



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

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph's - Acting Principal - Leonie Sheehy 9762 3275
 - Deputy Principal - Nick Frederiksen
 St Bernadette's - Acting Principal - Peter Steward 9762 5135
 - Deputy Principal - Jennifer Kennedy

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	11 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday	12 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday	13 th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday	14 th	No Mass
Friday	15 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday	16 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday	17 th	Sixth 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

10th February 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
 Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
 and I will make you fishers of my people.
 Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8, Ps 1:1-4, Ps 39:5
 1 Cor: 15:12. 16-20 Lk 6:17. 20-26

WHATS HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Saturday	9 Feb	6:00pm Opening School Year Mass St Joseph
Sunday	10 Feb	9:30am Opening School Year Mass St Bernadette's
Weekend	9/10 Feb	Baptism Welcome/Candle Rite
Tuesday	12 Feb	Religious Education classes
Thursday	14 Feb	Deanery Meeting Liturgy Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday	21 Feb	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Saturday	23 Feb	"50" years celebrations for Sr. Francis

"FOLLOW ME"

LUKE 5: 1 - 11, 27 - 32



REFLECTION: FISH IN THE SEA OF DIVINE LIFE

Is there anything more irritating than someone telling you what to do in your own area of expertise or responsibility? It gets under my skin. I usually tell such a person to 'mind your own business, thank you very much, and I'll get on well enough with mine.' Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a good catch, a very good catch. He realises that this is due to Divine Presence accompanying him in his fishing. He thinks he is unworthy to have such a Divine Companion in his work. 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' But, Jesus wants to be Peter's companion, starting with fishing. So, don't imagine that the first stage of becoming a follower of Jesus is to engage in flights of mystical ecstasy, or to plan grandiose schemes of missionary activity. Rather, it is to let Jesus into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives, to allow Jesus to have a directing influence in our own area of expertise or competence or responsibility. But it's true that surprising things may happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. All metaphors can help us appreciate the truth in a way that plain, flat language cannot. It is possible to press this metaphor of fishing too far, but, consider for a moment: I was down on the wharf a little while

ago. They were selling whole Trevalla, magnificent fish – but very definitely dead. That is what the fishermen deliver to the docks. They fish the fish out of the sea and kill them. Is that what Jesus had in mind when he challenged Peter and some other fishermen on the Lake of Gennesaret to become fishers of human beings? What sort of destiny is that for us who have been caught up in the net of Christianity? Is it to be a deadening experience? St Luke was very conscious of this when he was incorporating this story into his gospel and so he changed the word we find in the gospels of Mark and Matthew. He used a particular Greek word *zogrein* which means 'to catch alive'. It is the word used for netting fish for an aquarium. You will be pleased to learn that we who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the phenomenon of the stranding of pods of whales on the west coast of Tasmania, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water. At times, you and I have been like those whales. Certainly, there are millions like those thrashing about in the shallows of life. Alive? Yes, but barely existing. Our task, as followers of Jesus, is to be captivated by Our Lord and then to captivate others into Christianity, in order to guide them into life-giving waters: the waters of baptism, initially, eventually to swim with us in the great tide who is Jesus Christ right into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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THE COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE 2019 PARISH FUNDRAISER

We are asking for volunteers for the street / Woolworths sales for the following dates: 16 & 23 Feb and 2, 9, 16 March.

A volunteer form will be at the back of the Church now for you to fill in.

Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to win these fabulous prizes, including 3 Suzuki cars - Coles Myer gift vouchers !!

Thank you for your support!!

Booklets of 10 can be taken to be sold at home or work.

Tickets are \$2.00 each.

TICKETS ON
SALE NOW

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS

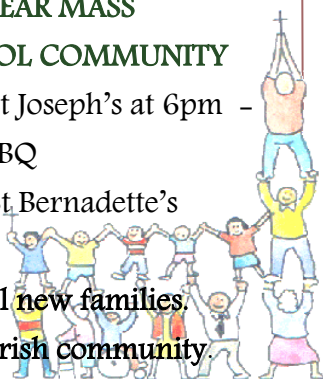
WE WELCOME OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Saturday vigil Mass: 9 Feb at St Joseph's at 6pm -

Followed by BBQ

Sunday Mass: 10 Feb at St Bernadette's
at 9:30am

**We especially welcome all new families.
Staff and students to our parish community**



**This year I celebrate 50 years as a
Presentation Sister.**

For 20 of those years I have celebrated Eucharist here with you. I love belonging in this community and thank you for all the life we have shared and will share. My heart is indeed very grateful!

I know you have milestones in your lives too and know that they are a great time for reflection and giving thanks for the gifts that are ours. I would humbly hope that as I give thanks for 50 years you might reflect on your lives too and celebrate and give thanks for all your blessings too.

**So let us celebrate and give thanks together on
Saturday 23rd February at the 6pm Parish Mass**

followed by a cuppa and light refreshments in the John Cross Centre. Fr. John Petrulis will be here to be part of the celebration with us. It won't quite be the feast at Cana but we may raise our glasses with some sparkle as our spirits rejoice in the knowledge that the Lord is indeed with us!



***Consider this your
personal invitation I would
love your company!***

Frances

**50
Years**

We Pray For:-

PRAYER List: Lilly Robertson, Michael Rankin, Elaine Ahearn, Laura Ramidge, Anton Parsons, Halina Hart, Dan Wintle, Margaret Millard, Frank Honan, Yolliana Girgis, Veneranda Sernande, Maria Newbigin, Richard Hughes, Patrick Wong, Helen Hearn, Dharshi Rajakarier, Sheila Forster, Matthew MacDonald, Margaret Beck, Michael Bott, John Barker, Kevin Cooper, Margaret Gazeche, Kathleen Dalby, Marian Bullen, Christian McMahon, Bill Cumming, Marilyn Longmuir, Carlos Astronomo, Tony Ceravolo, Fr. Mirek Knap CR

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Bill Stewart



We Welcome the families of

Arren and Talia Waddington-Coxhill

Damien and Andrea Healy

Steven and Jodie Barcham

David and Megan Hermon

Stefan and Vivien Mallia

Yohan and Shashika Rajapakse

Who are preparing to have their children baptised later this month.



Liturgy 17 February 2019

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	C Abraham	C Ashdowne	J Ahern, C Archer, P Crennan, C O'Connell, D Perlado, F Postma, need a volunteer	G Gilfedder	M Makarucha
8.00am	Volunteer	J Noonan	D Bowker, J Faulkner, M Holt, N Klep	A Schmid	Des Hearn
9.30am	M Asquith	J Keuken	M Fitzgerald, C Schwarz, N Ryan	Music Group	P Fitzgerald, C Schwarz
11.00am	P Doherty	C Feeney	J Folino, V Maguire, F Mongan, R O'Brien, G Gibson, R Gibson, T Purchase	R Feuerbach	T Eklund

Thank You for all your prayers and good wishes during this time that I have not been well. I have a skin infection and I have been taking strong antibiotics. I am on the road to recovery and shall be returning soon. **Thank You and God's Blessings, Mirek**

CENTERING PRAYER NETWORK AUSTRALIA

Annual Retreat 8-10th March 2019

At Janssen Spirituality Centre 22 Woodvale Road Boronia 3155

THEME: CONSENTING TO GOD'S PRESENCE AND ACTION WITHIN

The retreat will foster a contemplative atmosphere in an ecumenical and inter faith setting. Participants of this retreat are those who have been practicing centering prayer for some time and wish to strengthen their practice and also those who wish to deepen their contemplative prayer practice.

Recommended Donation

Live-in -\$280 (Retreat and National Meeting) Retreat only \$205

Live-out (meals only) \$200 (Retreat and National Meeting) Retreat only \$150

Annual National Meeting of Centering Prayer Network Monday 11th March

For booking and further information speak to Fr Thien

Phone: (03) 9762 6625 . email: director@janssencentre.org



Janssen Spirituality Centre
for inter-religious and cross-cultural relations

ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 11 February

Bud and Rosemary Snaza

Nola and Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 16 February

Nelly and Kees Klep

Richard and Lorraine Feuerbach

Flowers 16 February

Geraldine

Hospitality: 6pm - 16 February

Divina Perlado

Hospitality: 11am - 17 February

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

FETE Trash & Treasure.

You are most welcome to drop off all your unwanted preloved goods for out Fete. Books, crockery, glass wear, book cases, small furniture, toys etc.

Leave near the garage under the church at St Joseph's.

FETE - 30 MARCH 2019

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

Palms for Ash Wednesday

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year.

Parishioners are invited to bring these palms from Palm Sunday so that they can be burnt prior to Ash Wednesday. Please leave your palms here at the church on or before Sunday 24 February so that they can be prepared for Ash Wednesday which is on the 6 March.



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World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

It's not too soon to start thinking about what Lenten commitments you'll make this year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is on 6 March. If your aim is to deepen your spiritual life through prayer and Scripture study, you may like to take the opportunity to purchase a book and join a Lenten Group with other parishioners as a personal preparation for Easter. To help with the organisation of such groups please put your name, contact details, the number of books you wish to purchase and whether you prefer personal reflection or join a group.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church .

Cost of books—\$10 each

Preach the Gospel at all times
and
when necessary use words.

Saint Francis of Assisi

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE!

Have your say by Wednesday 6 March

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>



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.



Please keep this date free

World Day of Prayer 2019

Friday 1st March

at 10.30 am

**Wesleyan Methodist
Church**

36 Pine Crescent, Boronia

This year featuring Slovenia

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

The Ham Sandwich

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. At a picnic one day, the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why such a good thing would be forbidden. When will you break down and try it?" To which the rabbi replied, "At your wedding."

The Coin Toss

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long," said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."