



# St Bernadette's Parish

Under the Pastoral Care of The Paulist Missionaries  
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**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

**Year B**

**21<sup>st</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 23<sup>rd</sup>** - St Columban, St Clement 1

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - St Catherine of Alexandria

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** -

## 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.

Fully Vaccinated **12 years + 2 months and over** 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 are highly recommended.

No need to book via Trybooking. Limit removed.

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.

Reflect, today, upon your duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Start by seeing your duty to allow God's Kingdom to grow within you and your family. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you to help others do the same.

As you do, do not be afraid to work toward the external establishment of God's Kingdom in all that you do and in all that falls within your responsibility. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come.



*My glorious King, I choose You as King of my life, and I dedicate to*

*You all my actions and endeavours. Please use me to further Your Kingdom. I pray for wisdom, prudence and courage as I am sent forth by You to help bring forth Your merciful and just reign in the lives of all people and within the entire Universe that You created. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done! 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.**





### CHRISTMAS TREE

We invite all Parishioners to share with others by donating non perishable food or gifts. These can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the foyer or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Donations must be left no later than 12th December as St Vincent De Paul Society will collect the donations the next day to distribute them to needy families in time for Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the Church flowers for Christmas, please see Sr Renata at the Convent.



### ADVENT ANGELS ARE HERE!

Advent Angels is a fundraising initiative which has helped to raise money for mssp missions through St James Apostle Parish for 4 years,

and this year we are pleased to be collaborating with St Bernadette's.

Click [here](#)

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VLlo6n0yrzQK0WaAVWfwcbpQddKsiwam/view>)

to view a video of this year's range and [here](#)

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9nLVDaQTG-cigjYL8iGL4SKc5slrnbDokeymaVdVCfxx4GA/viewform>)

to purchase your Advent Angels online from **Saturday 20th November** (until sold out).

These handcrafted decorations are **only \$3 each** and will be on sale at **St Bernadette's** at all weekend masses on **4th/5th December**. \* Please come along, support this fundraising effort and help to make a difference.

All money raised is donated to mssp missions in support of children's education.

*\* Please note: We can only accept cash for purchases at St Bernadette's.*

### POLISH COMMUNITY

There will be **no** Polish Mass on Sunday until further notice.

Please keep Fr Dominik Jan Jalocha in your prayers.



### CONFIRMATION

This Thursday, our Year 6 students will be Confirmed. We ask God to walk with these children as they continue on their faith journey. We ask that the Holy Spirit guides them in their words and actions so that they become strong witnesses to the love of Jesus and the faith of our Church.



### **Welcome into our Parish Community**

**Samuel Will Camilleri** son of Luke & Kathryn  
**Lailah Cimino** daughter of Thomas & Kim  
**Grayson Nguyen** son of Tony & Maria  
**Nathan Joe Spiteri** son of Joseph & Karissa

### MINISTERS ROSTERS

Proclaimers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Welcomers, your rosters can be collected from the Sacristy **NEXT** weekend.

### 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 and/or update the organisations where you volunteer as soon as possible.

#### **Code of Conduct Declaration.**

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

THE ARCHBISHOP'S  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
COLLECTION FOR RETIRED & SICK PRIESTS  
*Please Give Generously*

The Priests Retirement Foundation currently cares for about 96 retired priests. It has cost \$4.325 million this year to support these priest in various places and in various degrees of care and to provide the support services that help care for those who cared. Please place your donations in the collection box on the way out today.

## First Reading:

Daniel 7:13-14

*A reading from the Prophet Daniel*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.



The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 92:1-2. 5

Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

## Second Reading:

Revelation 1:5-8

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the Kingdom of David our Father, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

## Gospel :

John 18:33-37

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### On trial

The entire Gospel of John is a trial in which people must render a verdict: is Jesus God's Son or not? Witnesses like John the Baptist give their testimony (1:29), and Jesus works signs as evidence that he is from God. As people come into contact with Jesus they must decide whether he is from God or not. Those who decide in favor of Jesus are those who listen to his voice. They are part of his kingdom. Those who deny that Jesus is from God remain part of this world and separate themselves from God.

### King of the Jews

Pilate, the Roman administrator of Judea, doesn't seem especially interested in the case against Jesus. He asks Jesus about the charges against him only after the Jewish authorities insist on it. If Jesus had claimed to be a political leader, then his claim would represent an attack on the authority of the Roman Empire, and Pilate would have to act. Pilate seems to sense that Jesus has not come to wage such an attack. Jesus doesn't directly address Pilate's concern. Jesus is a king, but not in the way Pilate thinks. Jesus hasn't come to overthrow Rome. Just why he has come never becomes clear to Pilate, who ultimately sides with this world.

### Not of this world

Neither Jesus nor his kingdom are of this world, an expression that here refers to all that opposes the truth. The truth is what Jesus and others like John the Baptist have testified about him, namely, that he is God's only Son whom God sent for salvation (3:16). Jesus' kingdom is from above, from God, just as Jesus is from above.

### Note on "the Jews"

This Gospel seems to have been written when some Jews were angrily opposing other Jews for believing that Jesus was God's incarnate Son. In their eyes, those who followed Jesus had rejected Judaism and betrayed their monotheistic faith. As the two groups split and Christianity emerged, the writer of this Gospel used the term the Jews to refer to those who rejected Jesus' divine origin. Jesus and his disciples, however, were also Jews.

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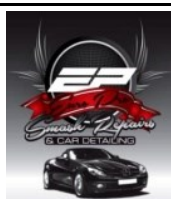
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