



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	18 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday	19 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday	20 th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday	21 st	No Mass
Friday	22 nd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday	23 rd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday	24 th	Seventh 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

17th February 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sam 26:2.7-8, Ps 102:1-4, 8.10. 12-13 R.v.8
1 Cor: 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

WHATS HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Monday	18 Feb	Fete Meeting
Thursday	21 Feb	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday	22 Feb	Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter
Saturday	23 Feb	"50" years celebrations for Sr. Francis

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday

BLESSED
IS THE MAN
WHO TRUSTS
IN THE LORD
AND WHOSE HOPE
IS
THE LORD

REFLECTION: NOT A CELESTIAL JOKE

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? Is this some cruel celestial joke? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes? The short answer is that he is trying to create a different world. But we have to start in Thailand. Have you ever seen, on TV, Buddhist monks in Thailand? Every morning they go out from their monasteries in pairs with little bowls to beg for food. They are utterly dependent for food on householders who come out and put a morsel of food in the bowl until it ends up with enough food in it for the day. The people call the monks 'a blessing'. It allows them to perform acts of generosity, acts of unselfishness, everyday. The abbot of such a monastery could well say to his monks every morning: 'Blessed are you who hunger, you shall be satisfied.' They are 'blessed' in view of a coming act which will deliver them from hunger. And the abbot could say that with confidence because Buddhism has created in Thailand a social reality, a communal reality, a mutual reality, which allows for that need to be satisfied. Jesus of Nazareth tried to create a social reality, a communal reality, a mutual reality he called 'the kingdom/reign of God'. In it, those who are poor, hungry or weeping would find generous compassionate companions on the journey of life. Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in some paradise in the long distant future.' How callous would that be? That would be a cruel celestial joke. Don't forget the nature of the society of his day and the great cities of the Eastern Roman Empire for which St Luke was writing his Gospel. Social stratification was intense. The elite enjoyed wealth, status, prestige, power. The ordinary person was very, very inferior, always on the edge of destitution. The men were mostly

day-labourers: no work on the day, no food for the family. This was the Greco-Roman Empire into which the Gospel burst and Jesus wanted to challenge and change that social system. It is always a danger to reduce Jesus to one dimension, but one dimension is that Jesus is a radical reformer of the relations between classes of people. He sets about the task of creating a new sort of society, the ekklesia, the church in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are blessed in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress. Why? Because if those with wealth, power and prestige want to join this new phenomenon, the Christian church, they must – it is a divine imperative – must break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, plenty to laugh about. They must radically redistribute their wealth and enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not. It was a challenge to those listening to Jesus. It is still a challenge for us today. There are still hundreds of millions of destitute people throughout the world. There are still hundreds of millions starving and malnourished. There are still widows weeping because their husbands, the day labourers in some square in Kabul, have been blown up by suicide bombers. Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us, of you, of me, living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that other world and say: 'Blessed are you who are without the necessities of life, you will be provided for. Blessed are you who are hungry, you will have enough food for yourselves and your families. Blessed are you who mourn, you will be comforted.' Our Lord's credibility is on the line. He depends on us.

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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 9, 16 & 23 March.

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

*Tickets are on sale at the back of the church -
Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to win
these fabulous prizes, including 3 Suzuki cars -
Coles Myer gift vouchers !!*

TICKETS ON
SALE NOW

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.

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

**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 Petrus will be here to be part of the celebra-
tion 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

PLEASE NOTE:

NO MASS AT ST BERNADETTE'S

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Due to the celebration next Saturday evening for
Sr Frances, which many parishioners would like to
attend, there will be no Mass at St Bernadette's next
weekend.

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, Fr. Mirek Knap CR, Rosa Petraglia

Recently Deceased: Keith Scutt

Anniversaries: Sally Brouwers, Tony Ceravolo



BAPTISM

We Congratulate

Annabelle Marie Mallia

Harper Waddington

Maddison & Charlotte Healy

Will & Brodie Barcham

Who will be Baptised this Weekend

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



Liturgy 24 February 2019

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	M Rankin	B Douds	C Abraham, G Boyer, J Boyer, N Hughes, F Mongan, J Douds, C Ashdowne	D Perlado	G Boyer
8.00am	D Hearn	J Faulkner	R Chen, R Vanderstaak, D Mason, Volunteer	A O'Riley	J Faulkner
9.30am	P Middleton	Volunteer	J Keuken, S Rebbechi, A Sadler	C Schwarz	J Buchanan, S Rebbechi
11.00am	R Feuerbach	J Folino	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, K King, T Eklund, E Hariyanti, R Parlevliet, M Delpont	L Reid	F Tonis

Dear Fr Mirek, parish staff, parishioners and school staff of St Joseph's and St. Bernadette's, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, also the gifts I received for my farewell and your kind words you have written on the cards. Thank you very much for your support and generosity. I appreciate it very much. I am settling in our provincial house Carseldine-Aspley for a week before going to Inala to do the ministry in St. Mark's parish. I pray that may God continue to bless each one of you and the work you do.

Thank you

Sr. Elisabeth Hariyanti, SSpS

ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 18 February

Laurie Steer, Jenny Folino

Nelly Klep, Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 23 February

Jenny and Jim Folino,

Irene Hammerstein, Marian Bullen

Flowers 23 February

Geraldine

Hospitality: 6pm - 23 February

Emmanual & Thushani Fernando

Hospitality: 11am - 24 February

Magdalena Delpont, Kris Bielawski

Lien Nguyen

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

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.

If you are interested please add your name to the list immediately

(so that we can make an order for the booklets, they are selling fast)

Cost of books—\$10 each

Creating a meaningful Community

Thursday Feb 21st 7.00pm Cuppa 7.30pm Start

St Simon's Parish, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville

How do we build a community where people feel a sense of belonging, acceptance and a desire to get involve.

Guest Speaker : Rose Marie Prosser PhD BSc (Hons), BTheol, MTheol. Dip

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

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

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World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA



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.

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.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

