



St Bernadette's Parish

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

3rd October 2021

Parish Staff

Fr John Taliana MSSP Parish Priest
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Miss Amanda Browne Pastoral Worker
Mrs Joyce Cutajar Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs Bev Tessari Office (Tuesday)
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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 5th -

Wednesday 6th - St Bruno

Thursday 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 8th -

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 many ways that being "male and female" are natural blessings from God. Reflect, also, upon the ways that these natural gifts are challenged and undermined in our world today. Embrace who you are, embrace who God made you to be, and let that natural gift from God flourish in your life.

Lord, I thank You for Your countless gifts. Thank You for the gift of grace won by Your Cross, and thank You also for the gift of nature and for the way You made me. Help me to embrace my full identity in accord with Your design and, in that embrace, help me to continue to discover my very dignity. 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



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.

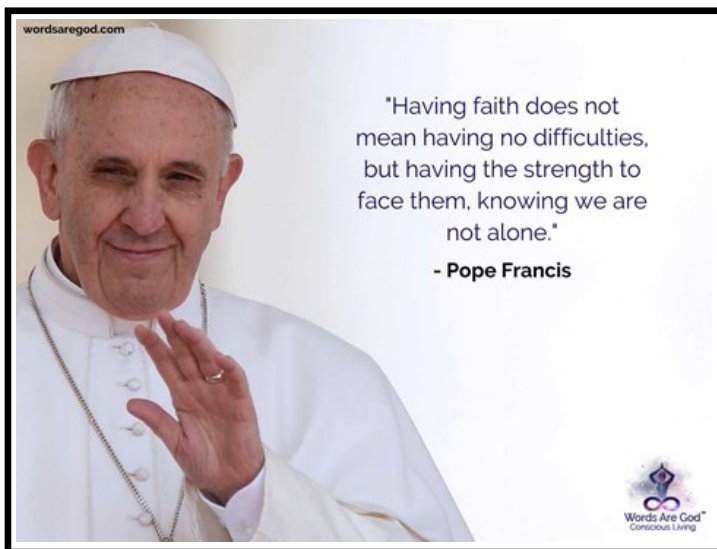
Ministers and Volunteers please return your signed Code of Conduct Declaration and to the Parish office.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON THE
2nd OCTOBER.**

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD.**

Thanksgiving Total: NIL



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.

Plenary Council
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October).

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here:
<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

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CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Would you like to sponsor a child in the Philippines, Pakistan or Peru who is being cared for by the Missionary Society of St Paul Priest and help with their wellbeing and education or help the welfare of Woman in Pakistan. You can for only \$5 per month.

For more information call the Parish Office on Monday, Thursday or Friday between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Aid to the Church in Need
 ACN AUSTRALIA

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

Get Ready to Fly!

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.

Since 1961 [Palms Australia](http://palms.org.au) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor.

Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement [CLICK AND ENQUIRE HERE](#) by Friday October 29.

Visit palms.org.au Email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

Lockdown Light Week 5

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

How to keep our kids Catholic
 In this episode of The Word on Fire show, Bishop Robert Barron and Brandon Vogt discuss what helps children retain their faith into young adulthood. Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE
Resources to help you explore the Bible

Science and the Bible: Are they opposed?
Getting started: In this video, Bishop Robert Barron firmly debunks the common claim that science and religion are diametrically opposed. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a and then visit: www.reasonfaithscience.com for further resources.
Going deeper: This video skilfully explores a Catholic understanding of the Book of Genesis' account of creation through a tapestry of voices. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5

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First Reading:**Genesis 2:18-24***A reading from the Book of Genesis*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Ps 127**

RESPONSE: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading:**Hebrews 2:9-11***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**1 John 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel :**Mark 10:2-16***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

A test of orthodoxy

The Pharisees want to find out if Jesus is faithful to God's laws. Some might also want to make Jesus answer in a way that will set the crowd against him. Jesus exposes their hidden agenda by making them answer their own question (vv.3-4). Jesus also demonstrates his orthodoxy by quoting scripture. The passage from Genesis is more relevant than the case-specific laws that came later because Genesis 2:18-24 describes the marital relationship as God intended it to be.

A radical return to marriage

Jesus shifts the dialogue from divorce to marriage. He acknowledges that Moses permitted divorce, but explains that this reflects human failure not God's will. Before human beings sinned, they acted with mutual love and care. Once sin entered the world, people too readily put their own interests before those of others, which weakened and sometimes destroyed the bond of marriage.

Are there exceptions? A close reading of the Old Testament shows that divorce is forbidden or allowed depending on the circumstances. Jesus didn't get bogged down in case studies, however, but reiterated what marriage should be. When a husband and wife are being harmed by an irredeemable marriage, Jesus surely wouldn't have wanted them to stay together. Instead of thinking only that such situations make divorce acceptable, we should also help people enter into and maintain holy and healthy marriages.

The gift of the kingdom (vv.13-16) Jesus says the kingdom belongs to children not because children are nice, humble, or innocent — they aren't always — but because children depend on other people to provide them with what they need. Moreover, children can't earn what they receive. In the same way, we can't earn God's kingdom; God's kingdom is a gift.

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