



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
PARISH SECRETARIES Gerri Cheyne ~ Thur & Fri
 Leigh Bilston ~ Tue & Wed
PASTORAL WORKER Veronica Maguire

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL :-

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

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 - 0417 987 848
 Jill & John Faulkner
RCIA Coordinator 9874 3016
 - Sr. Frances Mongan PBVM
Communion to the Sick 0431 638 476
 - Veronica Maguire

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

10 March 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Responsorial Psalm: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
 that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ~ 17TH MARCH 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v. 12

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation:

John 12:26

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Monday	11th	9:10am Mass
Tuesday	12th	9:10am Mass
Wednesday	13th	No Mass @St Joseph's 9.10am Mass @Janssen Centre
Thursday	14th	No Mass
Friday	15th	9.10am Mass
Saturday	16th	9:10am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	17th	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:-

Catholic Education Week

Sunday 10 March to Sunday 17 March

Mon 11th Mar

Labour Day

Tues 12th Mar

Liturgy Meeting @ 7.30pm
in the Parish House

UPCOMING EVENTS:-

- ◆ FETE Day



Craft Co-Ordinator:

Maureen Milton is stepping down as our Craft Co-Ordinator after the 2024 Fair. We would like to sincerely thank Maureen for her many years of dedicated service. If you would be interested in becoming our Craft Co-Ordinator please contact Maureen on 0417 391 477 for further information. Thank you!

Communion Ministry for the Sick & the Homebound
If any parishioner knows of a member in our community who would like Holy Communion brought to them please contact: Parish House on 9761 2124 or Veronica: 0431 638 476 or pastoral.boronia@cam.org.au

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome and pray for **Andrew & Kylie** who are preparing their child for Baptism later this month. May God bless you.

The **Parish Fair Craft Stall** are looking for items to be donated from our parish community, these items will be sold at the Parish Community Fair on March 23rd 2024. For further details please contact: **Maureen** on **0417 391 477** **all donations will be greatly accepted**

Do you grow more fruit and vegies than you can eat? Would you be interested in donating any excess to our Fair to sell? The Plant stall will gladly accept your fresh produce on the day of the Fair.

Any questions, ring Pat 9762 3656.



Sacraments of Initiation

Please continue to pray for our Candidate, **Kylie**, and Catechumen, **Tristan**, as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As we all continue our Lenten Journey and open our hearts to the Love of God working in us, may their journey inspire us to renew our faith and give thanks for the gift that is!



Enrolments for 2025 are now open!

If you have a child commencing in Prep in **2025**, please complete an enrolment form and return it to St Joseph's School office **ASAP**. If you know of anyone seeking enrolment for **2025**, please encourage them to come along to:

OPEN MORNING:

Wed 20th March 2024
@9.00am -12.30pm

Alternatively you can contact the school office on **9762 3275** to arrange a tour!



PLEASE NOTE - Thanksgiving Donations

Hello Parishioners,

We have noticed recently that some thanksgiving donations being made via credit card have ceased.

- This is a system issue and has been rectified.
- Those who this has affected will notice that their contribution has started coming out again.

If this isn't the case and you don't believe your ongoing contribution is being made, please contact the Parish house on **9761 2124** or via email: boronia@cam.org.au

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.
Kind regards—Boronia Parish

10 Ways To Love LENT 2024 theme: Love of God

FASTING - to love oneself.

PRAYER - to love God

ALMSGIVING - to love others.

LISTEN without interrupting

SPEAK without accusing

GIVE without sparing

PRAY without ceasing

ANSWER without arguing

SHARE without pretending

ENJOY without complaint

TRUST without wavering

FORGIVE without punishing

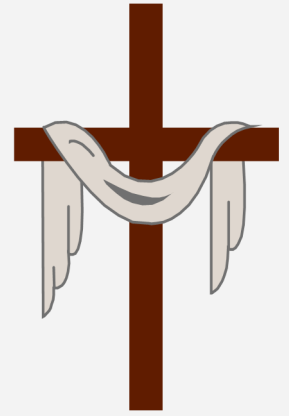
PROMISE without forgetting

We Pray for all those who are sick at this time and especially those within our Parish:

Anne Burke, Lance Travers, Melissa Rowe, Peter Ordner

Recently Deceased: Alice Mary Sullivan

Anniversaries: Angela Conway, David Nicholls, Adoracion Magallanes



LITURGY Roster Fifth Sunday of LENT– 17th March 2024

MASS TIME	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	SPECIAL MINISTER	MUSIC	COMPUTER	SET-UP
6.00pm	P DINON	R ORTINEZ	DPERLADO	COMPUTER	P GEORGE	D PERLADO
9.00am	J FAULKNER	A SCHMID	C SCHWARZ	COMPUTER	R CHEN	C SCHWARZ
11.00am	R FEUERBACH	J FOLINO	T EKLUND	COMPUTER	H LIM	T EKLAND

SERVICE Roster

CHURCH CLEANING	16th Mar Group 4	Ash Silva/Cleaning Service	COUNTERS	11th Mar Group 2	Jenny, Rod, Nelly, Clare
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	17th Mar	Veronica	FLOWERS	17th Mar	No Flowers
HOSPITALITY 6PM	16th Mar Group 1	Pauline & Fostin George	HOSPITALITY 11AM	17th Mar Group 2	Ria & Peter Frances

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 Capital Works

Parish Church Account:

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

BSB: 083 347

Acc No: 63544 5281

Ref : CWfeb (your name)

Parishioners who would like to place a donation towards the church **single 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

PARENTS PRAY & PLAY

This small church community is an opportunity for parents and their young children to meet in fellowship, to support each other as they grow in faith, and family life, with their children.

AIMS: To support each other in their family's faith journey. To support the children as they begin to understand Christian values. To deepen spiritual life through prayer.

When: Saturdays

Time: 10.15am ~ 11.15am

Venue: John Cross Centre

Bring: Your child's/children's snacks & drink



Contact:

Meity 0466 343 883

Veronica 1431 638 476

Further details are on the noticeboard

The roster for **Holy Week** and the Easter ceremonies is available this weekend.

If you are a volunteer on our normal weekend roster and would like to volunteer for this special week please add your name to the roster which is available at the back of the church.

This year we will have the feet washing ceremony on Holy Thursday and are looking for people to volunteer for this important ritual. **(You don't need to be on the weekend roster to volunteer for this)** Many thanks for your involvement. The Liturgy Team

I am selling funky socks for World Down Syndrome Day celebrated on March 21.

Sizes vary from Kids XS to Adult XL - There are lots of fun designs to choose from.

The socks are \$10 a pair All money raised goes to supporting the wonderful work

of Celebrate T2, who work closely with families to educate, empower and advocate for their choices, by supporting and celebrating their child with Down syndrome, and extending a hand of

comfort and compassion when a diagnosis is received. Please contact

my Mum, Gayle, on 0438610122 or email us on

theashdownes1@bigpond.com if you would like to buy a pair.

Thanks so much for your support.

Sophie Ashdowne



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 March**



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi.

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enroll at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have

the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry **Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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*St Joseph's and St Bernadette's
Family Fun Fair – 10am ~ 3pm
Saturday March 23rd, 2024*

Community Fair: only 2 weeks to go, can you help?

Flyers: there are still a few areas that need distributing. Please check the table at the back of the church and in the schools to see if there is an area you can deliver to. We need to ensure the wider community knows about our fair and comes to support it.

Volunteer Rosters: Please check the volunteer rosters at the back of the church or scan the QR code if you have children at either school and decide where you can help out for the day. The more helpers we have, the more enjoyable the day will be for everyone.

Setup Day: If you can help with setting up the day before, just turn up anytime after 9am. The more helpers we have the earlier we can go home. ***Please park in the usual area and walk around the back of the school,*** it'll be a hive of activity (we hope).

Craft Stall: Maureen is still accepting craft items to sell at her stall. Give her a ring on 0417 391 477 if you think you have something she can use, thank you.

Shopping bags wanted: do you have an overabundance of shopping bags that you would like to give away? We can use them at the fair as we would rather not have to resort to using plastic bags. Please drop your unwanted bags (paper ones are also welcome) in the box provided, at the back of the church. Thank you!

International Food Store: Do you have a favorite cultural dish you would love to share? Our international food stall can only go ahead if we have some cooks, willing to provide these dishes. **All meals would need to be prepared off site.**

Contact: **Angela** to ***discuss your recipe/s & quantity*** on **0422 180 285**

Saturday March 16th 8am – 1 pm a **Garage Sale** will be held under the church, for all the bigger items in Trash and Treasure. **Please spread the word!**

Thanks everyone. Your help will ensure a successful day for all.