



St Bernadette's Parish

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

31st 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)
Miss Josie Desira Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill School Principal



Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday - 9.15am

Tuesday 2nd - All Souls
Birth of Joseph De Piro Founder of MSSP

Wednesday 3rd - St Martin de Porres

Thursday 4th - St Charles Borromeo

Friday 5th -

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



Church is OPEN

Tuesday 2nd November for All Souls.

Mass will be held at 9.15am. For this mass you will need to book via TRYBOOKING <https://www.trybooking.com/BNBZY>

Weekday Mass will also take place at 9.15am next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which you will not need to book via TRYBOOKING.

Weekend Masses will commence on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November.

TO ATTEND MASS

There are restriction in place and we all need to abide by them. You will have to check-in using QR Code and you will also have to show the Welcomers your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate when you enter the church.

Our Welcomers are always there to help.

Masks are to worn when attending Mass.

FOR ALL WEEKEND MASSES IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK USING TRYBOOKING. <https://www.trybooking.com/BNBZY>

For those who need assistance you will need to call the Parish Office on Monday, Thursday and Friday between 9.30am and 2.30pm ONLY.

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.



Reflect, today, upon the ways that you act as a bridge of love between God and others. Recognize this as your absolute duty,

privilege and honor. Commit yourself to a wholehearted love of God and allow that love to overflow and be poured out upon all those with whom you encounter every day. Love is contagious, and it must consume everything you are and everything you do.

Lord, I desire to love You with my whole being. Increase my love for You and allow that love to overflow into every relationship I have in life. May love be the one and only mission of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.**



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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

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

'Çuppa with Mary' - MMHC is reopening for parishioners on Mon 8th Nov from 9 am – 5 pm.

Come visit the Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story, do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Special times have been set aside for Parish groups to have a 'Çuppa with Mary' which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, at a cost of \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.



'Advent with Mary MacKillop' - The Education Team at MMHC will be delivering an online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm on 24th November and the 1st, 8th and 15th December. The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross. Each session will incorporate aspects of the program *Blessed*. To register click [here](#). Access to sessions will be via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registering, where participants would be able to join using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It would be much appreciated if you would consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop & SOSJ Calendar 2021 – With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a **2022 Josephite Calendar** (\$8) and or a present from the **Museum Gift Shop** (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).



First Reading:**Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51**

Response: .. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:**Hebrews 7:23-28**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel:**Mark 12:28-34**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more .

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Q & A

Jesus is now in Jerusalem, the place where he'll be arrested and sentenced to death. While he's in the city, he has several hostile debates with different religious authorities. These leaders question Jesus' right to teach. A scribe was literate and well-versed in Jewish law and practice. The scribe in this passage seems impressed with Jesus' responses to earlier questions, so he asks a question of his own. The question he asks was widely discussed among religious teachers of Jesus' day.

Offerings and sacrifices

Jesus is speaking in Jerusalem, the site of the Jewish temple. Here Jews brought animals and other food as gifts to God. Although the scribe and Jesus agree that such offerings are subordinate to love for God and neighbor, both of them would also agree that such sacrifices are ways of expressing love for and gratitude to God. Our Eucharistic celebration is drawn from the Jewish sacrificial system.

The most important law(s)

As Jewish teachers debated which law was the most important, they often chose a law or laws that concerned behavior, how people should or shouldn't act. Jesus points inward. The ancient commandment to love God addresses one's attitude or way of being. If we really love God with every fiber of our being, then every aspect of our behavior will be changed by that love. Therefore, Jesus next cites the commandment to love one's neighbor. As Jesus has said and demonstrated repeatedly, God cares about everyone, especially the least among us. Therefore, genuine love for God includes love for others.

A moment of acceptance

Although other leaders are portrayed in the Gospels as treating Jesus with contempt and hostility, this scribe seems to approve of Jesus. Jesus, in turn, approves of the scribe. The story reminds us that despite the angry or indifferent reactions one's Christian witness may provoke, some people will recognize and affirm sincere and steadfast love.

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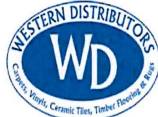
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