



Member of the Knox Deanery

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEK COMMENCING

Seventh week of Easter - 14 May

Monday 14th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 15th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 16th 9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 17th No Mass
Friday 18th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday 19th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 20th **Pentecost Sunday**
 8.00am Mass St Joseph's
 9.30am Mass St Bernadette's
 11.00am Mass St Joseph's

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

13th May 2018

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.
 Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B
 Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103: 1. 24. 29-31, R. v.30,
 1 Cor: 12: 3-7. 12-13, John 20:19-23



Go out
 to the
 whole
 world;
 proclaim
 the
**Good
 News**

REFLECTION: RESURRECTION FOR THE WHOLE COSMOS

When you think about it, Our Risen Lord could have continued to appear to groups of followers generation after generation until now! But He didn't. Why not? He needed to wean His followers from His visible presence in part because He needed to overcome the natural tendency of human beings to be self-centred, in this case to think that the Resurrection was just for them. He withdrew his visible presence in order to make it clear that other realms of creation were to share in His victory over death and decay, that the whole of creation is going to share in the transformation of life, which for human beings is experienced as the resurrection of the body. St Paul paints a wonderful picture about this in the Epistle to the Romans. He portrays the universe as a woman groaning in childbirth, but full of expectation and hope. Hope for what? Saint Paul says that 'the creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.' Is this all delayed until the end of time? No. The transformation, the enhancing of the universe begins even now. Even in our present state, ordinary human beings have a very remarkable significance for the whole universe. Over the last few days, Mount Wellington has looked magnificent capped with snow, and the River Derwent has been wonderfully calm and tranquil. Every rock, every ripple has been visible in the clearest, brightest air. But, one hundred thousand years ago Mount Wellington was never able to praise God for the beauty of the Derwent River, nor was the Derwent River able to praise God for the grandeur of Mt Wellington. Mount Wellington, the Derwent River, indeed the whole universe needed human beings to look with the eye of intelligence attuned to beauty, to see it as the work of the Creator and to praise God

for its splendour and loveliness. No doubt, the angels were able to do so but we are the innerheart and mind and voice of the whole of material creation. So, even now, it is utterly different because of us, and even more utterly different because of the Resurrection. The whole cosmos is filled with Our Lord's resurrection presence. There is a transforming Divine Power radiating through His glorified humanity, reaching out to every molecule and quantum of energy, to the farthest reaches of the most distant galaxies, to the eons of time back to the Big Bang, and able to affect every place and time in the future. I believe that Our Lord did us a great favour in withdrawing His visible presence from us in the Ascension so that we can more easily get the 'Big Picture' as portrayed by St Paul. Eventually the whole of creation will participate in Our Lord's resurrection. Like us, it will no longer be subject to exhaustion, entropy, disintegration and death. In the meantime, at every Mass that Divine Resurrection Power is at work. After the invoking of the Holy Spirit, and the reciting of the words of consecration from the Last Supper, elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – become His glorious Resurrection Body. That is the reason I decided to become a priest. Imagine the privilege of being a servant of the Divine transformation of the whole of creation in the light of the Resurrection. At every Mass, there is an anticipation of what Our Lord ascended to commence: '... the creation itself would be set free ... in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.' When you come forward to receive those transformed elements of creation, you share in the destiny of the whole of creation!

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**Australia's
Biggest
Morning Tea**



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May 19th & 20th**

Please join us after 6pm Mass on May 19th or
8am Mass or 11am Mass on May 20th 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 with prizes including movie tickets, bowling passes, café voucher, Nutrimitics pack, and more. Tickets will be \$1.00 each on sale after each Mass.

If anyone would like to help out with providing food or assisting on the days, I would be most appreciative, thanks.

See you all there, Leanne 0428199742

IT'S ON AGAIN!!

HIGH TEA



In support of
Sr. Carolina's

Medical Clinic Venilale in
Timor Leste.

SUNDAY 27TH MAY

2PM – 4PM

**ST. BERNADETTE'S HALL
THE BASIN**

Tickets \$10 each will be on sale after each Mass
on 12th & 13th; 19th & 20th May.

Contact: Rosemary 0414 754 590

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

CRAFT and PLANT STALL

This weekend after masses

with many Mother's day gifts and plants for sale, all sales
to go to parish.

We Pray For:-

Sick List: Anne Di Nardo, Wendy Cumming, Michael Rankin, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Elaine Ahern, Anton Parsons, Carmel McGough, Halina Hart, Margaret Millard, Dani Wintle, Yolliana Girgis, Steven Murray, Veneranda Sernande, Richard Hughes, Damien Sorenson, Dharshi Rajakarier, Margaret Beck, Kevin Cooper, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Matthew MacDonald, Frank Honan, Jason Hammerstein, Maurice Swanson, Maria Newbigin,

Recently Deceased: Catherine Vanderkolk

Anniversaries: Florence Brannen, Blache & Raoul Catherine, Francine & Joseph Wright, Len Taylor, Laura Kleverkamp



WELCOME

We Welcome the family of
Justin and Cat Sablovs
Kurt and Jasmin Rothmeier
Juan and Erika Ramirez

who will have their child baptised
later this month.

*We pray that every blessing will be upon them as they
prepare for their child's baptism.*

A service for **Catherina (Toos) Vanderkolk** will be held on
Thursday, 17 May at 10:30am here at St Joseph's.

Liturgy Roster 20 May 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	E Hariyanti	M Rankin	C Abraham, E Hariyanti, C Ashdowne, D Perlado, C O'Connell, C Sorenson, T Kitching	G Gilfedder	D Perlado
8.00am	D Bowker	A O'Riley	B Payne, D Mason, N Klep, M Holt	A Schmid	D Bowker
9.30am	E Hariyanti	F Mongan	M Middleton, P Middleton, F Mongan	Music Group	P & M Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	J Folino	K King	G Gibson, R Gibson, T Purchase, F Tonis, J Butterworth, E Butterworth, J Colborne	M Westwood	R Feuerbach

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Due to the number of parishioners and parishioners family and friends on our sick list, which we pray for each week, the liturgy team have decided not to have the names read during the prayers of the faithful but to have the names included in the mass PowerPoint on the overhead screen as the prayer for the sick is read. The names will remain in the newsletter as usual.



SCHOOL FAMILY MASS—next weekend 19 and 20 May

Please welcome our school families next weekend at our Family masses on Saturday at 6pm at St Joseph's and at 9:30am at St Bernadette's.

ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 14 May

Laurie Steer, Nelly Klep,
Jenny Folino, Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 19 May

Jon and Dianna Franklin
Rodolfo and Mirna Avalos

Flowers: 19 May

Lorraine

Hospitality: 6pm - 19 May

Emmanual & Thusthani Fernando

Hospitality: 11am - 20 May

Magdalena Delport, Kris Bielawski,
Lien Nguyen



SATURDAY

26 MAY

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

International Year of Youth

The Boronia Parish of St Josephs and St Bernadette's would like to invite all students in year 5, 6, 7 and 8 to 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 PASTA and FUN ACTIVITES.

To cover costs of dinner and activities we are asking that each families pays \$5. Parents or guardians are asked to find Anna or Vanessa (will be wearing YEAR OF YOUTH t-shirts) to sign you children in and provide an emergency contact number for the evening.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Vanessa:

vkelaith@yahoo.com.au or 0419302573

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

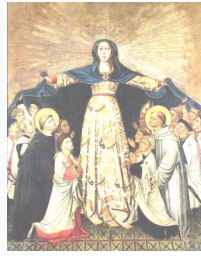
Gaye Smith

0468 316 487

Pope declares new feast day devoted to the Virgin Mary

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH - 21 May

Pope Francis has made the devotion to the Virgin Mary a new fixed celebration in the Roman Catholic calendar. The Vatican published a decree in which Francis declared that the Mary “Mother of the Church” feast would be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost. This year, it falls on May 21.



The decree said Francis wanted the devotion to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.” History’s first Latin American pope is particularly devoted to Marian piety and frequently refers to the church as “mother.”

Further information: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au>

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.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 2018: THE ANNUAL APPEAL

NEXT Sunday 20 May The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop’s Charitable Fund will conduct its annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in prisons, youth detention centres, hospitals and for the support of seafarers.

Accommodation - Granny Flat

S/C Granny Flat in Boronia.

Central Boronia Location—Walk to Station /shops

Suite single person . Reference required.

Immediate availability. Contact: 0432 359 968

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 central point to this gospel is the instruction which Jesus gives to the disciples to continue his work and mission: to take the good news of the gospel to the whole world and to all creation. He warns that this task may not be easy and that some will reject the message the disciples bring, but for those who do accept it the rewards will be great. They will overcome all that impedes or threatens life and will be given great gifts. In the preaching of the gospel, Jesus is still present and working with them. The disciples unquestioningly carry out the instructions they are given. The preaching and the sacramental life of the Christian Church is the continuation of the presence of Jesus in the world.

† *What hope is offered to us by Jesus taking up his place at the right hand of God?*

† *What signs of hope accompany the work of the Church in the world today?*

DID YOU KNOW?

† *These final verses of Mark’s Gospel were a later addition to the original ending of the women at the empty tomb. They show that from the earliest of times, the disciples realised that, although Jesus was no longer physically present, ‘the Lord was working with them’.*

† *The word ‘apostle’ comes from the Greek for ‘one who is sent out’.*

MAKING CONNECTIONS

† *What ‘good news’ does our world need today?*

† *Use this simple prayer often this week:
God draw us to you and lift our spirits on high.*

