



St Bernadette's Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17th October 2021

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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 19th - St Paul of the Cross, Sts John Brebeuf,
Isaac Jogues & Companions

Wednesday 20th -

Thursday 21st -

Friday 22nd - St John Pul II

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 how you lead others. Do you expect to be the "boss" and expect others to follow you because of your authority? Or do you lead others by humility and love drawing them to Christ through your goodness? Commit yourself to Christian leadership as Jesus intended and you will be amazed at the effect it has within your family, among friends and within the larger community.



Lord, help me to be a humble leader. Help me to let Your heart of love and mercy shine forth and to lead by the goodness and kindness of Your merciful heart. Help me to set aside all pride and egotism and to become a servant of all. 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.

Thanksgiving Total: NIL



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The months between the first and second general assemblies of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are a time for 'prayer, reflection, maturation and development', according to a concluding statement from the first assembly.

The statement, approved by the Council's members during Saturday's final plenary session, speaks of a week in which regular prayer and spiritual conversations, encouraging deep listening, 'allowed space for still nascent dreams and visions to come to greater maturity'.

It came after 16 sessions across six days, encompassing conversations in groups of eight to 10 people, larger groups of up to 30 and gatherings of the full membership of the Council. All sessions were punctuated with time for prayer and reflection. The concluding statement said the process of members listening to each other in those various forums 'has planted promising seeds and raised important questions for us'.

'We have experienced and expressed the range of emotions that come with facing profound issues together, holding in tension diverse interpretations and expectations,' it said.

The Statement: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/First-Assembly-Concluding-Statement-FINAL.pdf>



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



Lockdown Light Week 7

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

Theology of the Body and Healing

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

How do Scripture and Tradition work together?

Getting started: Why do we believe in things like the Trinity, purgatory or even what books make up the Bible? They all form part of Sacred Tradition. In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and Tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7

Going deeper: Written for Catholic teachers, this short article 'Catholic Teaching on Sacred Scripture' explains the role and importance of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition in our understanding of the revelation of God. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7

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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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Dear Parishioners, from time to time we Paulist

Missionaries would like to share information about our missions with you. If you would like to be on our email list, please send an email to missions@mssp.org.au.

In the subject line please write the name of your parish and PLEASE ADD ME TO YOUR MAILING LIST. Thank you.

First Reading:**Isaiah 53:10-11***A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22**

Response: .Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading:**Hebrews 4:14-16***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that as if we had a high priest who was incapable of we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**Mark 10:45**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel:**Mark 10:35-45***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Scrambling to be first

Although Jesus repeatedly explains that God favors the lowly, his disciples still yearn for glory and prestige. James and John ask to be second-in command, and the other disciples resent the fact that these brothers beat them to it. Even when Jesus tells James and John that they don't understand what they're asking for, the two disciples confidently claim that they do.

The cup

To drink from the cup means to participate in. The metaphor is used in the Old Testament (examples include Psalm 11:6 and 16:5, Isaiah 51:17, and Jeremiah 25:15f). A person's cup might be full of joy, but sometimes it's full of suffering. In this passage the cup also alludes to the Eucharist. By drinking from this cup, a person pledges to follow Christ, come what may.

Baptism

Baptism is from the Greek word for immersion and refers to drowning. Jesus uses the term to refer, once again, to his forthcoming suffering and death. Baptism also recalls the Christian ritual in which believers are immersed into the death of Christ. **High and mighty**

Roman military strength was feared throughout the region. Anyone who opposed the empire was dealt with swiftly and severely. Roman officials pledged loyalty to the emperor. Some tried to gain his favour in exchange for more power and prestige. Jesus contrasts these fearsome and self-serving tactics with the language of service. In God's kingdom those who hold positions of authority work only to bring others into his kingdom. Such leaders don't care about power or recognition. **Servant leadership**

Jesus assures James and John that they will share in his suffering, but he makes it clear that only God assigns people places of honour. As it turns out, the "honour" of being to the right and left of Jesus is reserved for the two criminals who are crucified alongside him (15:27).

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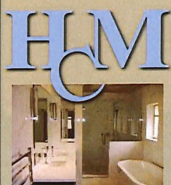
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