



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

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

WEEK COMMENCING

Nineteenth week in Ordinary Time - 12 August

Monday 13th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 14th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 15th	Feast of the Assumption 9:10am Mass St Bernadette's 11.30am Mass St Joseph's
Thursday 16th	No Mass
Friday 17th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday 18th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 19th	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.00am Mass St Joseph's 9.30am Mass St Bernadette's 11.00am Mass St Joseph's

12th August 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

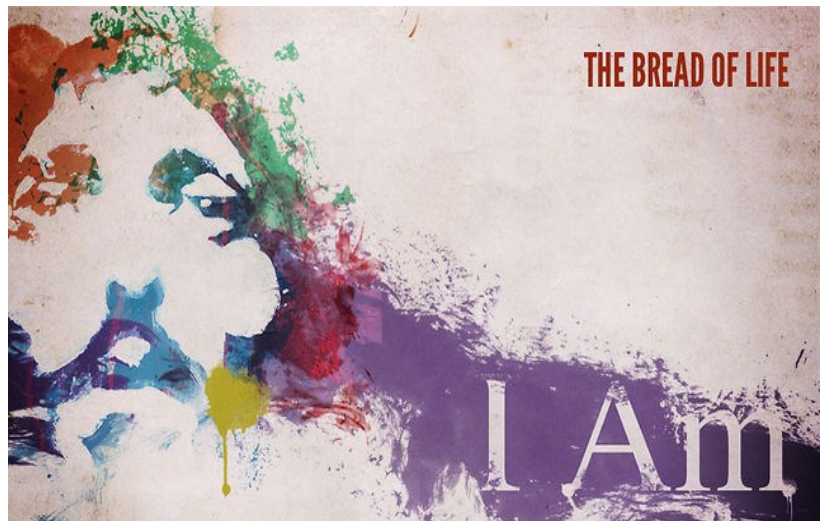
I am living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
 Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv: 9:1-6, Ps 33.2-3, 10-15 R. v.9,
 Eph: 5: 15-20 Jn. 6:51-58



*everybody who
 believes
 has eternal life*

REFLECTION: ENWOMBED IN THE MATERNAL CHRIST

We are all familiar with the solemn words at the centre of the Mass: 'Take, eat, this is My Body.' We surround these words with a sacred aura. But when one thinks of it, these are the words which could have been expressed by your mother and my mother as she carried her baby in the womb for nine months. She effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' And when we see a mother breastfeeding, it is apparent even to an outsider that the mother is saying to her baby: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' I was thinking along these lines, prompted by the Gospel and by an article sent to me by my niece, a relatively new mother. In part it reads: 'Ah, milk and more milk. ... These tiny missives from eternity come swaddled in equal parts love and shit and grace and sick. Caring for a newborn I am astonished we ever let ourselves be tricked into a false reverence for transcendence: here at the foundation of all our lives is a deeply imminent experience of the sacred... .' *We need to acknowledge the sacred aura surrounding this union, this communion, between mother and child as she offers her body to give life to that child. This is a good way to think of that union, that Holy Communion, effected at the Mass. Our Lord offers His Body to nourish us in a way which shares his life with us: he gives us His Body to eat. Of course, we must refute the ancient charge which makes the sacrament sound like cannibalism! Not a molecule of the bread or wine changes. The 'bread of life' remains bread in appearance, the 'spiritual drink' remains wine in appearance. But the underlying reality changes. What is really present is the risen Lord Jesus Christ whose glorified body is able to be present wherever the sacrament is celebrated. And so the promise of today's Gospel

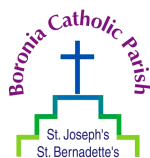
can be fulfilled: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice once again the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the Risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. It is as though we are enwombed in the Risen Lord. To quote St Paul from another context: 'In him we live and move and have our being.' The Saviour of the World, the Lord of the Universe, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in His glorified body. What a union. What a communion. What a Holy communion! This enables us to share in the divine life of Our Lord right now. The term 'eternal life' can mislead because we tend to think of it as life after death. No, it is a label for divine life which has the capacity to survive death. We can enjoy it now, but because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it has that wonderful impetus within it. Holy Communion is both a current reality and a foretaste of the future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.' After Holy Communion, we can say and pray with St Thomas Aquinas a true Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiving:

'Oh Sacred Banquet
in which Christ is received
and a pledge of future glory
is given to us.'

Yes, Christ is received and we are received into Christ. At every Mass, we are invited to come forward to Holy Communion and to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

**'Parenthood as religion', Sarah Kanowski, writer, producer and broadcaster with ABC Radio National. As reproduced in electronic version of Eureka Street 24 July 2009.*

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

A Warm Welcome
To all parishioners, school
members, grandparents,
parents, children and
visitors to our parish as we
celebrate our combined
parish mass on grandparents
weekend

Putting UNITY in our
Parish COMMUNITY



The Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 15 August
morning mass at
9:10am at *St Bernadette's*
11:30am at *St Joseph's*



CATHOLICCARE COLLECTION
next weekend 19 August

This year's appeal will support the youth in our community to give them a chance at a brighter future.

KNOX DEANERY EVENT
Wednesday 22 August
Secondary college YOUTH and
BEYOND.

THIS SESSION HAS BEEN POST-
PONED TO A LATER DATE - TBA.



We Pray For:-

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. John Van Suylen

Anniversaries: Roisin McGrath, John Phillips, Veronica Jones



We Welcome the families of

Steven and Carly Thomas - O'Halloran

Who are preparing to have their child baptised

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

Requiem Mass for Fr. John Van Suylen will be celebrated on Monday, 13 August at 10:45am at St Simon's Rowville (2 Taylor's Lane, Rowville)

Liturgy Roster 19 August 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	P Johnson	C Sorenson	F Postma, J Ahern, T Kitching, D Perlado, C O'Connell, J Douds, P George	R Ramos	G Boyer
8.00am	J Faulkner	J Noonan	N Klep, E Hariyanti, R Vanderstaak, M Holt	A O'Riley	J Faulkner
9.30am	F Mongan	S Rebbechi	F Mongan, E Hariyanti, N Ryan	Music Group	S Rebbechi & J Buchanan
11.00am	T Purchase	R Fuerbach	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, K King, F Tonis, R Parlevliet, M Delpont, V Maguire	L Reid	G Quinn

St Vincent de Paul - sleep out special collection

On behalf of St Vinnies, Boronia Conference, I would like to thank you for your generous donations to our "Sleep out for the Homeless". It was a huge success raising \$1,267 from our parish and \$1,850 from EACH Community Health Centre. Total \$3,117.

We spent a very cold night and cannot imagine trying to sleep on concrete every night. The cheque will be presented to a representative of the soup Vans on 22 August at 7.30 followed by a light supper in the John Cross Centre. Please feel free to join us.

Thank you all for your generosity

St Vincent De Paul Boronia Conference



E Conference at Janssen Spirituality Centre

Friday - 17 August 10am – 3pm

22 Woodvale road Boronia

BYO lunch - tea/ coffee provided

RSVP by Wednesday 15 August: 9762 6625

The eConference on the topic of, 'Synodality in practice: Listening to the Spirit and leading change'. At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists will discuss their future vision and hopes for the Catholic Church in Australia. Speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Plenary Council Facilitator Mrs Lana Turvey-Collins, Professor Massimo Faggioli, Professor Richard Lennan and Dr Gemma Cruz.

ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 13 August
Eleanor Foster, Brenda Felton
Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 18 August
Ria and Peter Parlevliet,
Ivan and Phillis Cramer

Flowers: 18 August
Rosemary

Hospitality: 6pm - 18 August
Yvonne and Phil Johnson

Hospitality: 11am - 19 August
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

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.

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

HOSPITALITY after the 11am mass, needs some new members, would you like to add your name to the roster if so please contact the Boronia parish at boronia@cam.org.au or 9761 2124. You are most welcome!

MINISTER FOR THE EUCHARIST TRAINING WORKSHOP for current and new ministers.

Thursday 6 September

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Bayswater

Facilitator: Mary Riley

Please contact the parish office boronia@cam.org.au or 9761 2124 if you wish to attend. I will forward the numbers to the deanery for catering purposes.

This is a certified course.

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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.

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Exploring the Word

The Jews' of this gospel are having great difficulty in accepting Jesus' origins. They have seen the abundant feast which is promised when the Messiah comes; they have seen the signs that God worked through Jesus and he has told them he is the bread that came down from heaven. But still they are trapped in their earthly reality and cannot move beyond it into the mystery of God present among them. For 'the Jews' the gift which God gave is the Law. They cannot move into the new reality that Jesus has surpassed this and offers something greater – his flesh for the life of the world. It is through his death and resurrection that salvation will be won. The final line of this text is the lead into the climax of the discourse which will shock the crowd in next week's gospel.

DID YOU KNOW?

† *The Gospel of John contains several 'I am' sayings. When God revealed his name to Moses at the burning bush he called himself 'I am who am'. Jesus' use of this term is a pointer to his true identity as Son of God.*

† *The 'manna' of the desert experience is indeed a real phenomenon. It is a highly nutritious substance which forms in the early morning possibly from the secretions of beetles which feed on the tamarisk plant.*

MAKING CONNECTIONS

† *'To hear the teaching of the Father and learn from it is to come to me'. Reflect on your journey so far. Are you coming closer to Jesus?*

† *Do some extra spiritual or religious reading this week to help you 'hear the teaching of the Father' and come closer to Jesus.*

† *Say often this week:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*