



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

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OUR REGIONAL SCHOOLS

St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully 9758 2000
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 Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEK COMMENCING

Fifteenth week in Ordinary Time - 15 July

Monday 16th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 17th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 18th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 19th	No Mass
Friday 20th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday 21st	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 22nd	Sixteenth 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

15th July 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer: 23:1-6, Psalm 22. R. v.2,
 Eph: 2: 13-18. Mk. 6:30-34.



*Jesusbegan to send
 them out in pairs giving them
 authority*

REFLECTION: THE BIG PICTURE SETS YOU FREE

You may have seen on television scenes from Thailand with the Buddhist monks going out every morning with a bowl which is filled with food by devoted householders. That is the monks' food for the day. A monk only eats if people are generous. To take that risk, to have that interior freedom, the monks need a 'Big Picture' which they derive from Buddhist philosophy. Today's gospel portrays the early disciples as itinerant preachers totally dependent on the hospitality of others – 'take no purse, no haversack' – utterly relying on the generosity of the households who provide safe houses as they make their way on their mission. What was the 'Big Picture' which gave them the interior freedom to take the risk of living that way? What gave them freedom from anxiety about the future? They got it from a deep-down sense of identity, the Big Picture as sung about only a few years later at the beginning of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the second reading. It is a hymn to early Christian disciples. You are Christian disciples. St Paul is speaking to you: 'Blessed be God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed you with all the spiritual blessings of Heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose you, chose you in Christ, to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence.' Before the world was made, He chose you. Before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'. From that perspective, it is not too much to say that the universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy, that creatures were drawn to evolve into human beings so that you,

personally and individually, might enjoy a wonderful destiny. That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence. It is almost impossible to grasp the immensity of this fact perceived by faith. But the Big Picture becomes even more stupendous. It portrays more than the destiny of human beings. St Paul wrote elsewhere (Romans 8:19-22) that the whole of creation is yearning to share in the destiny which is yours. The most distant galaxy is aching, the furthest star is longing to be transformed by the glorified, risen humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. That is God's plan revealed to us in the second reading. When this phase of cosmic history is ended, God will bring 'everything together under Christ as Head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.' Everything. Every thing: you and every other element of creation. That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. You will have a freedom to dare to be different. When you listen to the Word of God, listen to your body, listen to your intuition, listen to your gut feeling; when you get your body, mind and spirit in harmony with the Big Picture of revelation, then you will find you have a freedom which will allow you to do great things to further God's plan for human history and the whole cosmos. As St Paul concludes in the second reading: 'You have been stamped with the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of your inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own.' My dear friends, you are free because 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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Fr. Nick de Groot SVD was born in The Hague, Holland in 1943. Migrated to Australia with the family in 1953. He entered the Society of the Divine Word in Marburg, Qld, in 1961 and was ordained priest in Brisbane in 1969. After further studies in Rome, he went to teach in the major seminary in Port Moresby, PNG 1972-1978. In 1979 he took a year to study Spirituality to become Novice Master in Marburg, 1980-1986. From 1987-1990 he went to teach in Tagaytay, the Philippines, and then returned to PNG for the second time. From 1990 – 2006 he worked at the Melanesian Institute, which studies the cultures and spirituality of the PNG people. From 2006-2009 Nick was elected as General Secretary to the Bishops' Conference of PNG and the Solomon Islands. He then returned home to Australia, spending 3 years in the Rockhampton Diocese and in 2012 was sent to Boronia to become Director of the Jansen Spirituality Centre.

FAREWELL and GOD'S BLESSING to FR. NICK

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 this weekend.

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

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, Maria Newbiggin, Richard Hughes, Dharshi Rajakarier, Margaret Beck, Matthew MacDonald, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Kevin Cooper, Kathleen Dalby, Michael Bott, Sheila Forster, John Barker

Recently Deceased: Maria Nesbitt

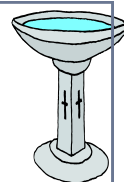
Anniversaries: Thomas Paul Burger, Gimi Gaspari, Noel Keogh



BAPTISM

We Congratulate

Alice Juniper Reid



Who will be Baptised this Weekend

*May God's blessings be upon you
on this special occasion and
always.*

Liturgy Roster 22 July 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	P George	E Hariyanti	C Archer, G Boyer, J Boyer, D Perlado, J Douds, E Hariyanti, N Hughes	R Ramos	D Perlado
8.00am	A Schmid	A O'Riley	D Bowker, J Faulkner, D Mason, B Payne	G Horanyi	B Elvin
9.30am	N Ryan	P Ryan	M Newbiggin, F Roberts, E Hariyanti	C Schwarz	P & M Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	C Feeney	F Mongan	J Colborne, J Folino, N Johnson, V Maguire, F Mongan, R O'Brien, T Purchase	P Pereira	G Quinn

Please pick up your Thanksgiving TAX RECEIPT at

the back of the church: the parish administration is obliged to pass these receipts to you at the end of the financial year. If you neglect to pick up your receipt we will have to send it out via Australia Post and this may end up being quite expensive. Parishioners who have requested an electronic receipt, this was sent to your email account. Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns or questions in reference to your thanksgiving or tax receipt via email boronia@cam.org.au or phone 9761 2124.

ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 16 July
Eleanor Foster, Brenda Felton
Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 21 July
Mravin Limbo, Leanne Reid,
Anne Schmid, Helen Keogh

Flowers: 21 July
Anna

Hospitality: 6pm - 21 July
Pauline George

Hospitality: 11am - 22 July
Peter Shanahan

The new **LITURGY ROSTER** has been sent to your email. For parishioners who do not have an email account and would like a hardcopy please pick one up at the back of the church if you miss out please ring the parish office on 9761 2124 or mention to Mary.

SCHOOL IS BACK ON MONDAY - Term III

We welcome the return of teachers, staff and students back to school this Monday. You are most welcome to join the parents and staff at the coffee van at St Joseph's on Monday morning.



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



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

An invitation...



A Journey into Faith.

If you wish to explore our Catholic Christian Faith we are happy to accompany you in this search; to go on the journey with you. We conduct evening sessions to help you on your way to discover what God is calling you to.

you are welcome

- ◆ if you have no faith in particular and just want to inquire and find out something about our faith
- ◆ if you are from another faith or Christian Tradition and want to inquire about Catholic faith.
- ◆ if you are already a baptised catholic but have been away for a while and want to return.

Coming to us does not mean you are already committed – you are welcome to come and go as you wish.

Please contact Frances:

(francesmongan@hotmail.com or 9874 3016) by the end of July if you would like to be part of this or speak to Fr. Mirek or Sr. Elisabeth.

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

Up until this point in Mark's Gospel the disciples have been travelling with Jesus, listening to his teaching and witnessing his actions. Now they are called to take a more active role. They have watched him drive out demons and cure the sick. Now they are called on to repeat in their own lives and mission, exactly what he does himself. This is a great test of their response to what they have learned thus far. They are to take nothing with them but a staff and sandals, the symbols of the wandering missionary. Nothing else is necessary; they rely on God as they follow Jesus. When they are accepted by people, they are to remain with them, a sign that the kingdom of God is near at hand. For those who reject them, simply shake off the dust and continue the journey. As we saw in last week's gospel, nothing can be achieved where there is no faith.

DID YOU KNOW?

† *Jews often had to pass through pagan territory which surrounded their own lands. The gesture of shaking the dust from their sandals was a common one when Jews passed from pagan lands into the lands of Israel.*

† *The word 'apostle' comes from a Greek word for being sent out.*

† *The instruction to the disciples to take only sandals and a staff symbolises their complete dependence. Jesus is to be their bread, their clothing, their wealth.*

MAKING CONNECTIONS

† *How can you live more simply with only the things you need rather than the things you want?*

† *Today's Gospel Acclamation makes a wonderful prayer for this week:*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.