



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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 Principal Mrs. Cathy Livingston
 Rector Fr. John Prest,
 Mater Christi College 9754 6611
 Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEK COMMENCING

Eighteenth week in Ordinary Time - 5 August

Monday 6th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 7th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 8th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 9th	No Mass
Friday 10th	9.10am School Mass 11.30am Seniors Mass
Saturday 11th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 12th	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.00am Mass St Joseph's 10:30am Mass St Joseph's NO 9:30am and 11:30am Mass Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

5th August 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1Kgs: 19:4-8, Ps 33:2-9, R. v.9,
 Eph: 4: 30- 5:2 Jn. 6:41-51



*Whoever comes to me
 will never be hungry;
 whoever believes in me
 will never thirst*

REFLECTION: WHO CAN SATISFY HUMAN APPETITES?

As you know, the Bedouins wander through the desert regions greatly depending on what they come across for food. There is a type of tamarisk tree which grows in those regions and from it a honey-like substance exudes and drops to the ground. It perishes quickly but if gathered early it gives a wonderful boost to energy short-term. The Bedouin word for this is: 'mann'. Notice how close this is to 'manna'. The Jewish people wandering in the desert were desperate with hunger and close to starvation. Next morning, manna! So, perhaps, the manna was a natural phenomenon, like the quails that had come up into the camp the evening before. Nevertheless, both were an expression of Divine Providence in a perilous situation. It was indeed 'manna from heaven'. God had satisfied their craving, their appetite for food. Appetites are good things. Sometimes in Catholic history they have been regarded as something to be suppressed, but actually they tell us what we need as human beings. Our appetite for food and drink is a good thing and must be satisfied or our bodies will collapse through malnutrition. Our appetite for affection and acceptance is a good thing and must be satisfied or we disintegrate socially. If we are fortunate, we will find companionship which satisfies that appetite. The universal appetite for knowing where we are in the Big Picture of the universe is a good thing. Human beings have a desire to know the truth about Reality. We ask, indeed is there a Big Picture? Who is the artist painting the Big Picture? What sort of work of art am I? Does this creative artist regard me as a unique work of art which is cherished enough to survive the apparent dissolution of death? All these appetites, bodily, social and spiritual, need to be satisfied if we are to be fully human. Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that he is the satisfaction of our deepest human appetites. Jesus says: 'I am not like the manna which ordinarily perishes overnight. I am not like the manna of the

ancient Jewish people given to them alone. I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' 'To the world,' not to some particular tribe of human beings, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation. And the life is nothing less than participation in Divine Life: eternal life. 'I am the one who can nourish the world with Divine Life. I am the one who can fulfil the human desire to exist in creation in the way God intended.' There are hundreds upon hundreds of people and organisations claiming that they can satisfy our hungers and thirsts as human beings. You and I are challenged to take a stand (and a risk, because that is what faith is) and agree with the Gospel when it says that this itinerant Jewish preacher and healer is indeed 'the Bread of God who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' Jesus Christ is the One, the only One, who can satisfy the real deep down hunger which each one of us has, the hunger for life beyond the seeming extinction of death. We Catholic Christians make another profound act of faith at our Mass today. The bread which is brought up at the Offertory: 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands', after invoking the Holy Spirit and speaking the words of consecration, is no longer short term food like the manna in the desert. It becomes for us the bread of life. But, more than that, this heavenly bread which we receive in holy communion with our Risen Lord is the effective start of the process of transformation of the whole cosmos. St Paul says in Romans that the whole of creation is yearning to share in the resurrection life of Christ in a way beyond our imagining. So at every Mass we are in the Real Presence of the One who gives life to the world. This heavenly bread which we receive in holy communion with our Risen Lord is the effective start of the process of transformation of the whole cosmos. St Paul says in Romans that the whole of creation is yearning to share in the resurrection life of Christ in a way beyond our imagining.

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BORONIA PARISH COMBINED PARISH MASS Sunday 12 August 10.30am GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND

Dear Parishioners

The Parish Pastoral Council, along with Fr Mirek cordially invite you to attend our Combined Parish Mass on Sunday 12th August at St Joseph's Church starting at 10.30am.

This is a special occasion when all families from St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Schools, along with all parishioners can come together to celebrate Mass and enjoy a meal together afterwards. Grandparents and/or a special older friend are invited to come with their families and children.

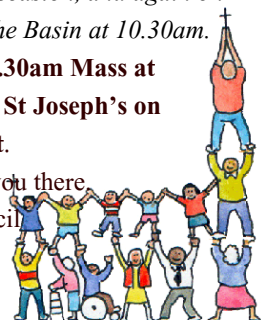
We hope you can join us for this special occasion, and again on Sunday 21st October at St Bernadette's, The Basin at 10.30am.

Please remember there will no 9.30am Mass at St Bernadette's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 12th August.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Parish Pastoral Council

Putting UNITY in our Parish COMMUNITY



*The Year of Youth
in your parish*

WELCOME YOUTH GROUP TO OUR 6PM MASS

We welcome St Joseph's and St Bernadette's students from year 5, 6, 7 and 8 will celebrate the international year of youth with the Parish Community. The evening will begin with Mass at 6pm and then gather in the John Cross Center for some hot food and FUN ACTIVITES.

SENIOR'S MASS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON

Friday 10 August 11.30am Mass.

Luncheon after mass.

All are most welcome.

If you require a lift or know of someone who would like to attend and needs a lift, please ring

Yvonne on 9887 1680 or

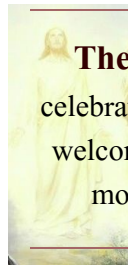
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We Pray For:-

Sick List: Wendy Cumming, Michael Rankin, Laura Ramidge, Elaine Ahern, Anton Parsons, Halina Hart, Dan Wintle, Margaret Millard, Frank Honan, Yolliana Girgis, Veneranda Sernande, Maria Newbigin, Richard Hughes, Dharshi Rajakarier, Margaret Beck, Matthew MacDonald, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Kevin Cooper, Kathleen Dalby, Michael Bott, Sheila Forster, John Barker, Christian McMahon, Helga Ohlmus

Recently Deceased: John Price

Anniversaries: Adela Cauilan, Caresita Perlado



The Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on Monday 6 August: You are most welcome to take the opportunity to attend our morning mass at 9:10am at St Joseph's



MARY OF THE CROSS
Feast Day - school Mass
 Friday 10 August. - 9:10am
 You are most welcome to join us at morning mass at St Joseph

Liturgy Roster 12 August 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	E Hariyanti	C Ashdowne	CY Johnson, P Johnson, J Douds, P George, C Sorensen, E Hariyanti, N Hughes	G Gilfedder	D Wilarachchi
8.00am	D Hearn	E Hariyanti	D Bowker, R Chen, F Mongan, A Schmid	G Horanyi	D Hearn
9.30am 11:30am			No Mass		
10.30am			COMBINED PARISH AND SCHOOL MASS		

KNOX DEANERY EVENT

Wednesday 22 August

7.30pm to 9.00pm

St Joseph's Parish Hall

Secondary college **YOUTH and BEYOND.**

YOU ARE INVITED To join us for an informal chat to explore the challenges of participating in your local community. Talk about experiences and expectations. Moderator - Mark Murphy Principal of Marcelin College Bulleen

Refreshments provided. Please RSVP for catering purposes

Enquiries to- Leigh email yahc@bigpond.com

Tele or Text 0430194590



ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 6 August

Laurie Steer, Jenny Folino, Nelly Klep, Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 11 August

Jenny and Jim Folino, Marian Bullen, Irene Hammerstein

Flowers: 11 August

Rosemary

Hospitality: 6pm - 11 August

Laura Prieto, Sharon Norton

Hospitality: 11am - 12 August

Ria and Peter Parlevliet, Frances Lemphers

National Vocations Awareness Week 2018 5 – 12 August

Each year in August the Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW). This week is an opportunity for parishes, schools and other groups to pray for and to help young people discern their vocation from God, especially in this Year for Youth and Consecrated Life.

NVAW- The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.

Website: www.cam.org.au/vocations

Website: www.melbournepriest.com



Your mind will Always believe

Everything you tell it.

Feed it Faith. Feed it Truth. Feed it with Love.

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 12.00pm to 3.00pm. 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 Eleanor 9762 3272 or Rosemary 9801 4435

HALL HIRE...

For any enquiries about hiring either of the Parish Halls, BBQ, Etc. please call -

St. Joseph's Hall

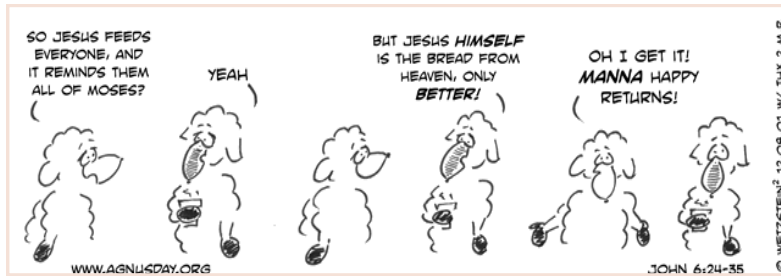
Pat Elliott

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St. Bernadette's Hall

Gaye Smith

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Exploring the Word

This text comes at the beginning of a long discourse which forms the basis of the Eucharistic teaching in John's Gospel. The crowd has been amply fed by the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and now they come looking for more. But Jesus is aware of their shallow motives. They seek only to fill their bellies rather than looking for the true meaning of his actions or the mystery behind the signs. The translation of this text urges the crowd to work for the food which Jesus 'is offering' in the present tense, but the Greek is actually in the future tense: 'Work for the food... the Son of Man will offer you'. This points forward to the time when Jesus will be lifted up and exalted on the cross – the pivotal moment of John's Gospel. This self-gift of the Son is the food which will endure to eternal life. The people are being directed beyond their immediate needs to something which will satisfy a much deeper and more fundamental need. Belief in Jesus will provide the nourishment for that deep need.

DID YOU KNOW?

† The word 'Rabbi' in Hebrew literally means 'my great one.' At the time of Jesus it referred to masters or teachers who had a following of disciples who learned from them.

† There is great debate among scholars about the meaning of the term 'Son of Man' and whether Jesus used this title of himself or whether his disciples used it of him after his death. In the Book of Daniel, it is used as a term for God's final agent of salvation at the end times.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

† What must you do to do the works that God wants?

† Make time each day this week to reflect on the real nourishment you yearn for. What truly sustains your life?

† Say often this week:

Lord, let me come to you so that I will never thirst or be hungry.

Helping our Refugee Families and Friends - Forum for Parishes

Saturday 25 August, from 9.30am-12.45pm.

As part of our Welcome the Asylum Seeker Parish Support Program, Catholic Social Services Victoria is hosting a forum for parishes. The forum will bring together asylum seekers, parish leaders with a variety of experiences supporting refugee families, clergy, Catholic support agency leaders together with parishioners experienced and not so experienced in providing support.

The morning will be an interactive occasion between speakers and participants. Guest Speaker: Phil Glendenning AM, Director Edmund Rice Centre

RSVP BY: 20 August 2018

VENUE: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St (enter via Lansdowne St) East Melbourne (car parking available on the premises)

COST: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/WBHM>

ENQUIRIES: Adrian Foley: Adrian.Foley@css.org.au



PENARY COUNCIL 2020 information sessions

Since the official launch of the journey toward the Plenary Council 2020 earlier this year, many parishes have become engaged in the listening and dialogue process. Other parishes are seeking support to become involved in the process whilst others have raised queries about what resources are available.

I'd like to invite you to attend any of the Plenary briefing sessions taking place around Melbourne this August. These sessions are designed to assist people who feel they need more information about the Plenary process to enable them to activate it in their local community or workplace.

Saturday 11 August, 11am - 1pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne

<https://www.trybooking.com/WXSD>

Thursday 30 August, 7.30pm - 9.30pm*

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency

<https://www.trybooking.com/WXRZ>

For other resources and reflection videos, please visit the Melbourne

Plenary website www.cam.org.au/plenary.



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.