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WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

WEEK COMMENCING

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**NO MASS SERVICES AT THIS TIME OTHER THAN
 OUR LIVE STREAM MASS ON SUNDAY AT 11AM**

Monday	7 th	No Mass
Tuesday	8 th	No Mass
Wednesday	9 th	No Mass
Thursday	10 th	No Mass
Friday	11 th	No Mass
Saturday	12 th	No Mass No Mass
Sunday	13 th	24 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY 11:00am Live Stream

6 September 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BORONIA PARISH

LIVE STREAM MASS Sunday 11am:

Please click on link: [MASS SERVICE](#)

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
 to us.

Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Sir: 27:30-28:7 Ps:102:1-4, 9-12. .R. v.8

Rom : 14: 7-9 Mt: 18:21-35

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:-

Sunday	6 th	23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time Father's Day Season of Creation National Child Protection Week
Tuesday	8 th	The Nativity of Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday	13 th	24 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Monday	14 th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER

IN MY NAME

THERE AM I

WITH THEM."

REFLECTION: Boundaries and Juries

There are some things I just could not do. One would be to watch my old school playing a football match against another school and barrack for that other team. My old schoolmates would make it pretty clear that they regarded this as an act of betrayal. If I persisted, they would shun me. Why? Because even on such a minor scale of things they would be asserting the need for boundaries which help define a group, help to give its members a sense of identity, help to reinforce common values they can gather around. This is a very human thing to do, essential for personal identity and sanity. It is the same for the Church. Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Forces of disintegration cannot be allowed to create a situation where we are unsure of our identity gathering around core beliefs and practices as desired by Jesus Christ. But who is to decide who is within or who is outside those boundaries? Sometimes, a local bishop can get it right in declaring who is within and who is beyond the boundaries. I have heard of several bishops in Italy and Sicily, encouraged by Pope Francis, who have refused public Christian burial for those mafia leaders who have notoriously pursued a lifetime of corruption, drug trafficking and killing of their opponents. But I equally recall my parents being summoned by the Archbishop when they decided to move my brother from the Catholic school to the state high school when the Catholic school stopped teaching French. The bishop threatened to exclude my parents from the sacraments because they were bringing scandal upon the faithful by sending their Catholic boy to a state school. (My parents stood up to him and he backed down.) What went wrong in that case? I think it lay in the fact that one man exercised plenary power in deciding who was in and who was out. In today's gospel, Our Lord teaches that a much more nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then the community of the church can make the final decision to treat the person as an outsider. I am a

great believer in the jury system. Now and again I have noted cases where the jury, in the face of overwhelming evidence, has refused to convict a person. I assume the jury decided that, despite what had occurred, the person did not deserve to be branded with a conviction and punished. A certain common sense prevailed. I think St Matthew's gospel is suggesting that some such church community jury should be convoked before a person is put beyond the pale and excommunicated. Where such a jury meets in prayerful discernment, then Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision. Then they can be sure it will be ratified in heaven. How might this work? Let us take one area of current discussion. The Church teaches that a valid marriage endures until one partner dies. A person who divorces and then remarries cannot be admitted to Holy Communion as he or she is regarded as committing adultery. We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. Such situations are found in our families and amongst our friends. Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage may be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a possible boundary-breaking starting point for our reflection on this matter. He has said: 'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Those who have suffered the breakup of a marriage, and have married again, may well require such medicine and nourishment. Could not a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people make a discerning judgement, distinguishing between the callous, self-indulgent walking away from the marriage on the one hand, and the finding of a life-giving committed relationship by the injured party? The jury could then advise the Bishop as to the next step. This would require of the Church the same process in which families often have to engage: pain, struggle, difficulties. But Our Lord Jesus Christ gives us confidence deriving from his promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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Happy Birthday
Mary
our Mother and our Queen
8 September

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY

To all our dads and the
special men
in our lives who support
and care for us.

Have a great day
with lot's of blessings.

HOPE YOU GET SPOILT

We Pray For:-

PRAYER List: Ann Holmes, Annette Drew, Ann-Marie Doffay, Barbara Clementson, Christian McMahon, Dan Wintle, Deborah Price, Dharshi Rajakarier, Elaine Ahearn, Frank Honan, Gaye de Boer, Halina Hart, Helen Hearn, Helen Postma, Joan Douds, John Barker, John Holohan, Kathleen Dalby, Laura Ramidge, Lilly Robertson, Liza & Rex Natividad, Matthew MacDonald, Margaret Gazechi, Margaret Millard, Marilyn Longmuir, Michael Bott, Michael Rankin, Rita White, Rosa Petraglia, Sheila Forster, Veneranda Sernande, Yolliana Girgis

Recently Deceased: [Clare Ross](#)

Anniversaries: [Norm Holmes](#)



It is with sadness that we have to inform you that Clare Ross has passed away. Clare was one of the leaders of the Friendship group as well as part of the Counters group and the Cleaning group. The funeral date is yet to be organised and as you know that only a limited number of people will be able to attend. We will keep you informed of an online Live-Stream link when it comes available. Please keep David and all the family in your prayers.

COVID-19 - Updates

Mass Services:

Following the latest Government announcement that we are to be in lockdown we can confirm that Weekday and Weekend Masses will once again be temporarily suspended. We will still be continuing with our Live stream Sunday mass service at 11am.

PLEASE CLICK ON LINK FOR BORONIA PARISH SUNDAY MASS 6 September 2020 - 11:am



Parish Administration:

The Parish Office will be closed during this period however we will be working from home. Please continue to email the parish office with any queries or updates alternately if you do not have email please leave a message on the phone and we will get back to you asap.

Stewardship:

Please continue to leave stewardship / thanksgiving envelopes in the letter box which is at the Parish House front door. Alternately donations can be directly deposited into the Parish Church Account:

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We thank you for your patience and hope and pray that you and your families stay safe during this time.

Spiritual Communion

MY JESUS, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, & I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



GET READY FOR



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (2 - 8 SEPTEMBER)

National Child Protection Week 6 – 12 of September 2020

See below for the official National Child Protection Week events and webinars celebrating the theme of Putting Children First.

<https://www.napcan.org.au/official-program-webinars-events/>

For more ways to be part of the campaign (including posters, activities, pledging support, social media), visit our [Get Involved](#) page.

To see more community events around Australia (or register your event), visit the [Community Events](#) page.

Supported by Department of Social Services.

Please look at the site for some of the excellent ideas for Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Children Committee will include some of the posters in the Parish Newsletter over the next few weeks.

We are always pleased to hear feedback from parents or children about any activities you have undertaken together as a family.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

Here at St Joseph and St Bernadette, Boronia Parish we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Parish Office can supply you with our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy. If you have any concerns whatsoever - please contact the Parish Office or a member of the Child Safety Committee.

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FORGIVING GOD

We have not lived out our responsibility to be faithful stewards of creation.

For this we seek your pardon.

Our over-consumption has impacted the poorest members of our human family most of all.

For this we ask your mercy.

Our actions have endangered both the lives of our children today

as well as those yet to be born.

For this we seek your forgiveness.



Living God

As we meet you in nature,
inspire us to see anew our place
in the web of life.

In our daily lives,
help us to make choices that
reflect global solidarity.

As we reflect on the teaching of our
faith, equip us to advocate for laws and
policies that reflect your
call to faithful stewardship.

Adapted from United States Conference of Bishops (2010)

United Nations Convention on the rights of the child



A collaborative Children's Week Project between Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation Inc., the Department for Communities and the United Nations Association, WA Branch. Children's Week acknowledges UNICEF for kindly permitting the reproduction of their original text and poster design.



'Rights' are things that every child should have or be able to do. All children have the same rights. These rights are listed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Almost every country has agreed to these rights. All the rights are connected to each other, and all are equally important.

Sometimes, we have to think about the rights in terms of what is the best for children in a situation, and what is critical to life and protection from harm.

As you grow, you have more responsibility to make choices and exercise your rights.

- Article 1**
Everyone under 18 has these rights.
- Article 2**
All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.
- Article 3**
All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.
- Article 4**
The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.
- Article 5**
Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.
- Article 6**
You have the right to be alive.
- Article 7**
You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognised by the government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).
- Article 8**
You have the right to an identity – an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.
- Article 9**
You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.
- Article 10**
If you live in a different country than your parents do, you have the right to be together in the same place.
- Article 11**
You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.
- Article 12**
You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.
- Article 13**
You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.
- Article 14**
You have the right to choose your own religion and

- beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.
- Article 15**
You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.
- Article 16**
You have the right to privacy.
- Article 17**
You have the right to get information that is important to your well being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.
- Article 18**
You have the right to be raised by your parent(s) if possible.
- Article 19**
You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.
- Article 20**
You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.
- Article 21**
You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.
- Article 22**
You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee (if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.
- Article 23**
You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this Convention, so that you can live a full life.
- Article 24**
You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.
- Article 25**
If you live in care or in other situations away from home, you have the right to have these living arrangements looked at regularly to see if they are the most appropriate.
- Article 26**
You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.

- Article 27**
You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.
- Article 28**
You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.
- Article 29**
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.
- Article 30**
You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion – or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.
- Article 31**
You have the right to play and rest.
- Article 32**
You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.
- Article 33**
You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.
- Article 34**
You have the right to be free from sexual abuse.
- Article 35**
No one is allowed to kidnap or sell you.
- Article 36**
You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (being taken advantage of).
- Article 37**
No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel and harmful way.
- Article 38**
You have the right to protection and freedom from war. Children under 15 cannot be forced to go into the army or take part in war.
- Article 39**
You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected, or badly treated.

- Article 40**
You have the right to legal help and fair treatment in the justice system that respects your rights.
- Article 41**
If the laws of your country provide better protection of your right than the articles in this Convention, those laws should apply.
- Article 42**
You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too.
- Article 43 to 54**
These articles explain how governments and international organisations like UNICEF will work to ensure children are protected with their rights.



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SEASON OF CREATION: WEEK ONE

Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation. We pray and act in solidarity with our ecumenical sisters and brothers to save our common home.



We are stewards of the earth and have a responsibility to care for all of creation not only now, but for the future. We are expected to protect and nurture the earth's beauty and diversity and the very elements that sustain life. We have a responsibility to stop and redress the harm we have caused to the earth.

Waking up to the matters of climate justice and environmental stewardship are amongst the most important callings we have today.

Calendar Note

August 22 was 'Earth Overshoot Day' – the day that humanity's use of ecological resources and services exceeded what the earth is able to regenerate. From that day until the end of the year, we live in excess and deplete the earth.

Laudato Si' 211: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions"

This week you can make a difference by committing to.....

Buying less stuff. How much of what we buy ends up in an Op shop? Landfill? Hard rubbish?

Reducing your use of plastic. Plastic **never** breaks down completely and stays in the environment **forever**. Reusable shopping bags and string produce bags will significantly reduce your negative impact.

Increasing your plant-based diet. If we all decreased our meat-based diet by 50%, we would reduce carbon emissions and move Earth Overshoot Day by 17 days.

Reducing food waste. Food waste extends from the farm to the table. Buy what you need; throw away less.

Supporting green energy. For your own home - look into solar panels and water tanks; switch to green energy with your energy provider. Contact your local member of parliament seeking government support for renewal energy and an end to Australia's reliance on coal.

Recycling and reusing. A compost bin for kitchen scraps, soft plastics recycling at the supermarket and council recycling are all daily acts of care for our earth.



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