



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

School Principal St Joseph's and St Bernadette's	
Mr. Peter Vanstan	
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St Joseph's - Leonie Sheehy	9762 3275
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OUR REGIONAL SCHOOLS

St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully	9758 2000
Principal Mrs. Cathy Livingston	
Rector Fr. John Prest,	
Mater Christi College	9754 6611
Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald	

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

WEEK COMMENCING

26th Sunday Ordinary Time- 1 October

Monday 2nd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 3rd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 4th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 5th	No Mass
Friday 6th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 11.00am Marysville Chapel
Saturday 7th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6:00pm Vigil St Joseph's
Sunday 8th	27th Sunday Ordinary Time 8.00am Mass St Joseph's 9:30am Mass St Bernadette's 11.00am Mass St Joseph's
Reconciliation	Saturday 9.30am

1st October 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:-

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
 I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

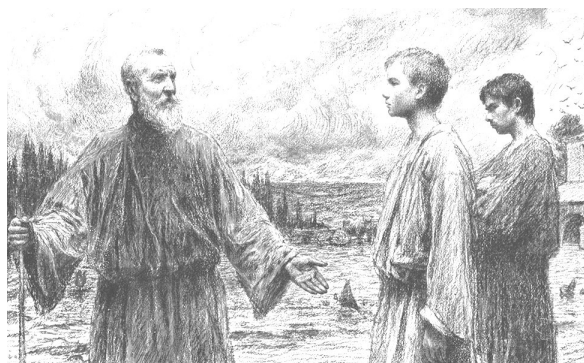
Next Week's Readings — Year A

Isaiah : 5: 1-7 Psalm: 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. v.7.
 Phillipians:4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

Laudato Si

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Jesus took up the biblical faith in God the Creator, emphasising a fundamental truth: God is Father (cf. Mt 11:25). In talking with his disciples, Jesus would invite them to recognize the paternal relationship God has with all his creatures. With moving tenderness he would remind them that each one of them is important in God's eyes: "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God" (Lk 12:6). "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" (Mt 6:26).



Which of
 the two
 did the
 Father's
 will?

REFLECTION: NO , NO, NO, NO.....Y YES

At the end of World War II in France, many prostitutes had their heads shaved. Their beautiful hair was hacked off to the last millimetre. Why? Because they were prostitutes? No. The reason was, that they were collaborators. They had sold their services to the German occupiers and therefore were regarded as traitors. They had betrayed their people. It was the same in Christ's time. The two most despised groups in Israel and Galilee were tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army. So, when Jesus says to the religious elite of his time: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you', this was truly shocking. Why did Jesus believe this? Because he had observed tax collectors and prostitutes switching allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God under the influence of John the Baptist. This signalled a profound change of heart. And this profound change of heart would express itself in real commitment to the values and lifestyle of God's Kingdom, unlike the superficial pledges of loyalty from the religious leadership of the day. Hence, Jesus' little story about the two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around, perhaps after saying 'No' many times. He was very hard on those who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'. We know from other stories in the Scriptures what it meant for a tax collector to change. St Matthew himself was a tax collector who abandoned his post at the Customs House to follow Jesus. In another passage, we read of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who climbed a tree to get a

glimpse of Jesus. He was drawn into conversation with Jesus and shared a meal with him. The Gospel then reads: 'Zacchaeus' heart was changed by Jesus' kind words. He told Jesus "Behold Lord, I will give half my goods to the poor. And if I have taken more from any man than I should, I will give back four times as much as I took." You and I are perhaps not at the extreme of the tax collectors and prostitutes of Our Lord's time. But we have all made compromises with the ruling ethos of our time. I have been haunted by the story of Cardinal Wolsey, one time Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII. He was demoted when he failed to secure the divorce from Catherine of Aragon, and was exiled to York. Summoned to London, he had a premonition of his fate and spoke the following words: 'Well, well, Master Kingston, I see the matter against me how it is framed. But if I had served God as diligently as I have done the King, he would not have given me over in my grey hairs.' We may have said "No" to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span! But, until then, Our Lord will try to engage us in conversation, as he did with Zaccheus. Like Zaccheus, here today we are drawn into conversation with Jesus. We hear him in the Gospel and respond. That is 'conversation'. Note how close that word is to 'conversion'. Our conversation with Jesus of the Gospels should lead to conversion of heart. At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, entirely in harmony with this Gospel, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' 'Walk the talk.'

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Parish and School

PETROL AND TRAVEL RAFFLE

Tickets only \$2.00 each

4 PETROL PRIZES & TRAVEL VOUCHER PRIZE

Drawn 18th November 2017

Or take home a booklet and sell to your neighbours.



BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2018

Do you want a Break Open the Word manual for 2018? Contact the parish office before the 9 October - we will be ordering them soon. They are at a cost of \$25.00 each.

Memorial Book

If parishioners would like to add deceased family and friend's names to the Memorial Book please place the names on the sheet at the back of the church by Sunday 16 October. We ask that this be done no later than the date stipulated so that the script writer can have time to write all the names into the Memorial book by 1st November 2017.



COLLECTION COUNTERS

AND

CHURCH CLEANERS

The parish is in need of more collection counters* and church cleaners. The collection counting is completed on a Monday morning. The church cleaning is completed at your preference on a Friday or Saturday morning. If you are in a position to volunteer for one of these services please contact the parish office.



*Please note: volunteers to assist with the collection counting will be subject to a Police check.



We Pray For:-

Sick List: Wendy Cumming, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Margaret Beck, Halina Hart, Anton Parsons, Margaret Millard, Yolliana Girgis, Jacqui Abel, Michael Rankin, Maureen Howard, Tony Ferdinands, Jack Robertson, Liza Bernadette Toufiley, Helen Hearn, Richard Hughes, John Phillips, Jane Anderson, Catherine Van Der Kolk, Jon Faulkner, Dharshi Rajakarier, Suzanne Brane, Susan Bullen

Recently Deceased: Joan Baum

Anniversaries: Manuel Samson

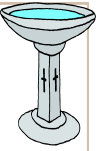


BAPTISM

PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our Baptism preparation programs are held on the first Monday of the month.

Our next program will be held on the 2 October. If you are looking at having your child baptised please speak to Fr. Mirek after mass or contact the Parish Office.



REQUIEM MASS for Joan Baum will be held on Wednesday 4 October at 10:30am here at St Joseph's.

Liturgy Roster 8th October 2017

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	G Gilfedder	P George	E Hariyanti, J Ahern, C Archer, C Ashdowne, C Sorenson, B White, J White	Pri George	P Johnson
8.00am	E Hariyanti	F Mongan	J Faulkner, A O'Riley, F Mongan, R Vanderstaak	G Horanyi	B Elvin
9.30am	J Keuken	S Rebbechi	J Buchanan, M Fitzgerald, A Sadler	C Schwarz	P & M Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	R Gibson	G Gibson	T Eklund, M Delport, K King, V Maguire, N Meli, T Purchase, M Westwood	L Reid	G Quinn



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Special observance, Sunday 1 October. We thank all our Vinnie's volunteers for their good works, the sharing of their time, energy and gifts.

"All those who love the poor in life will have nothing to fear from death" St VDP

October is the month of Prayer and Fasting for Life, Marriage and Family. Life Marriage & Family Sunday will be celebrated - next Sunday 8 October

This year the focus is on strengthening families by encouraging family meals.



ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 2 October
Laurie Steer, Nettie Shanahan
Martin McGrath, Peter Ryan
Church Cleaning: 7 October
Jenny and Jim Folino
Irene Hammerstein, Marian Bullen
Flowers: 7 October
Anna Epenisa
Hospitality: 6:pm 7 October
Paul and Peggy Dinon
Hospitality: 11am 8 October
Ria and Peter Partevliet
Frances Lemphers

Daily Advent and Christmas Reflection Booklets - 2017

It may seem early to be organising Advent books but the early bird catches the worm!

Reflection books will be available for you to purchase for personal or group preparation for the Advent/Christmas church season. Booklets contain short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2017) through to the Epiphany (7 January 2018)

If you are interested in purchasing a copy please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Please also state whether you are interested in joining a weekly reflection group, (day or evening group) plus include your contact details.

Your interest will need to be registered by Sunday 16th October.

St. Joseph's Friendship Group

Come join our friendly group of over 55's at St. Joseph's Parish if you have a spare Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Open to all surrounding parishes, non-denominational, come meet with us. We play cards, several board games, and have social events each month. For more information, contact Denis 9762 3270 or Eleanor 9762 3272.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour **departing 7.00pm, Thursday 12 October**. Mater Christi College is a vibrant, inclusive and warm community where girls feel safe, build friendships and become intelligent and reflective learners. For more information, or to arrange a **Personal Tour**, contact Kylie Lee, 9754 6611.

HALL HIRE...

For any enquiries about hiring either of the Parish Halls, BBQ, Etc. please call -
St. Joseph's Hall
Pat Elliott 97621515
St. Bernadette's Hall
Gaye Smith 0447 441 923



STEP UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME

Since the inception of Buddy Walk in 2009 in Victoria, now known as Step Up for Down Syndrome, Sophie Ashdowne (5/6D) and her team, Sophie's Stars have pounded the pavement around Princess Park raising awareness of Down syndrome and funds for Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV). We will again be participating in this very worthwhile fundraising event on October 8. Each year we have been supported by family, friends, school and work colleagues and complete strangers, raising over \$28,000 for DSV. We want to make a difference and our participation in such a worthwhile event is a small way we can do this. DSV have been a wonderful support to Sophie and our family over the past 13 years. The work that they do, and the support they provide is invaluable and they do this with very little government funding. So please if you are able to walk with us on the day or make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to be a part of our team, simply register by following the link on this page and let us know! If you have any questions, drop us an email at theashdownes1@bigpond.com.



<https://stepup-melbourne2017.everydayhero.com/au/sophie-s-stars>

Thank you so much! Sophie and her Stars

Sophie has a small role in the upcoming TV Series Mustangs FC which is launching on ABC Me on Wednesday October 11 at 5.00pm.

An invitation (on the church notice board) to the official launch being held at Federation Square that afternoon at 5pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, so if you are free and would like to you are most welcome. Otherwise you can watch the series from the comfort of your home! (Sophie appears from Episode 7, there are 13 in the series!)



THE FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY PRESENTS

FOLLOWING JESUS

Starts: Monday 16th October 2017
Ends: 4 December 2017
Time: 1st Monday - 1.00 p.m. for Greeting & Registration All other Mondays at 1.30PM TO 3PM
Venue: ST CLARE'S PARISH HALL, Killara St Box Hill nth (MELWAY 47 F5)
cost: \$20 covers booklet and light refreshments
Enquiries: Anna 0402 911 051 / Jennifer 9898 7795



DAY LIGHT SAVING - STARTS THIS WEEKEND remember to place your clock forward one hour. at 2:00AM clocks are placed forward 1 hour to 3:00AM local daylight savings time.

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RCIA Journey



All parishioners, you are with us on the journey through your prayers and support.



This week we have looked at The Bible, the Word of God. Different members of our team chose a passage from the Bible that has played an important part in their life. The sharing of these passages and the personal meaning they have for each person was indeed inspiring! If you were asked to choose one passage of Scripture that means a great deal to you in your life what would it be?

Sunday 1 October - Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Family:

This week we pray for the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia. Please make this your intention during Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, parish rosaries and prayer groups and family prayer times. Please join this intention to your acts of fasting and sacrifice during the week. For more information Visit

www.acmfc.org.au

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