



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 CR, Sr. Elisabeth Hariyanti SSPs, Donna Bowker, Chris Ashdowne, Rosemary Gibson, Marie Jones, Sue Hawkins, Peter Middleton, Mark Westwood,

St. Vincent de Paul 1800 305 330  
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 Sr. Frances Mongan PBVM 9874 3016

## 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 Sixth week of Easter

**Monday 7th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Tuesday 8th May** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Wednesday 9th** 9.10am Mass Janssen Centre  
**Thursday 10th** No Mass  
**Friday 11th** 11.30am Seniors Mass  
**Saturday 12th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's  
**Sunday 13th May** **The Ascension of the Lord**  
 8.00am Mass St Joseph's  
 9.30am Mass St Bernadette's  
 11.00am Mass St Joseph's

**Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am**

6th May 2018

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love will keep my words,  
 and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
 Alleluia

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9, R. v.6,

Eph: 1: 17-23, Mark 16:15-20



## REFLECTION: CORNELIUS, CATHOLICS AND LOVE

We owe much to a Roman soldier. In fact, it may be said we are 'Catholic' because of the encounter between St Peter and Cornelius. Cornelius was a centurion. As the name implies, a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army. So he was a junior officer in the Empire's armed forces and a pagan to boot. And yet, St Peter found that this man was evidently graced by the Holy Spirit and therefore Peter could not deny him baptism. This incident helped resolve a major controversy in the first decades of the church. Would a pagan have to become a Jew, one of the Chosen People, before becoming a Christian? Peter concluded, on the basis of a vision and this incident, that God does not have favourites amongst the peoples of this world and that any person of any nationality who is in awe of God and lives justly could be baptised a Christian. And thus the early church was able to break out of its Jewish confines. We were not to be a Jewish sect which accepted Jesus as the Messiah. We were to be truly universal ('catholic' in the Greek) able to embrace all those who acknowledge our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. So the great missionary endeavour began to every tribe, every ethnic group, speakers of every tongue throughout the earth. And there were two main messages. First that Jesus of Nazareth had had the victory over death, and we are able to share in that victory. That is the faith of Easter which we have just celebrated. The second great message involved understanding what 'love' really entails. The word 'love' in English covers such a multitude of experiences as to be devoid of meaning until we know the context. Does it refer to the passionate embrace of two lovers, or a preference for chocolate over nougat? Our

Lord gives us the core meaning. 'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.' Of course, for most of us the closest experience consonant with that gospel is the experience of a parent at the bedside of a chronically ill or badly injured child who is dying. A mother or father would willingly substitute themselves for that child facing death. This is the true core meaning of 'love' according to Our Lord. Every other form of love grades away from this most perfect human expression of loving. Of course Jesus not only preached this message, but lived and died it. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends. He laid down his life for those – for us – whom he called 'friends'. Though totally innocent of any crime or sin he took on all the horror of a tortured death as if he were a criminal or sinner, rejected by society, even experiencing estrangement from his Heavenly Father: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' He took this experience on himself, really the experience of humanity, and emerged the Victor, the conqueror of death on Easter Sunday. And he did so on behalf of us whom in today's gospel He calls his 'friends', those with whom he wishes to share that victory. 'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.' This is the reality, this is the message of the gospel for the peoples of every tribe, every nation, every language. It is a message which has resonated and reverberated down the centuries from Cornelius to those gathered here. It is the message entrusted to us as members of the one holy Catholic and apostolic church. More importantly, it is entrusted to us as friends of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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**Australia's  
Biggest  
Morning Tea**



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Morning Tea  
May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us after 6pm Mass on May 19<sup>th</sup> or  
8am Mass or 11am Mass on May 20<sup>th</sup>  
for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. There will be lots  
of delicious treats to eat while you enjoy a cuppa and  
help raise money for Cancer Research.

Suggested donation to join us is \$5, however, if you  
can't make it and would like to donate online please go  
to <http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/LReid1>  
There will also be a raffle held. More details to follow.

Leanne 0428199742

## **CRAFT and PLANT STALL**

*This weekend after masses*  
ON Saturday evening 5 May and  
Sunday morning 6 May  
with many Mother's day gifts and plants for  
sale, all sales to go to parish.

**IT'S ON AGAIN!!**

## **HIGH TEA**

In support of  
Sr. Carolina's  
Medical Clinic Venilale in  
Timor Leste.



**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
2PM – 4PM  
ST. BERNADETTE'S  
HALL  
THE BASIN**

Tickets \$10 each will be on sale after each Mass  
on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>; 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
Bring your own special cup, saucer and plate  
AND your friends.

We also welcome donations for our raffles.  
If you could lend us china milk jugs, china tea  
pots and 3 tier plates we would be most grateful.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU THERE.**

**Social Justice Group**

### **We Pray For:-**

**Sick List:** Anne Di Nardo, Wendy Cumming, Michael Rankin, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Catherine Van Der Kolk, Elaine Ahern, Anton Parsons, Carmel McGough, Halina Hart, Margaret Millard, Yolliana Girgis, Jacqui Abel, Steven Murray, Veneranda Sernande, Richard Hughes, Damien Sorenson, Dani Wintle, Dharshi Rajakarier, , Margaret Beck, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Matthew MacDonald, Frank Honan, Hadi Emmanuel Toufiley, Jason Hammerstein, Maurice Swanson, Maria Newbiggin

### **Recently Deceased:**

### **Anniversaries:**



## **SENIOR'S MASS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON**

*Friday 11 May, 11.30am Mass.  
Luncheon in the John Cross Centre  
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 Ria 9720 2359*

## Liturgy Roster 13 May 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	P Graham	Reader Needed	Y Johnson, P Johnson, J Ahern, C Archer, J Boyer, G Boyer, N Hughes	Pri George	M Makarucha
8.00am	J Noonan	A Schmid	J Faulkner, M Holt, F Mongan, R Vanderstaak	A Schmid	B Elvin
9.30am	J Buchanan	C Schwarz	M Fitzgerald, J Keuken, M Newbiggin	C Schwarz	P & M Middleton
11.00am	C Feeney	P Doherty	K King, T Eklund, P Shanahan, M Westwood, N Meli, R O'Brien, T Purchase	R Feuerbach	T Eklund

## Some Church Business

### **NEW TO THE PARISH**

If you are new to our parish and would like to register with us, please contact the Parish Office or fill in a census card from the back of the church. The Parish is financially supported by our Stewardship Program. If you wish to join you may do so by contacting the Parish Office or by filling out a Stewardship Pledge Form, from the back of the church. You may then choose which form of payment you would prefer. You can contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly. You can request to use our envelope system or you can pay by credit card or direct debit. These options all appear on the Thanksgiving Pledge Form. Please return your completed Pledge Form either directly to the Church, Fr. Mirek or Sr. Elisabeth, the Parish Office or by post.

### **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY ONLINE NEWSLETTER**

Each week we will send a newsletter directly to your email address so that you can keep up-to-date with all parish news, events and ministries. Complete the form at the back of the church. Alternately go directly to our parish website.

### **UP DATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

Are your contact details up-to-date. Please forward any changes to the parish office.

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### **ROSTERS:-**

**Money Counters: 7 May**

Bud and Rosemary Snaza  
Nola and Peter Ryan

**Church Cleaning: 12 May**

Ria and Peter Parlevliet  
Ivan and Phyllis Cramer

**Flowers: 12 May**

Anna Epsensia

**Hospitality: 6pm - 12 May**

Divina Perlado

**Hospitality: 11am - 13 May**

Peter Shanahan

### **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 97621515

**St. Bernadette's Hall**

Gaye Smith 0468 316 487

For church records we will be taking a **parish mass count** throughout the four weekends of May.

# YOUTH GROUP FUNCTION YEAR OF YOUTH

**Saturday:** 26th May

**Venue:** St Joseph's Boronia

Children in grade 5 to year 8 are invited to join us for mass 6pm at St Joseph's followed by a pasta dinner and activities in the John Cross Centre until 8pm.

\$5 to cover costs



*The Year of Youth  
in your parish*

*Save the Date*

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## Exploring the Word

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last. The Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love which suffers all, and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

† You could discuss some examples of people who have laid down their lives for others, e.g. St Maximilian Kolbe or Archbishop Oscar Romero.

† How are we called 'to lay down our life for our friends' in our daily existence?

## DID YOU KNOW?

† In John's Gospel there is no account of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Instead there is the account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, an act of absolute service to others, and a long discourse of instruction on how they must conduct themselves in the future. This is known as the 'Farewell Discourse' and part of it is read this Sunday and next week.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

† When have you experienced complete joy? What or who brought that sensation on for you?

† Have you ever found that love is a costly and demanding emotion?

† What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us?

† Relate in special ways of openness with friends this week.

† Entrance Antiphon: reflection for the week:  
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## St Joseph's and St Bernadette's



Enrolments for

Prep /Beginners 2019



*now open*

If you have a child commencing school next year, at St Joseph's or St Bernadette's please contact the respective Primary school. If you know any neighbours, friends, people at play-groups or preschools / kindergartens seeking enrolment for 2019, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a tour.

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### 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.