



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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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,

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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  
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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,  
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 Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEK COMMENCING

### Fourteenth week in Ordinary Time - 8 July

**Monday 9th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Tuesday 10th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Wednesday 11th** 9.10am Mass Janssen Centre  
**Thursday 12th** No Mass  
**Friday 13th** 11.30am Seniors Mass  
**Saturday 14th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's  
**Sunday 15th** Fifteenth 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**

## 8th July 2018

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Responsorial Psalm:*

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
 pleading for his mercy

### *Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
 He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
 Alleluia

### *NEXT WEEK'S READINGS*

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos: 7:12-15, Psalm 84. 9-14 R. v.8,  
 Eph: 1: 3-14. Mk. 6:7-13.



*Rejected in his hometown .....  
 And he could work no  
 miracle there .*

## REFLECTION: HOME TOWN CROWDS AND 'MIGHTY WORKS'

This Anyone who has seen the film or show 'Billy Elliott' will understand this incident in the Gospels. Billy was a young boy who was brought up in a drab, decaying coal mining town in the north of England. The plan of his father and brother was to keep him in the box they knew – coal mining and boxing. But he had a passionate desire to dance. As he said, his whole body 'went electric' when he tap danced through those grim streets. When dancing he created a different world and eventually his imagining of a different future won through – the last scene has him dancing in Swan Lake. I have seen the film twice. I have cried twice. It was a somewhat similar situation for Jesus. He returned to Nazareth, having performed 'mighty works' of divine power around the countryside. But the home town crowd knew better what to expect from his hands. After all, they were the hands of a carpenter. He could do exquisite woodwork. That's who he was. That was the limit of who he was. They knew his family and network of relatives. In other words, they thought they had him taped. They knew what box he fitted into. Woe betide if he got too big for his sandals! They wanted to trap him in an identity, constraining him in a role which would leave them undisturbed. But, like Billy Elliott, only to the nth degree, Jesus had a deeper sense of identity. There was a dimension to his life of which he was aware: a special relationship to his heavenly Father, and a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was, and it had to find expression. And he imagined a different future, a future of a healed and companionable human family within which was what he called 'the Reign of God'. There was no way he was going to be put down and circumscribed by the home crowd. He could not do any 'mighty works' given their scepticism and failure to support his boundless sense of identity. He left Nazareth

and went on to try to create that future he imagined, and never returned to Nazareth. Family and networks of friends can be very supportive. They can also be stifling, suffocating. They know what school one went to, what your first job was. They think they have you taped. Those of us who are older need to guard against taking on the features of the Nazarenes who stereotyped Jesus. But it is to the younger members of the congregation that I would like to really address this Gospel. Only God knows your true identity, who you are and who you are meant to be. Why were you born in the 20th century and not the 15th or the 4th or the 24th century? Why were you loved into existence by God and your parents 20 years ago, 14 years ago, 18 years ago? Each of us has a unique identity without which the cosmos would be incomplete and each of us has a unique role to play in salvation history. It may take a lifetime to really cotton on to God's sense of one's identity and role, or one may be fortunate enough to find out relatively early. But like Billy Elliott and Jesus it is essential to break out of the expectations of the home crowd. It may even be necessary to disappoint those who love us dearly, family, teachers and friends. So one should pray for gifts of the Holy Spirit: of understanding so that one might be enlightened about one's identity and role, and then of courage to take risks and persevere against the odds. Each of you has been given a divine dynamism at baptism. You are no ordinary human being. Your heart pulses to a different beat than that which simply repeats the monotonous rhythms of the expected. You share the heartbeat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe. When you allow your heart to beat with His, your body, your personality will 'go electric' as Billy Elliott would say. When that happens you will really know your true identity, your true role and you will be able to go on and perform His mighty works.

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## FAREWELL and GOD'S BLESSING to FR. NICK de GROOT SVD

Fr. Nick is leaving our Parish for a new ministry in Sydney. I would like to thank Fr. Nick for all he has done to support our parish in the past 6 years.

We wish him good luck and God's blessings for his new ministry. We will have farewell refreshments with him following the 11am mass, which he will celebrate, on Sunday 15 July (next Sunday).

You are most welcome to attend this mass and join in for refreshments. *You are most welcome to bring a plate to share.*

**TAX RECEIPT:** we are in the process of printing the tax receipts for parishioners who contribute to Church Thanksgiving if it is convenient that we email this receipt to you please forward a request via email to [boronia@cam.org.au](mailto:boronia@cam.org.au)

## SEAFARERS SUNDAY - 8 July 2018

The Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermen-disciples around him, the modern movement began in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings. The purpose of the Apostleship of the Sea is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed.

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2



Caring for seafarers  
around the world

## 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, Steven Murray, Maria Newbigin, Richard Hughes, Dharshi Rajakarier, Margaret Beck, Matthew MacDonald, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Kevin Cooper, Kathleen Dalby, Michael Bott, Sheila Forster

## Recently Deceased:

## Anniversaries:



## We Welcome the families of

*Chris and Kerrie Reid*

*Jay and Lee Mary Rooney*

who will have their children baptised later this month.

*We pray that every blessing will be upon them during this preparation time for their children's baptism.*

**REQUIEM MASS** for John Tyrrell will be held here at St Joseph's Church Boronia on Monday 9 July at 10:30am.

## Liturgy Roster 15 July 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	B Douds	N Hughes	J Ahern, C Ashdowne, E Hariyanti, Y Johnson, P Johnson, 2 volunteers needed	G Gilfedder	G Boyer
8.00am	J Noonan	C Hardy	M Holt, N Klep, A O'Riley, R Vanderstaak	A Schmid	J Faulkner
9.30am	F Mongan	M Newbigin	M Middleton, P Middleton, F Mongan	Music Group	P & M Middleton
11.00am	J Folino	V Maguire	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, M Delport, P Doherty, E Hariyanti, K King, M Westwood	L Reid	F Tonis



## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

### SLEEPOUT : Special collection

*On Saturday July 14th we will be conducting our annual Vinnies sleepout. As the nights are getting colder and the sight of an old man sleeping on the concrete in Boronia, it's time to think of those who have no warm home to go to and who are sleeping rough. Together we can highlight poverty and be part of a movement that inspires change. We thank you for your support which raised \$1000 last year, and ask for your support again by making a donation this year.*

*The money raised will support the soup vans that distribute food and comfort throughout the suburbs of Melbourne.*

*Thank you all for your generosity*

*St Vincent De Paul*

*Boronia Conference*



## NAIDOC Week 2018

will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make – to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. Under the theme - *Because of her, we can!* - NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July.



*Because of Her, We can!*  
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 1 July 2018

### ROSTERS:-

#### Money Counters: 9 July

Laurie Steer, Nelly Klep, Jenny Folino, Peter Ryan

#### Church Cleaning: 14 July

Henk Steggink, Pat Elliott, Anna Korneluk, Graham Hurley

#### Flowers: 14 July

Anna

#### Hospitality: 6pm - 14 July

Emmanuel and Thushani Fernando

#### Hospitality: 11am - 15 July

Jim and Eileen Butterworth

### 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



**Farewell Anne** On Friday we said farewell to Anne Di Nardo who looked after the parish office for 13 years as parish secretary. Anne was battling Motor Neuron disease for at least the past 5 years. We thank her for her dedication to this parish and all her hard work. May she rest in peace.

A priest & pastor are standing by the side of the road with a sign that reads, "The End is Near! Turn around before it's too late!" They hold up the sign to each passing car. "Leave us alone you religious nuts!" yelled the first driver as he sped by. From around the curve they heard screeching tires & a big splash. "Do you think," said one clergy to the other, "we should put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"

## Thomas Merton: Spiritual Nomad

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Thomas Merton, one of the most influential Catholic writers of the 20th century. Merton was a member of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance (OCSO), also known as the Trappists. To mark the anniversary here in Australia, the Cistercians at Tarrawarra Abbey are holding a series of lectures in August with Fr Michael Casey OCSO. Spend an afternoon in the Yarra Valley, discover the work of one of the 20th century's most prominent theologians and mystics, and experience something of Cistercian life today.

**Sat 4 August 2018: The Journey to Abstraction**

**Sat 11 August 2018: Uncovering the Deep Self**

**Sat 18 August 2018: Inner Experience and the Sense of Dread**

Where: Tarrawarra Abbey, 659 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Yarra Glen, VIC 3775, Australia

Time: From 2.30pm, and you are invited to attend the Office of Vespers at 4.30pm following the talks.

Free Admission and booking is essential.

Bookings: [admin@cistercian.org.au](mailto:admin@cistercian.org.au)

## 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](mailto:boronia@cam.org.au).

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## Exploring the Word

The questions asked by the townspeople of Nazareth are interesting ones. They rightly seek to understand the origins of Jesus' wisdom and power. 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?' They recognise that Jesus is not the source of his own authority. There is a greater power behind him. Their failure lies in the fact that they do not recognise the source of Jesus' power and authority. They do not see the presence of God in the words and deeds of their compatriot. Indeed, Jesus is designated as 'son of Mary', a slur on them both at a time when one's genealogy was traced through the line of the father. Jesus is astonished by the inability of the townspeople to look beyond what they are familiar with to the obvious signs of the kingdom of God in his actions and words. The kingdom of God requires the cooperation of people if it is to become a reality. He can do nothing there!

## DID YOU KNOW?

† *There is great debate about the relationship of 'the brothers of the Lord' to Jesus. Some scholars suggest that they were in fact literal brothers (or half-brothers or step-brothers), while others scholars point out that it was common practice to refer to cousins and even more distant relations as 'brothers'. The Catholic Church holds that Jesus was the only child of Mary, the virgin mother of Christ.*

## SENIOR'S MASS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON

*Friday 13 July 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*

*Ria 9720 2359*