taliana MSSP	Parish Priest
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Mrs Bev Tessari	Office (Tuesday)
Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



Weekday Masses

Tuesday 5th St Vincent Ferrer

9.15 am

6.30 pm Maltese Mission: Rosary followed by Mass, Sermon & Benediction

Wednesday 6th

9.15 am

6.30 pm Novena, Rosary followed by

7.00 pm Mass, Maltese Mission, Sermon & Benediction

Thursday 7th St John Baptist De La Salle

9.15 am

6.30 pm Maltese Mission: Rosary followed by Mass, Sermon & Benediction

Friday 8th

9.15am (Whole School Attending Mass)

(after Mass "The Way of the Cross")

6.30 pm Maltese Mission: Rosary followed by Mass and Sermon

Weekend Masses

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

12.30pm Vietnamese

Reconciliation

Saturday - By Appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment Only

Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11.00am



REFLECTION

Reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realize. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.



Lord, I thank You for my life and for the many experiences I have had. I thank You for teaching me through my hardships and struggles, and I thank You for the joys and loves that I have encountered in life. Continue to pour forth Your wisdom upon me so that I may help guide Your children. May I always seek to set a good example and lead them according to Your Heart.

Jesus, I trust in You.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS AT 7.00PM



The Novena and Rosary are prayed at 6.30pm.

Every Friday during Lent The Way of the Cross will be prayed after 9.15am Mass.

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.)

Please Pray For

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Last weekend we had a special collections for the Flood Appeal in Queensland and New South Wales and to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. As a Parish we will be donating a total amount of \$9,962.50.



NEEDED - OLIVE BRANCHES

Do your Olive Trees need pruning, now is the time to do it!!! We would appreciate anyone who can donate palm or olive branches for our Palm Sunday celebrations. Kindly cut them to approximately 30cm (12inch) in length if possible. Please drop them off at the Presbytery between 7th and 9th April. Thanking You.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 April



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

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.

MALTESE MISSIONS

FOR THE MALTESE PARISHIONERS

In Lent we do the Lenten sermons in Maltese (Esercizzi tar-Randan). This year we have these sermons from Tuesday 5th April till Friday 8th April when we finish with the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. It is a special time for our growth in the spiritual life and to make Lent a really special time.

6.30pm Rosary, 7.00pm Mass followed by Sermon and Benediction.

The preacher this year is Fr. Noel Bianco.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of Church flowers for Easter, please see Sr Renata at the Convent.



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.



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'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.

REFLECTION The readings today are a reminder that God has done, and will continue to do, great things in our lives. Isaiah, however, reminds us that there is no gain in continually dwelling on the past: rather we are called to notice God 'doing a new deed' as God calls us into the future. The woman brought before Jesus knows she has already been judged by the crowd around her and expects the same from Jesus. Yet, in her misery she finds Jesus offering her mercy and compassion. He releases her from her past and offers her a future full of possibilities. Paul says all he wants is 'to know Christ and the power of his resurrection'. What a great mantra for this final week of Lent! We too are 'straining ahead for what is still to come...racing for the finish'. We only have a few more days with Jesus before he enters Holy Week. Can we allow him to look at us in the way he looked at the woman – to accept the mercy and compassion he offers and to be rescued from behaviors and judgements that may in the past have been harmful to others? There is still time to glimpse the **new deed** God is doing in us.



First Reading:**Isaiah 43:16-21***A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:**Ps 125**

Response: : The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:**Philippians 3:8-14***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**Joel 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel :**John 8:1-11***A reading from the Gospel according to John*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Religion at St Bernadette's Primary School



This week we had a Reconciliation Retreat Day for all of the Year 3 students.

We looked at the story of the Prodigal Son, created Pray for Me posters, learnt about the stages of Reconciliation and created symbols and that represent Reconciliation for them.



Our students will make their First Reconciliation early next Term.



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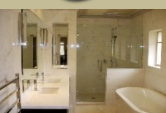
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