



# St Bernadette's Parish

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32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Parish Staff

Fr John Taliana MSSP Parish Priest  
Fr Denis Carabott MSSP Assistant 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 to Friday - 9.15am

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** - St Leo the Great

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** - St Martin of Tours  
Remembrance Day

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** - St Josaphat

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 11.00am



## WELCOME BACK

To attend mass we all need to abide by the Government restriction.

You will need to provide evidence of your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate either through the Services Victoria App or a hard copy. You will have to check-in using QR Code and at this time show the Welcomers your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate as you enter the church.

Our Welcomers are there to help.

Masks need to be worn when attending Mass.

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

We ask that you come early to Mass.

**FOR 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.

Weekday Masses have commenced - Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am.

## 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 harsh judgment Jesus issued toward the scribes. Know that this is done, in part, to teach us what to avoid in life. Avoid all selfish pride. Seek humility and true prayer and you will be greatly blessed.



Lord, help me to be a person of true prayer and worship. Help me to remain humble and true. Help me to love You out of love of You alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

Thanksgiving Total: NIL

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



The Society is please to share with you their Newsletter called LINK. You will find a copy in the church foyer. Alternatively go to our Parish website select the Missionary Society of St Paul tab.

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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.**



**Family Prayer Time  
Prayer for those who go  
hungry**



Most gracious God,  
who gives the fruits of the earth for  
the benefit of all your creatures,  
we give thanks to you for abundant

harvests and plentiful production on this earth.

We pray for those in our land who are denied these gifts,  
and seek your forgiveness for our complicity in their want.  
We pray for those whose voices are not heard and for those  
who do not hear.

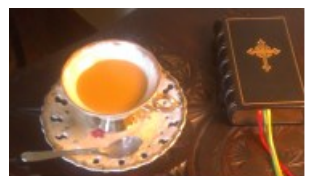
Forgive us when our choices are selfish ones,  
and forgive us especially when we do not choose  
to raise our own voice against the pain of our brothers and  
sisters who suffer needless want.

Most of all, O God, we give you thanks for the revelation of  
your love in Jesus Christ, who came that everyone might have  
abundant life. Amen.

## MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

**'Çuppa with Mary'** - MMHC is reopening for parishioners on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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:****1 Kings 17:10-16**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:****Ps 145:7-10**

**Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**Second Reading:****Hebrews 9:24-28**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:****Matthew 5:3**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:****Mark 12:38-44**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she had put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### Putting on a show

Jesus first criticizes the scribes for drawing attention to themselves by...

- wearing distinctive clothes
- smiling and nodding whenever people publicly greeted them with deference
- choosing the best seats; at religious functions these seats might have faced outward so that the scribes were visible to everyone else

### Stealing from widows

Jesus also criticizes the scribes for defrauding widows of the money left to them by their husbands. Because scribes were literate and educated, they often served as managers of household estates. Jesus implies that the scribes cheated the people who hired them, even driving some of them into poverty. By *lengthy prayers* Jesus might be referring to prayers the scribes said for the very people they were simultaneously defrauding. The term might also apply to prayers the scribes recited in order to seem trustworthy and gain new clients.

### The sound of money

Jewish law required people to support the running of the Jerusalem temple. People dropped their coins into vessels in the temple area. Because these vessels were made of metal, a rich person's contribution clanged loudly and for several seconds or more. The widow's contribution, by contrast, might not even have been heard.

### The widow's two coins

The widow didn't give in proportion to what she had, as the rich did. She gave beyond her means; she could have kept one of her coins, but instead she donated both of them. Although Jesus commended the widow's faith, he might have objected to the failure of others to come to her aid, especially since...

- Jesus just condemned the scribes for pushing widows into poverty
- in the next passage, Jesus says the temple will be destroyed, in which case monetary donations are pointless

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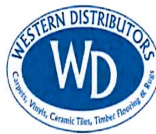
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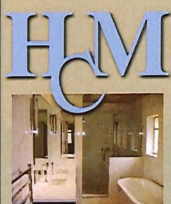
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