



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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Parish Pastoral Council :-  
 Fr. Mirek Knap CR, Sr. Elisabeth Hariyanti SSPS, Donna Bowker, Chris Ashdowne, Rosemary Gibson, Marie Jones, Sue Hawkins, Peter Middleton, Mark Westwood, Dale Maxwell, Fran Wilmann, Georges Wilmann

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
St Bernadette's - Judy Degenhardt	9762 5135

## 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 of Easter - 21 May 2017

Monday 22nd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 23rd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 24th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 25th	No Mass
Friday 26th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 11.00am Maryville Chapel
Saturday 27th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6:00pm Vigil St Joseph's
Sunday 28th	The Ascension of the Lord 8.00am Mass St Joseph's 9:30am Mass St Bernadette's 11.00am Mass St Joseph's
Reconciliation	Saturday 9.30am

## 21st May 2017

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Responsorial Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

### Gospel Acclamation:-

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 All who love me will keep my words,  
 and my Father will love them and we will  
 come to them.  
 Alleluia!

### Next Week's Readings – Year A

Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm: 46:2-3, 6-9, R. v. 6  
 Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

## Laudato Si

### ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

*In assessing the environmental impact of any project, concern is usually shown for its effects on soil, water and air, yet few careful studies are made of its impact on biodiversity, as if the loss of species or animals and plant groups were of little importance. Highways, new plantations, the fencing-off of certain areas, the damming of water sources, and similar developments, crowd out natural habitats and, at times, break them up in such a way that animal populations can no longer migrate or roam freely. As a result, some species face extinction. Alternatives exist which at least lessen the impact of these projects, like the creation of biological corridors, but few countries demonstrate such concern and foresight. Frequently, when certain species are exploited commercially, little attention is paid to studying their reproductive patterns in order to prevent their depletion and the consequent imbalance of the ecosystem.*



## REFLECTION: PARALLEL TRUTHS

In ancient Jewish theology, there were various names for diabolical evil. 'Satan' was amongst them. Satan was the adversary of humankind. In particular, Satan was a prosecutor appearing before the throne of God accusing human beings of their offences and demanding retribution, that the punishment fit the crime. On the contrary, our Lord had a very different image of himself in relating to us, the opposite of the satanic prosecutor. Did you notice in today's Gospel, knowing he was departing from his followers, he says: 'I will send you another Advocate to be with you forever.' (This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'.) Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another. What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-llel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and uses his voice on their behalf. A paraclete is a person who stands shoulder to shoulder with someone and pleads their case. That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself in relation to his disciples. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor par excellence, to be the best character witness one might ever hope to have. We see our Lord in this role with the woman taken in adultery. He saves her from death by stoning, engages her in conversation and, most importantly, refuses to condemn her. But, our Lord's visible earthly mission was coming to an end. Hence he made a promise. That another Paraclete, another advocate, would be sent to dwell in the body of the disciples. This is a most fantastic gift. Dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, is the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, giving voice to our deepest aspirations. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth, always reminding us of the reality about our Lord Jesus Christ. For us, that includes trying to live according to the pattern revealed in His ministry, and that will have its challenges, its failures, its successes and its doubts.

And one of the challenges is to check on our tendency to condemn. Discernment is necessary. I lecture at the Law School on crimes against humanity and genocide. Obviously, one has to condemn those who perpetrate these atrocities which violate our common humanity. But Pope Francis has indicated that the Church needs to move away from strident moralistic hectoring in a condemnatory tone. In a recent interview he said: 'In Buenos Aires I used to receive letters from homosexuals persons who are "socially wounded". They tell me that they feel like the Church has always condemned them... 'A person once asked me, in a provocative manner, if I approved of homosexuality. I replied with another question: 'Tell me: when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of that person with love, or reject and condemn that person?'" The Pope answers of course that God accompanies that person with love and mercy. Adopting this approach, with discernment, we will find a deep peace, the sort of peace the world cannot give. It is a deep down assurance that we are on the right track, that we are living our lives Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In another Gospel, it is said that Jesus had a mystical experience in which he saw Satan falling from heaven (Luke 10:18). That is, Satan the prosecutor is no longer standing before God accusing human beings of various faults and felonies, seeking their punishment. The one standing before God is Our Risen Lord. He stands before the Father as the 'Paraclete', pleading our case, acting as our character witness. And here on our earthly pilgrimage, the Holy Spirit of Truth is walking alongside us as the 'other Paraclete', shoulder to shoulder, helping us to combat Satan who still roams the earth. This revelation of the fall of Satan from Heaven, and the assistance of the divine Paracletes, is the cause of our Peace, a peace the world cannot give, the Peace which is our Lord's Easter gift to us.

Alleluia!

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## FR. MIREK'S JUBILEE

### PLATES

*Please note that plates left from the celebration have been placed at the back of the church for you to pick up.*

### WEBSITE - MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

*The news of the celebration of Fr. Mirek's silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood has been placed on the Melbourne Catholic News website you may view it at the following link: (control click)*

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Melbourne-News/fr-mirek-knap-celebrates-25-years-as-a-priest>

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITABLE FUND

**Chaplaincy Sunday  
Appeal 2017**

Sunday 21 May



**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Cancer Council  
Australia's  
Biggest  
Morning Tea**

**ST JOSEPH AND ST BERNADETTE  
WILL BE HOSTING AUSTRALIA'S  
BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

**ST BERNADETTE'S**  
Sunday 28th May after the 9.30am Mass  
Morning tea provided for a cash donation.  
For further information contact  
Dianne 0422 677 458

**ST JOSEPH'S**  
Saturday 27 May after 6pm mass  
Sunday 28 May after 8am and 11am masses  
Please contact Leanne 0428 199 742  
if you would like to help in any way  
A donation of at least \$5

Enjoy a cuppa, a chat and something yummy to eat.  
**All Proceeds will go to the Anti Cancer Council**

## We Pray For:-

**Sick List:** Wendy Cumming, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Margaret Beck, Halina Hart, Laurence Costello, Ben Roussety, Anton Parsons, Margaret Millard, Maureen Howard, John Murray, Margaret Singleton, Rita Steller, Theresa Gianonni, Jacqui Abel

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Cannon, Mary Ellen Boyce, Jessie Sindrey

**Anniversaries:** Ellen Cleary, Elaine Sorenson



## BAPTISM

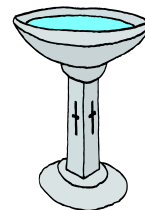
We Congratulate

*Ella Louise Ryan*

*Laney Denise Kilgour*

Who will be Baptised this Weekend

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



## Liturgy Roster 28th May 2017

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	P Dinon	P Johnson	J Ahern, C Archer, G Boyer, J Boyer, T Kitching, B White, J White	D Perlado	M Makarucha
8.00am	D Hearn	A Schmid	D Bowker, J Faulkner, B Payne, R Vanderstaak	G Horanyi	D Hearn
9.30am	M Asquith	P Ryan	W Phillips, S Rebbechi, N Ryan	R Gesthuizen	P & M Middleton
11.00am	V Maguire	F Mongan	T Eklund, J Folino, N Johnson, F Mongan, T Purchase, M Westwood, F Tonis	M Limbo	R Feuerbach

## CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY Appeal 2017 - Sunday 21 May

### CHAPLAINS - OUR COMPANIONS OF HOPE

The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting an Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in our community in:

- \* Youth Justice
- \* Healthcare (Public Hospitls, Mental Health, HIV/AIDs)
- \* Prisons
- \* Seafarers

"As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of them is love."

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

To find out more please view the chaplaincy Sunday webpage [www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy](http://www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy)

Further information please contact the Development Office 9926 5731

**ST JOSEPH'S AND ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** are currently taking **ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2018**. If you have a child commencing in Prep next year and you have not done so already, could you please complete an enrolment form. If you know any neighbours, friends, people at playgroups or preschool / kindergartens seeking enrolment for 2018, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a tour of the school.

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

The family masses are an opportunity to have all of our families with children gather together for **worship**. We invite families to come together to pray, give thanks and grow in faith.



*Gratitude  
is the best  
Attitude*

**MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE:** Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour, **Sunday 21 May, 10.00am**. Mater Christi College is a vibrant, inclusive and warm community where girls feel safe, build friendships and become intelligent and reflective learners. For more information, or to arrange a **Personal Tour**, contact Kylie Lee, 9754 6611.

## ROSTERS:-

### Money Counters: 22 May

Eleanor Foster, Nelly Klep, Brenda Felton, Peter Ryan

### Church Cleaning: 27 May

Cathy Muhllechner, Marvin Limbo, Leanne Reid

### Flowers: 27 May

Nelly Klep

### Hospitality: 6:00pm 27 May

Clare O'Connell

### Hospitality: 11am 28 May

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 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



## PALLOTTINE CENACLE PRAYER

Monday 22 May, 7.30–8.30pm

Holy Spirit Chapel, 120 Oban Road, North Ringwood

Tradition holds the Cenacle as the location of the Last Supper and the place where Mary, the Apostles and the other disciples spent time in prayer and community prior to the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Reflecting on the Cenacle, St Vincent Pallotti came to believe that all are called to take up the mission of Jesus Christ and live as apostles, sent forth to preach the Good News and bring healing to a broken and suffering world. Prayer starts at 7.30pm and finishes with a light supper. Please feel welcome to bring a plate of food to share.

## PALLOTTINE PRAYER: FEAST OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Saturday 3 June, 2pm

85 Studley Park Road, Kew

This get-together to celebrate Mary as Queen of the Apostles commences with prayer at 2pm, followed by a sausage sizzle, a catch-up and socialising. All members of the wider Pallottine community are especially welcome. Please bring a salad or sweet to share.

**Details and RSVP:** Anne on 9304 2926 or [av-dowling@bigpond.com](mailto:av-dowling@bigpond.com)

## BYSTANDER INTERVENTION WORKSHOP TO PREVENT GENDER VIOLENCE

Date: Sat June 24, 2017 Time: 10.am - 2pm

Facilitator: Dr. Ree Boddé

Hosted by St Paul's Boronia - crn Dorset Rd & William St.

Registrations by 16 June - Annette Hill

Email: [stpaulsboronia@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsboronia@gmail.com) Mobile 0429414216

\$10. donation or free event for those on fixed income or benefit.



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On the 13 May we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady appearing to 3 shepherd children in Fatima Portugal. Our Blessed Mother revealed a message of hope and a warning to the faithful.



Fatima, Portugal is the source of a beautiful miracle in our times. In 1917, between May 13 and October 13, 1917, Mary appeared six times to Lucy, Francisco, and Jacinta. Their small village of Fatima was persecuted by the government, but its citizens remained faithful to the Catholic Church. In her requests, she promised that many souls would be saved if they listened to her requests. She told us that war was a punishment for sin along with hunger, persecution of the Church, and persecution of the Holy Father. She reminded us of the Commands of God; she added nothing new but renewed our urgency to follow Christ. Since the 1930's the Church has approved and supported these apparitions as authentic.

On October 13, 1917, Mary appeared again to the three children and said, "I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honour. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes." By then there were thousands of witnesses. Mary also said, "Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended." At that, the Miracle of the Sun was witnessed by 70,000 people as it danced in the sky, changed colours, and was hurled towards earth as if to destroy it.



Pope Francis has officially declared Francisco and Jacinta Marto saints of the Catholic Church in front of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims at Fatima, Portugal – teaching us that even young children can become saints.



## 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 27 May 22**

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: 27/5; 24/6; 22/7; 26/8; 23/9; 28/10**