



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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## OUR PARISH TEAM

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Parish Pastoral Council :-  
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St. Vincent de Paul	1800 305 330
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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	
Assistant Principal	
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,	
Mater Christi College	9754 6611
Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald	

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

### WEEK COMMENCING

15th Sunday Ordinary Time – 16 July 2017

Monday 17th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 18th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 19th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 20th	No Mass
Friday 21st	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 11.30am Seniors Mass
Saturday 22nd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6:00pm Vigil St Joseph's
Sunday 23rd	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

16th July 2017

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### Gospel Acclamation:-

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.  
 Alleluia!

### Next Week's Readings – Year A

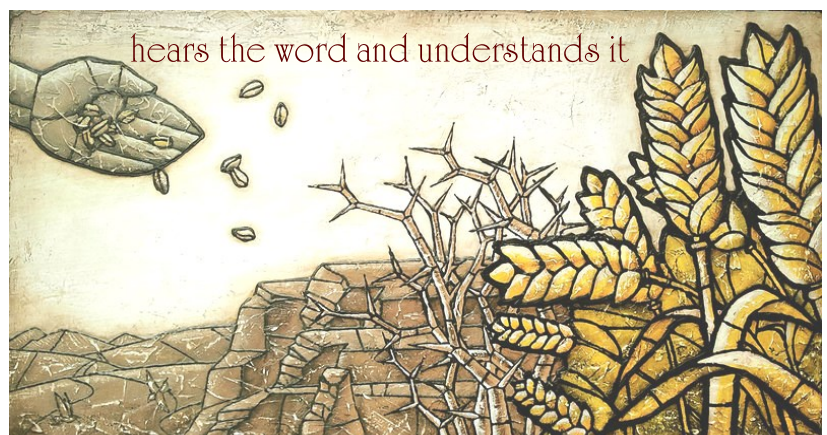
Wisdom 12: 13.16-19, Psalm: 85:5-6, 9-10. 15-16 R. v.5  
 Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

## Laudato Si

### ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

*We lack leadership capable of striking out on new paths and meeting the needs of the present with concern for all and without prejudice towards coming generations.*

*The establishment of a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems has become indispensable, otherwise the new power structures based on the techno-economic paradigm may overwhelm not only our politics but also freedom and justice.*



## REFLECTION: CREATION SET FREE

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil – soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a good observer of the farmers of his time who used to sow the seed before ploughing? No. There is something more. Notice how much time Jesus spends amongst the magnificent outcrops and ridges of rock in the wilderness on the far side of the Jordan, or how much he enjoyed being on a boat buffeted by the squalls which descended out of the hills around the Sea of Galilee. There is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind. And then we remember the ancient Jewish story about the creation of the world, the Book of Genesis, what I call the Jewish dream-time story. Every time God created an aspect of the universe, the story goes: ‘God saw that it was good.’ Then at last God created human beings and the story goes: ‘God saw all he had made and indeed it was very good.’ What made the scene ‘very good’? Precisely that it is at last a scene, something to be looked at by creatures with eyes and intelligence to really see the world for what it is. Have you ever thought how radically incomplete the whole cosmos would be without human beings as the conscious part which can celebrate its splendour and cherish its beauty? We are the heart and mind of the whole of material creation. I recall taking four Tanzanian World Youth Day pilgrims up Mt Wellington to play in the snow. The city of Hobart, nestling on the banks of the Derwent River looked magnificent below. Mt Wellington was never able to praise God for the beauty of the River Derwent. The River Derwent was never able to praise God for the grandeur of Mt Wellington. But the hearts of those pilgrims were elated and they praised God for it all. Perhaps we are amongst the first generations who, from a scientific point of view, can understand the intimate links between every part of the universe and we earthlings. But St Paul intuited that link and then at a more profound level still. This led him to make

the most amazing claim that the whole of creation is going to share in the transformation of life which for us we call the resurrection of the body. As he says in the Epistle to the Romans: ‘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.’ This is so fantastic that I feel bound to repeat it. (repeat) We human beings have played our part in the slavery to decay of the universe. Obviously, every instance of shocking pollution of the waters or the air of our planet or wanton destruction of the common heritage of nature adds to the decay. But in St Paul’s view, all our sinfulness makes its contribution. But the positive aspect is that we share a common destiny brought about by the more powerful and profound victory of Christ over the final instance of decay which is death. The material universe will share in the transformation begun with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. One can’t begin to imagine how this will all work out, but we have a preview, an anticipation of this at every Mass. After the invoking of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration of the Last Supper, elements of the universe: wheat – bread; grapes – wine; become each and together the Real Presence of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. They become the sacramental presence of His glorious resurrection body. The destiny of the whole universe is to share in the resurrection life of our Lord. Heaven *and* Earth are to be full of God’s glory. Heaven and *Earth* are to be full of God’s glory. Jesus saw this and loved the craggy wilderness, the windswept Sea of Galilee, the soil giving life to the crops of local farmers. At the end of time we will all see this and join with the angels as we sing what we already proclaim at every Mass:

‘Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.’

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## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

We welcome back to school all staff, teachers and students returning this Monday, 17 July. We hope that all had an enjoyable and restful midyear break. At St Joseph’s the Tea / Coffee van will be available early in the morning for you to pick up a hot drink.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION CATHOLIC MISSION

**NEXT WEEK** our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church appeal.

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus’ life-giving mission, supporting women and children’s health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life in the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risk to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies among the many expectant mothers who come through the doors.

**Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.**



**LITTLE JOEY'S IS BACK FOR 2017!**  
Do you sing or play an instrument?  
We invite any school aged child from the Boronia Parish to join our **LITTLE JOEY'S MUSIC GROUP.**  
We play/sing once a month at the Saturday night 6pm Mass, the next one being **SATURDAY 22 July**  
If you could meet us in the church at 5.30pm for a warm up/practice before Mass begins that would be appreciated.  
For further information contact **Gayle Ashdowne 0438 610 122** or **Dianne Cullinan 0422 677 458**  
**Dates for 2017:**  
**22/7; 26/8; 23/9; 28/10**

## NEW LITURGY ROSTERS

New Liturgy rosters have been distributed electronically. Parishioners who don’t have an email address a copy of the roster is waiting for you at the back of the church. Please pick this up before you leave today.

## We Pray For:-

**Sick List:** Wendy Cumming, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Margaret Beck, Halina Hart, Anton Parsons, Margaret Millard, , Rita Steller, Theresa Gianonni, Jacqui Abel, Michael Rankin, Peter Parlevliet, Maureen Howard, Tony Ferdinands, Delores Llewellyn, Liza Bernadette Toufiley

**Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth Peebles, Michael Geoffrey Ohlmus, Gordon Pearce

**Anniversaries:** Noel Keogh



## BAPTISM

We Congratulate

*Lance Ace Lawa*



Who will be Baptised this Weekend

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

## Liturgy Roster 23rd July 2017

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	C Ashdowne	P Dinon	C Archer, G Boyer, J Boyer, P Crennan, J Douds, P George, T Kitching	D Perlado	G Boyer
8.00am	A O'Riley	A Schmid	D Bowker, J Faulkner, B Payne, D Mason	G Horanyi	D Bowker
9.30am	J Keuken	P Ryan	M Newbigin, F Roberts, N Ryan	R Gesthuizen	S Rebbechi & J Buchanan
11.00am	K King	F Mongan	J Colborne, J Folino, N Johnson, V Maguire, F Mongan, T Purchase, P Shanahan	M Limbo	R Feuerbach

## THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS

Are available for collection this weekend after all masses. Please remember to pick up your receipt. We are obliged to give you a receipt for your donation whether you submit a tax return or not. Thank you for your cooperation; I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your generous contribution to the Parish. If you have any queries regarding your receipt or your stewardship donation please contact the parish office: [boronia@cam.org.au](mailto:boronia@cam.org.au) or 9761 2124

## NEW ENVELOPES

The next batch of envelopes are about to be ordered. For your convenience parishioners can transfer their giving to Credit Card donations or Direct Debit, if you prefer. If you would like to do this please complete the form at the back of the church and hand it to Fr. Mirek or Sr. Elisabeth or contact the parish office. Also if you would like to revise your pledge at any time please contact the parish office.

## UP TO DATE AND CURRENT INFORMATION

Please remember to contact the parish office whenever your credit card or debit card information has changed or updated in any way. This also includes contact details.

## JOIN OUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Parishioners of St Joseph's and St Bernadette's are most welcome to join our Stewardship program. Stewardship commitment is essential; it is the only financial support the Parish and the Parish Priest receive, other than the occasional fundraising for the Parish. Please complete the pledge form at the back of the church. You may remit your pledge via envelope, Credit Card or Debit Card. Stewardship donations can be charged on a weekly, monthly or annual basis. We welcome you to become a member and participant in the sacramental life of the church. Please call the church office for more information: [boronia@cam.org.au](mailto:boronia@cam.org.au) or 9761 2124

## ROSTERS:-

**Money Counters: 17 July**  
Eleanor Foster, Brenda Felton, Nelly Klep, Peter Ryan  
**Church Cleaning: 22 July**  
Cathy Muhllechner, Marvin Limbo, Leanne Reid  
**Flowers: 22 July**  
Geraldine Butler  
**Hospitality: 6:pm 22 July**  
Pauline George  
**Hospitality: 11am 23 July**  
Ziggy Dobiecki

## 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 1.00pm to 4.00pm. 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 Denis 9762 3270 or Eleanor 9762 3272.

## 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 0447 441 923

## Family Care Sisters invite you to a Film: "The Red Turtle"

This beautifully animated film is a superb visual first collaboration between Dutch animator/ director Michael Dudok de Wit and the famous Japanese Studio Ghibli. A man is shipwrecked on a desert island and must face the challenges of nature and survival, initially alone. His story is simple, yet poignant, becoming more mysterious, meditative and profound as life's milestones are expressed in the cycle of birth, death and rebirth. There is no dialogue in this film, which allows for the subtle influence of the visual images, silence together with natural soundscape and film score. This film quietly asks big questions about ambition, acceptance, the beauty of companionship, love and death.



Where: Family Care Sisters. 69 Alto Ave. Croydon  
When: Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Time: 9.50am – 3pm. BYO Lunch. Tea/Coffee provided.  
Cost: \$25  
Bookings: Ring 9723 6797.

## JCMA WINTER CONFERENCE 2017

Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia aims to enable people of faith to deepen their understanding of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Australia today by meeting, engaging with and learning from Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Date: 2pm Sunday 6th August to 5pm Monday 7th August 2017

Venue: **St Paul Retreat Centre, Nortons Lane, Wantirna South.** Cost: \$160

Theme: "Faith and Society" - exploring the interplay between these two all-embracing realms of our existence in the context of modern Australia

If you would like to attend the 2017 JCMA Winter Conference, we ask that you apply by filling in a "registration of interest" online at <https://jcmawinterconference2017.eventbrite.com.au> before the closing date of Monday July 24.

## FIRST SATURDAY DELIVERANCE RETREAT Saturday 5 August, 9am–4.30pm, Salesian College Chapel, 10 Bosco Street, Chadstone

In addition to the Vincentian Retreat Centre's regular retreats every Saturday in the Salesian College chapel, every FIRST Saturday will now feature a full day 'Deliverance Retreat', during which there will be Rosary, praise and worship, talks, Holy Mass and Adoration, with healing prayers.

**Details:** Ramesh and Bernie at  
[rbvm.546.samson@bigpond.com](mailto:rbvm.546.samson@bigpond.com)

## 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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## Matthew 13:1-23: 15th Sunday Year A

*Today's gospel not only presents us with a striking parable and teases out its meaning, it also explains why Jesus spoke in parables and the challenge that they provide for those in every age who do not have eyes to see and ears to hear.*

The parabolic discourse of Matthew chapter 13 is spread over the next three Sundays and provides a rich banquet indeed as we are invited to reflect on Jesus' parables that encourage us to be rich soil that brings forth an abundant and fruitful harvest despite the challenges before us.

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The words of Isaiah in the first reading proclaim the life-giving nature of God's word and it should come as no surprise that Jesus drew on Isaiah's sad lament in Isaiah 6:9–10 as he reflected on those whose hearts were hardened to receive his message. In comparison, disciples are called to rejoice and wonder that what had long been promised has now come to fruition. The question remains: what kind of soil will we be?

† May every day of our lives thus be shaped by a renewed encounter with Christ, the Word of the Father made flesh: he stands at the beginning and the end, and 'in him all things hold together' (Col 1:17).

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—Rev. Dr Chris Monaghan CP is a Passionist and President of Yarra Theological Union (YTU). Since 1987 he has been lecturing at YTU in both Old and New Testament. The major focus of his teaching is on Matthew, Luke-Acts and the letters of Paul.

## St Augustine of Hippo wrote that

*'The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.'*

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