



St Bernadette's Parish

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

10th October 2021

Parish Staff

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Mr Brendan Gill School Principal



Sorry
CLOSED
Until Further Notice

**Due to the lockdown,
the Church will be closed
till the restrictions are
lifted.
Blessings to you all.**

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday - 9.15am

Tuesday 12th -

Wednesday 13th -

Thursday 14th - St Callistus

Friday 15th - St Teresa of Jesus

Weekend Masses

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

12.30pm Vietnamese
(1st & 3rd Sunday)

Reconciliation

Saturday

Call the Presbytery to make an Appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment Only

Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11.00am



Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

Lord, I love You, and I want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realize that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachment in life that keeps me from following You. 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.



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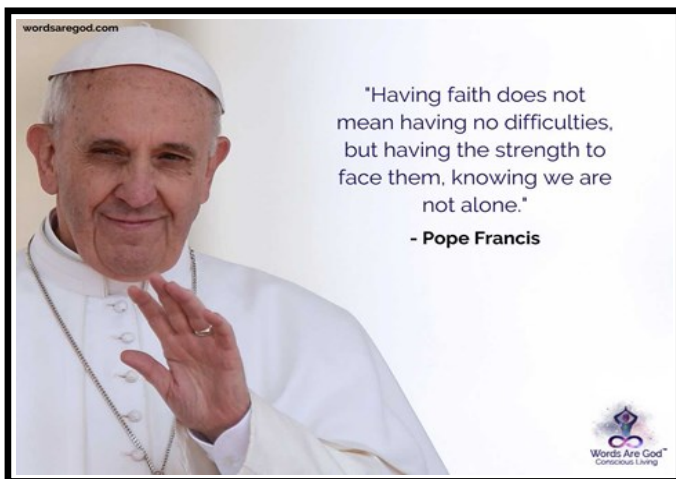
Working with Children Checks

Ministers who have not yet done so, please apply for your Working with Children Check or update the organisations where you volunteer at as soon as possible.

Code of Conduct Declaration.

Ministers and Volunteers please return your signed Code of Conduct Declaration and to the Parish office.

Thanksgiving Total: NIL



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



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Lockdown Light Week 6

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

The Irreplaceable Role of Parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting started: Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6

Going deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6

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The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm



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First Reading:**Wisdom 7:7-11***A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Ps 89:12-17**

Response: Fill us with your Love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading:**Hebrews 4:12-13***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel:**Mark 10:17-30***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Mark 10:17-30

Scary prospects

Last Sunday, while talking about children, Jesus made it clear that eternal life is a gift from God and not something we earn. The same point runs through this story of this upstanding Jew who is genuinely respectful of Jesus and eager to grow in his spiritual life. Back then (and rather like today) wealth enhanced a person's social status and ensured that a person's needs and wants were met. People also thought that wealth was a sign of God's favour. When the rich man declares that he's always followed God's law, Jesus calls him to a new way of life. Jesus invites the man to give away his social status, his economic security, and the notion that God has favoured him over others. Jesus wants the man to receive God's kingdom as a child, as one who has nothing and so is more attuned to all that God offers.

Note: "Why do you call me good?"

We don't know why Jesus didn't want to be called good. Maybe he was simply being humble. Maybe he wanted the focus of his ministry to be on God and not on himself.

What's down is up... (vv.23-27)

The rich man seems too dependent on or trusting of his wealth to give it up. He can't accept what Jesus has said about God's kingdom: God's kingdom is a gift, and if God favours anyone, he favours the weakest, poorest members of society. The disciples are equally startled when Jesus warns them against wealth. His vivid exaggeration turns conventional wisdom on its head. There is no lasting security in wealth. Money doesn't prove God's favour and certainly can't buy it. Wealth can even prevent us from whole-heartedly following Jesus, as the rich man's reaction shows.

A new family (vv.28-30)

Although it may seem like we only lose if we give up things and even relationships in order to become disciples, we actually gain far more. Jesus promises that his followers will gain a new family that is founded on him. Unlike relationships that are established through wealth, this new family doesn't require payment. Better yet, our new family is ours forever.

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