



# St Bernadette's Parish

Under the Pastoral Care of The Paulist Missionaries  
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Year C

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Parish Staff

Fr John Taliana MSSP	Parish Priest
Miss Amanda Browne	Pastoral Worker
Mrs Joyce Cutajar	Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs Bev Tessari	Office (Tuesday)
Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



## Weekday Masses

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 9.15am**  
**Wednesday 9.15am and 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> -**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> -**  
**9.15am**

**6.30pm** Novena, Rosary followed by Mass  
**7.00pm** Mass

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> -**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> -** After Mass "The Way of the Cross"

## Weekend Masses

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

## Reconciliation

Saturday  
By Appointment

## Baptisms

By Appointment Only  
Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month  
at 11.00am



## 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 (eg: to go the toilet, get something from your car, etc).

## REFLECTION

The Father in Heaven will never reject us. No matter what we have done or how far we have turned away, the Father's love is perfect, relentless, unconditional and always inviting. He is ready and willing to dismiss every wrong we have done if we only turn to Him in confidence. Come to your senses in regard to your sins! Let go of them, repent and trust in the mercy of God.



*Lord of perfect love, my sins do leave me dry and empty inside. I see the misery and pain that result from the sinful choices I have made. Help me, dear Lord, to come to my senses and to turn from every sin I commit. Help me to see that Your mercy is far greater than anything I have done. I thank You for Your perfect love and turn to You in my need. 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.

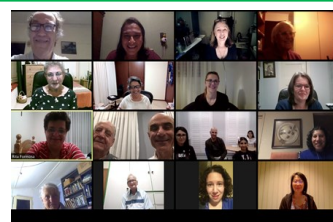
## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

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.



## 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

This weekend 26 & 27 March we will be donating both collections to the Flood Appeal in Queensland and New South Wales and to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal. We invite you to be generous as you have always been in the past.



### 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.



### 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.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 March



**Rosalie 44**, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military.

After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community. With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



### We Welcome into our Parish Community



**Willow Teresa Phuong NGUYEN** daughter of John & Van  
**Aidan Wistin Peter DINGLI-SARGEANT**  
son of Christopher & Michelle-Anne  
**Hazel Rose GATT** daughter of Kevin & Melissa  
**Vinh (Vincent) DO** son of Hoa & Emily  
**Estelle Marie LA TERRA** daughter of Kevin & Renee

### FLOOD APPEAL - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made direct to either state.

[www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) - Flood Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society  
- Good Works ([vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)) or by calling - Queensland - (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales - (02) 9568 0262

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA - UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of the Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>  
or contact 1800 024 413

### 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](mailto:mission2023@mssp.org.au) or call: 0431984689. Applications close June 30 2022.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME **ENDS**  
ON **3 APRIL**  
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK

**First Reading:****Joshua 5:9-12***A reading from the book of Joshua*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 33:2-7**

**Response:** : Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading:****2 Corinthians 5:17-21***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:****Luke 15:18**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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**Gospel :****Luke 15:1-3. 11-32***A reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### Coming to Your Senses

*Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" Luke 15:17-19*

Why do we cling to our sins? This passage comes from the story of the Prodigal Son. We should know that story well. The son decided to leave his father and take his future inheritance, spending it on a life of sin. When the money he had ran out, he was in desperate need. So what did he do? He came to his senses!

This line alone is worth our meditation. First, it reveals what happens to a person who falls into a life of sin. In this case, the son eventually reaped the fruit of his sin. He found that his sin left him destitute and alone. He didn't know where to turn. And though our sins may not be to the extent of this son, we will all experience the empty effects of the sins we commit, just as this son did.

The profound insight we can gain from this son is that he did come around. Specifically, by "coming to his senses" he recognized two important things. First, he realized that he is worth more than a life of destitution. No one should have to live an impoverished and empty life. Therefore, by seeing his own dignity he came to realize that he was made for more.

Secondly, he knew he could turn to his father. What a blessing it was for him to know this. The reason he knew he could turn to his father was that his father clearly loved him with unconditional love. The mercy in the heart of the father was so strong that the son was aware of it and this awareness gave him confidence to turn to him. Reflect, today, upon this twofold action. The son sees his misery and also sees his father as the person to whom he can confidently turn. We must strive to do the same in our own lives.

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