



St Bernadette's Parish

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

23rd January 2022

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SUMMER EDITION

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday - 9.15am

Tuesday 25th - The Conversion of St Paul, Patron of MSSP

Wednesday 26th - Australia Day

Thursday 27th - St Angela Merici, St Timothy & Titus

Friday 28th - St Thomas Aquinas

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
By Appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment Only
Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month
at 11.00am



LATEST COVID - 19 GUIDELINES

To attend mass we need to abide by the Government requirements.

We NO LONGER require to see your Vaccination Certificate but everyone over the age of one will still have to check-in using the QR Code and show the Welcomers.

Masks are highly recommended.

We understand this may be inconvenient but please remember that these rules are a way of keeping us all safe.

Please come early to Mass.

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Reflect, today, upon two things. First, reflect upon the gift of the Bible and the way that God used the human author to give you this gift. Second, reflect upon the fact that God wants to use you, in all your weakness and sin, to bring His divine presence into our world. Be open to that gift so that you may become a living gift of the Word of God to the world.

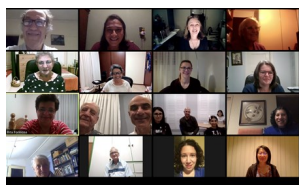
Most glorious Eternal Word, I thank You for the wonderful gift of Sacred Scripture. Thank You for all that You have revealed through this gift and for the way that You used the human author for the transmission of Your life. Help me to always be open to Your divine Word and to always be open to becoming a living presence of that Word in our world. 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.



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.



First Reading:**Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10***A reading from the book of Nehemiah*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 18:8-10, 15**

Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading:**1 Corinthians 12:12-30***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**cf Luke 4:18**

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

Gospel :**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.
he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the down trodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



We Welcome into our Parish Community

Erik & Viktor Rogers sons of Mark & Nicky

Julie Pham daughter of Minh & Lan

VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY INVITATION

Nhân dịp Năm Mới Về, quý cha sẽ dâng lễ đồng tế Tạ Ơn Thiên Chúa trong năm qua và xin Chúa, Mẹ Maria tiếp tục gìn giữ, chúc phúc cho chúng ta trong năm mới vào lúc 12:30 pm Chúa Nhật 31-01-2021.

Tại nhà thờ Gx. Thánh Bernadette, Westmoreland Rd, North Sunshine.

Kính Mong Tất Cả Quý Ông Bà, Anh Chị Em Tham Dự.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, while many people were delighted with his gracious words, there were others who were reluctant to accept him as anything extraordinary. 'Surely, this is Joseph's son!' they exclaim. Frequently we overlook the uniqueness of persons with whom we are familiar, and can come to take them for granted. People and things which we see or experience often soon cease to impress us, and our appreciation can grow cold or disappear altogether. In this context, it is good to remind ourselves of the incalculable worth of other individuals-not merely their merits or usefulness to us, but their uniqueness, value and dignity in the sight of God. In many cultures, 'over-familiarity' with another person is considered a sign of discourtesy and disrespect. There is perhaps a hidden wisdom in such traditions. Let us never presume to know others completely; let us never presume to define or limit them. For each of them truly bears the image of the unknown God-ineffable, infinite and transcendent.

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