



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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### OUR PARISH TEAM

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Parish Pastoral Council :-  
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### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

School Principal St Joseph's and St Bernadette's	
Mr. Peter Vanstan	
Assistant Principal	
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

13th Sunday Ordinary Time- 2 July 2017

Monday 3rd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 4th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 5th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 6th	No Mass
Friday 7th	8:30 Adoration 9.10am Mass St Joseph's 11.00am Maryville Chapel
Saturday 8th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6:00pm Vigil St Joseph's
Sunday 9th	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.00am Mass St Joseph's 9:30am Mass St Bernadette's 11.00am Mass St Joseph's
Reconciliation	Saturday 9.30am

## 2nd July 2017

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Responsorial Psalm:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:-

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

### Next Week's Readings – Year A

Zechariah 9: 9-10, Psalm: 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R. v. 1  
 Romans 8:9-11, 13, 8-11, Matthew 11:25-30

### Laudato Si

#### ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

*Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture.*

*The social dimensions of global change include the effects of technological innovations on employment, social exclusion, an inequitable distribution and consumption of energy and other services, social breakdown, increased violence and a rise in new forms of social aggression, drug trafficking, growing drug use by young people, and the loss of identity. These are signs that the growth of the past two centuries has not always led to an integral development and an improvement in the quality of life. Some of these signs are also symptomatic of real social decline, the silent rupture of the bonds of integration and social cohesion.*



## REFLECTION: CHRISTIANITY NOT A CULT

I remember that during the debate over the damming of the Franklin River in Tasmania in the 1970s and 80s, families were torn apart, whole communities rent asunder. It was like that for the early Church. Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified rebel and blasphemer. Christianity looked like a deviant Jewish sect to many parents whose hearts would have been broken at their children's defection. Now, today in Australia, it is more likely to be a Catholic father or mother whose heart is broken by a child joining some cult or sect. That is truly gut wrenching material for much prayer. But I want to briefly mention the danger that comes when Catholics act as if they are members of a sect, afraid of outside contamination, seeing the devil in every other religious impulse. Some of the older generation here will remember when, if a Catholic wanted to marry a non-Catholic in the church, it was done grudgingly in the sacristy, not before the altar. I remember when my parents decided to send my brother to a state high school the Archbishop summoned them and threatened them with refusal of the sacraments. They did not back down and he relented. This was the cult or sect mentality, fearful of the world and deeply unattractive and certainly not evangelical. Within the Church, we have some who say unless you believe that Our Lady appeared at so and so, and unless you carry out her supposed 'messages', then you are not a true Catholic. That is wrong, and they are wrong. I say quite frankly that I do not believe in the alleged apparitions of Our Lady at Medugorje, yet I find myself irresistibly drawn to believe that Our Lady

appeared to the peasant girls at Lourdes where the healing presence of God is so manifest. But the Church leaves me free to accept or reject these claims for myself. No-one could deny that the 261st successor of St Peter, the late Pope John Paul II, personified what it is to be Catholic. But consider the significance of some remarkable gestures, unimaginable even 20 or 30 years ago. He pressed a piece of paper bearing a prayer into a crack in the so-called Wailing Wall, part of the surviving foundation stones of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. And I remember the moving scene of the Pope as an old man shuffling across the floor of a Mosque in Syria, the first entry by a Pope into a Muslim place of worship. Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. This was the confidence of one secure in his Christian faith and who was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these brave, imaginative steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths. When the Pope celebrates the Feast of St Peter and St Paul in St Peter's Basilica he does so over the tomb of St Peter who is buried on the side of The Vatican Hill only a few metres from the place of his own crucifixion upside down. Just as St Peter and St Paul went fearlessly into the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds, so let us implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**The 13th National BBI-ACBC eConference  
Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: The Hope  
of Pope Francis** will be held over the internet on 10  
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**Parish Office CLOSED on Thursday 6 July**  
Due to an interruption to the Electricity supply by AusNet on Thursday 6 July from 8.30am - 4.00pm the Parish Office will be closed. Our apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

## Liturgy Roster is due to be updated

If you have any changes or would like to volunteer for one of our ministries please contact Ivan: [cramer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cramer@bigpond.net.au) or the parish office advising of the changes no later than the 9th July. Alternately there are forms at the back of the church which you can complete.



## FAIRWELL AND GOOD LUCK

**Fran and Georges Wilmann**

will be leaving the parish this week.

We would like to thank them for their many years of service and ministry. May God bless you both on this new chapter in your lives.



## ADORATION

**First Friday of the Month**

**7 July at 8:30am.**

**St Joseph's Church**

**Take the opportunity to spend a  
moment before our Lord.**

## We Pray For:-

**Sick List:** Wendy Cumming, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Margaret Beck, Halina Hart, Anton Parsons, Margaret Millard, , Rita Steller, Theresa Gianonni, Jacqui Abel, Michael Rankin, Peter Parlevliet, Maureen Howard, Tony Ferdinands

**Recently Deceased:** Leo McCarthy

**Anniversaries:** Noel O'Connell, Thomas Burger



## 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 Fr. Mirek at boronia@cam.org.au.

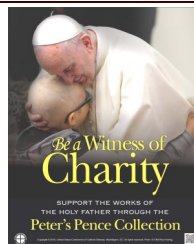
**FUNERAL** of Leo McCarthy will be on Wednesday 5 June at 11 am here at St Joseph's Boronia.

## Liturgy Roster 9th July 2017

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	D Perlado	B Douds	C Abraham, P Crennan, J Douds, P George, T Kitching, C O'Connell, C Sorenson	R Ramos	P Johnson
8.00am	B Payne	F Mongan	D Bowker, D Mason, F Mongan, A Schmid	G Horanyi	J Faulkner
9.30am	C Schwarz	F Roberts	J Buchanan, M Fitzgerald, S Rebbechi	M Asquith	P & M Middleton
11.00am	J Colborne	C Colborne	T Eklund, J Folino, N Johnson, N Meli, T Purchase, P Shanahan, M Westwood	P Pereira	F Tonis

**PETER'S PENCE - ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER - WILL BE TAKEN THIS WEEKEND**

A collection at the door will be taken after all masses this weekend. The Peter's Pence collection is a charitable fund which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works.



## ROSTERS:-

**Money Counters: 3 July**

Bud and Rosemary Snaza  
Nola and Peter Ryan

**Church Cleaning: 8 July**

Henk Steggink, Pat Elliott  
Anna Korneluk, Graham Hurley

**Flowers: 8 July**

Anna Epenisa

**Hospitality: 6:pm 8 July**

Divina Perlado

**Hospitality: 11am 9 July**

Peter Shanahan

ABORIGINAL  
AND  
TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER  
SUNDAY 2017

*"Anyone who welcomes  
you welcomes me"*

**NAIDOC Week**  
Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre and Library  
1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully  
**Thursday 6 July 11am - 2pm**  
Come down to Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre and Library on the school holidays and celebrate NAIDOC week.

**FREE FAMILY EVENT**  
Indigenous plant giveaway and heroes of history display

**Our Languages Matter**  
2-9 JULY 2017

Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre ☎ 9758 9180  
Library ☎ 9800 6453  
knox.vic.gov.au/aboriginal

Starting this weekend we celebrate **NAIDOC Week**.

'NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

Some ways you can celebrate with your family this week are:

- \* Listen to Indigenous musicians or watch a movie about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history.
- \* Study a famous Indigenous Australian.
- \* Research the traditional Indigenous owners of your area.
- \* Study Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and crafts.
- \* Research Indigenous history online or visit your library to find books about Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples.
- \* Visit local Indigenous sites of significance or interest.
- \* Learn the meanings of local or national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names and words.

**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.

## 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

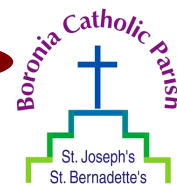


"We are all visitors  
to this time, this place.  
We are just  
passing through.  
Our purpose  
here is to observe,  
to learn, to grow,  
to love... and then  
we return home."

— Australian Aboriginal Proverb



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## FAITH IN ACTION YOUTH RETREAT

Sunday 9 July, 9.30am–6.30pm

St Christopher's Church Hall, 5 Doon Avenue,  
Glen Waverley

Divine Australia Youth presents a day of worship, praise and music, along with inspiring talks and messages. All welcome. Lunch, snacks and refreshments provided.

**Details:** Nicola on 0410 423 350 or [nstephen@gmail.com](mailto:nstephen@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.divineaustralia.com/day](http://www.divineaustralia.com/day)

## TRENDSETTERS: NATIONAL TRAINING FOR UNI STUDENTS

Monday 10 July, 10am to Sunday 16 July, 3pm

Don Bosco Centre (Goyura), 465 Lysterfield Road, Lysterfield  
Jesus Youth Australia presents one week of national training (named Trendsetters) for university students from across five cities in July.

The purpose of Trendsetters is to equip university students to stand strong for Jesus, particularly while on campus. It will feature dynamic youth-focussed guest speakers, including Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, Fr Alex Vickers OP, Fr Dan Serratore MGL, Ellen Hales, Alys-sa Crawford, Dony Peter Chacko, Jethin Thottan and the NET Team.

**Cost:** \$700 for participants from Melbourne for the 6 nights, 7 days

**Participants:** University students 18 years and above

**Registration:** <https://jesusyouth.org.au/TS17>

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 30 July, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or even your 60th to 70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage and Family Office invites you and your families to the annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

**Registration:** [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or Life, Marriage and Family Office on 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au).

Registrations close Friday 14 July.

## YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION: BOOKINGS OPEN FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Discover new depths to your faith. Yarra Theological Union, a Catholic College of the University of Divinity, is presently taking enrolments for second semester theological study. Enrolment appointments are from 19 June until 6 July.

**Details:** 9890 3771 or [admin@ytu.edu.au](mailto:admin@ytu.edu.au) for an appointment

**Website:** [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au)

## Sharing the Tradition: 13th Sunday Year A

For the first three centuries of the Christian era, to be initiated by Baptism into the new, spiritual family of Christ was to risk one's life. Christianity was a minority religion in a predominantly pagan world. At various stages, persecutions were carried out against Christians. To remain faithful at such times was very difficult and those who chose Christ were strong indeed. After the Emperor Constantine was converted early in the fourth century, Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. People flocked to be converted, not always for the right reasons. Numbers grew rapidly and the Church spread and blossomed. With the gains in number, however, came the possibility of a loss in quality of conviction. Were people really as committed to following Jesus as those earlier, persecuted Christians had been? The modern western world is a very secularised place, where God has been replaced in some people's hearts by other gods – the quest for profit, individualism, consumerism. Pope John Paul II referred to these things as a 'new idolatry'. Numbers of practicing Catholics are reducing in many Western countries and we may become a minority again. Today many Christians face persecution of a different kind.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

† At the time Matthew's Gospel was being written, Jewish families were being literally split by those who were making the decision to move away from traditional Jewish beliefs and follow Christ.

† Even though family relationships are vitally important, 'the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ'.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

† How welcome do you feel in this journey? Have some people reacted badly to your decision to approach the Catholic Church? What does it mean to lose your life so you can find it?

† Share with each other stories about a time when you were made to feel welcome or you offered hospitality to someone else.

† In this text, Jesus praises those who offer hospitality, especially to those who proclaim the gospel. Even the simple symbolic gesture of 'offering a cup of cold water' speaks volumes about what a person believes in or holds as important. What are the small gestures we make each day which speak to others of the sort of person we are? Jesus also warns that to be a disciple can come at a cost. Taking up the cross and following in Jesus' footsteps may lead to places we would rather not go. Have you experienced your journey as a cross?