



Member of the Knox Deanery

St. Joseph's & St. Bernadette's (Boronia) Parish

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OUR PARISH TEAM

PARISH PRIEST Fr. Mirek Knap CR
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL :-

Fr. Mirek Knap, Veronica Maguire, Rosemary Gibson,
Noelle Hughes, Chris Ashdowne, Mary Asquith, Marie Jones,
Mark Westwood, Peter Steward, Georgina Bennett,
Jennifer Kennedy,

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE :-

Fr. Mirek Knap, Rosemary Gibson, Graham Gibson,
Mary Asquith, Peter Asquith, Noelle Hughes

St. Vincent de Paul 1800 305 330
Family Group Coordinators -
Jill & John Faulkner 9800 3359
Communion to the Sick and RCIA Coordinator
Sr. Frances Mongan PBVM 9874 3016

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph's - Principal - Mark Westwood 9762 3275
- Acting Deputy Principal - Georgina Bennett
St Bernadette's - Principal - Peter Steward 9762 5135
- Deputy Principal - Jennifer Kennedy

OUR REGIONAL SCHOOLS

St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully 9758 2000
Principal Ms. Cathy Livingston
Rector Fr Jim Ackerman sdb
Mater Christi College 9754 6611
Principal Maria Haggett

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE SECOND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Monday	15 th	9:10am Mass
Tuesday	16 th	9:10am Mass
Wednesday	17 th	No Mass Janssen Spirituality Centre
Thursday	18 th	No Mass
Friday	19 th	9:10am Mass
Saturday	20 th	9:10am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	21 st	THIRD WEEK ORDINARY TIME 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass

14 January 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Jonah 3:1-5. 10 Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:-

Sunday 14^h 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 21st 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday 25th Conversion of St Paul

Friday 26th Australia Day



Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the school term, Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday morning at 11a.m. Mass for children up to and including Year 4 age group. We welcome a few more parishioners to join the roster and support this ministry. Full training and support is offered.



Please speak with Veronica after Mass or email pastoral.boronia@cam.org.au for further information.

Thank you in advance.



The Parish of St Joseph's and St Bernadette's provides a Religious Education program for children from Year 3 to Year 7, who attend schools other than our parish schools. These classes are specifically for the children who are preparing to receive a sacrament during the year: First Reconciliation - Year 3; First Eucharist -Year 4 and Confirmation - Year 6.

During the school term, classes are held at St. Joseph's on Tuesday afternoons from 5.00pm to 6.00pm, from February to November.

If you wish for your child to attend these sessions, please speak with Veronica after Mass, or email pastoral.boronia@cam.org.au for further information. Applications to attend these classes need to be received by Wednesday 31 January, 2024.

In keeping with the Child Safe Standards, two adults need to be present each week. If any parishioner is able to support the program by assisting with the supervision of the children, please contact Veronica for further details.

Thanking you in advance. Veronica Maguire (Pastoral Worker)

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

We Pray For:- PRAYER List:

Florence Domini Nisperos, Nenita Rau, Ruben Prieto, Ann-Marie Doffay, Beth Holohan, Brian Douds, Charlie Sindray, Charles Ceravolo, Christian McMahon, David Butler, Eleanor Foster, Emma Porcuincola, Gaye de Boer, Gayl Hindle, Gerri Cheyne, Halina Hart, Helen Hearn, Jane Anderson, John Barker, John Quinn, Joseph Grabner, Kathleen Dalby, Lance Travers, Laura Ramidge, Leonie Hodge, Lilly Robertson, Liza & Rex Natividad, Lucy Denzin, Lynne McGregor, Margaret Holt, Marie Costello, Margaret Fagan, Margaret Gazechi, Margaret Millard, Mark Hammerstein, Marilyn Longmuir, Marjorie O'Connor, Mary Phillips, Matthew MacDonald, Melissa Rowe, Michael Bott, Nola Ryan, Pauline Crennan, Shaz Khan, Shanuki Karunanayake, Sheila Forster, Thomas Reid, Tony Cannon, Trish Kalms, Yolliana Girgis

Recently Deceased: Anthony Cleary

Anniversaries: Brenda O'Byrne



LITURGY Roster Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 January

MASS TIME	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	SPECIAL MINISTER	MUSIC	COMPUTER	SET-UP
6.00pm	G GILFEDDER	P DINON	C O'CONNELL	COMPUTER	D PERLADO	D WILARACHCHI
9.00am	C MULENGA	V MAGUIRE	D BOWKER	COMPUTER	A SCHMID	D BOWKER
11.00am	E BUTTERWORTH	R FEUERBACH	F MONGAN	COMPUTER	M WESTWOOD	R FEUERBACH

SERVICE Roster

CHURCH CLEANING	20 Jan Group 2:	Jenny & Jim, Irene, Marian, Kelly, Melwin	COUNTERS	15 Jan Group 2:	Therese, Jenny, Clare
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	11a.m. Mass	Holidays	FLOWERS	21 Jan	Nelly
HOSPITALITY 6PM	20 Jan Group 1:	Nishellie & family	HOSPITALITY 11AM	21 Jan Group 4:	Bernie & Veronica

CHURCH AND PARISH DONATIONS

Parish Church Account:

St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Church Account:

BSB: 083 347

Acc No: 63544 5281

Ref: TG (your Thanksgiving Number if you have it)

Presbytery Account to support the Parish Priest:

Catholic Presbytery Account Boronia:

BSB: 083 347

Acc No: 63544 6217

Ref: TGPres

PARISH DONATIONS towards the church SEATS

Parish Church Account:

St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Church Account:

BSB: 083 347

Acc No: 63544 5281

Ref: Seat (your name)

Parishioners who would like to place a donation towards the church seats please donate into the Parish Church Account specifying the specific reference: Seat, (followed by your name).

Thank you for your donations

CHILD SAFE PARISH

St Joseph and St Bernadette, Boronia Parish 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 Declaration and Safeguarding Children Policy. If you have any concerns - please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Mirek: boronia@cam.org.au
Safeguarding Children Committee: Boronia.ProfessionalStandards@cam.org.au

HOMILY by Richard Leonard

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.'

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.'

Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed three times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam.'

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.