



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

St. Joseph's 212 Boronia Road, Boronia, 3155
 St. Bernadette's 1264 Mountain Hwy, The Basin, 3154
 Telephone: 9761 2124
 Email: boronia@cam.org.au
 Website: www.boroniaparish.org.au

OUR PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest Fr. Mirek Knap CR
 Parish Secretaries Mary Makarucha
 Leigh Bilston

Parish Pastoral Council :-
 Fr. Mirek Knap CR, Donna Bowker, Chris Ashdowne,
 Rosemary Gibson, Marie Jones, Sue Hawkins,
 Peter Middleton, Mark Westwood,

St. Vincent de Paul 1800 305 330
 Family Group Co-ordinators - Jill & John Faulkner 9800 3359
 Communion to the Sick and RCIA Co-ordinator
 Sr. Frances Mongan PBVM 9874 3016

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	25 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday	26 th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday	27 th	9:10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday	28 th	No Mass
Friday	1 st	Adoration 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday	2 nd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday	3 rd	Eighth 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

24th February 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
 love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7, Ps 91:2-3, 13.16. See.v.2
 1 Cor: 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

WHATS HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Saturday	23 Feb	"50 Jubilee" celebrations for Frances
Monday	24 Feb	Parents Confirmation Info night
Friday	1 March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mercy Place Boronia Mass World Day of Prayer
Saturday	2 March	Parish Working Bee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Weekend	2/3 March	Commitment Masses for Confirmation candidates and parents.
Monday	4 March	Fete Meeting
Wednesday	6 March	Ash Wednesday

to you who are listening:

Love your enemies,
 do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who treat you badly



REFLECTION: LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN

Imagine going to a foreign land and finding yourself amongst a people whose language you don't know, and whose customs you don't understand. You don't even know how to greet them, to eat with them politely, and so on. And let us suppose that you had been born with a good ear for other languages, but had resolutely refused to cultivate it. You had spent your life in such a way that you never learned to speak that language. Now, how unhappy you would be, how unfulfilled, how empty. Where you are might be a paradise, you might be surrounded by the most wonderful people, but there is no way you could share their life. Some people say: 'Everyone will get to Heaven.' But I say: 'What would be the point for someone who could not speak the language, who couldn't live the life, who couldn't share the companionship of the other inhabitants?' He or she might be there, but would be reduced to muttering to themselves, which would be hellishly miserable. So, the task of life is to learn the language of heaven before we get there. Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges us to unlearn the language of the world – the everyday clichés and expectations and reactions, and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing. 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.' 'To the man who slaps you on the cheek, present the other one too.' 'Lend without any hope of return.' 'Do not condemn.'

Etc, etc.

Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model, which is why we keep reading the Gospels. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. When men prepared to stone to death a woman taken in adultery, he refused to condemn her, and saved her life. When others kept prostitutes and collaborators at a distance, he shared a meal with them. When he was tortured and crucified, he cried out: 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.' That is embodying the language of Heaven. That is the person with whom we have to be able to talk at the moment of death. When we become aware of language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become really tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune. Then, when at the moment of death we are on the borders of Heaven we won't be filled with trepidation as though we are entering a foreign land whose dialects and customs are so peculiar that we are utterly alone in the crowd – which is Hell. Our intended destiny is not incommunicado, but communicado, holy communicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature. If you want to be a conversation partner with God after death, practise the language of Heaven and 'walk the talk' every day.

© Fr Michael Tate

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 !!*

Thank you for your support!!

TICKETS ON
SALE NOW

PLEASE NOTE the change of Parish Office Hours:

Monday — Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Congratulations Frances on your Jubilee

'50 years' as a Presentation Sister.

A celebration will take place this Saturday

23 February at the 6pm Parish Mass followed by a cuppa and light refreshments in the John Cross Centre.

Please give a warm welcome to Fr. John Petrulis who will be here to be part of the celebration 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!

50
Years

**PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS AT ST BERNADETTE'S
This SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

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

26 Club—

Don't forget your donation for Club 26 this week. This is our opportunity to support our sister Parish in East Timor - Los Palos. A box for donations is available at the rear of the Church. If you require a tax deductible receipt, please put your donation in an envelope with your name and address on it. Thank You!!!

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:

Anniversaries: Janine Honan



BAPTISM

We Congratulate

Rosie Mae Megan

Yevin Angelo Rajapakse



Who will be Baptised this Weekend

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

Liturgy 3 March 2019

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	C Ashdowne	M Makarucha	T Kitching, C O'Connell, D Perlado, C Sorensen, P Crennan, P George, F Postma	C Heskett	D Perlado
8.00am	F Mongan	Volunteer	D Bowker, J Faulkner, F Mongan, A O'Riley	A Schmid	B Elvin
9.30am	F Roberts	C Schwarz	J Buchanan, M Fitzgerald, M Asquith	P Asquith	P Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	C Colborne	J Colborne	P Doherty, J Folino, N Johnson, N Meli, M Westwood, P Shanahan, F Tonis	P Pereira	G Quin

Parish Working Bee

NEXT Saturday, 2 March 2019 9.00am-1.00pm

We are having a big Garden Clean Up !!!!!

Your assistance is needed to help maintain the Parish Grounds.

This is a great opportunity to meet existing and new families!!

You are invited!! Extensive garden which needs to be trimmed and tidied.

All are welcome!!

Sumptuous Morning Tea Provided!!!

**Please bring Rakes, Shovels and Weeding tools*



ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 25 February

Eleanor Foster, Brenda Felton
Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 2 March

Ria and Peter Parlevliet
Ivan and Phyllis Cramer

Flowers 2 March

Lorraine

Hospitality: 6pm - 2 March

Pauline George

Hospitality: 11am - 3 March

Ria and Peter Parlevliet
Frances Lemphers

FETE NEWS:

The Parish Fete is our major fundraiser and a great community day that relies on our parish members to support it in so many ways.

FETE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS FOR STALLS

PLEASE consider to take the opportunity to volunteer your services for the fete stalls. Roster forms are at the back of the church where you can register to look after a fete stall.

COORDINATOR FOR CAR PARK and CAR PARK ATTENDANTS

Volunteers are desperately needed to direct visitors where to park. People will not be able to park around the oval without Car Park Attendants. If you are able to help please complete the helpers form or contact. Pauline

RIDE WRITS BAND

We will again have a selection of rides to entertain the kids on Fete day. To pre-order ride armbands at early bird prices of \$20 (Junior bands) and \$30 (unlimited) order online: [St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Fete 2019](#)

FETE TRASH AND TREASURE GARAGE SALE 16 MARCH



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

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tours, Friday 8 March departing 9.30am and Sunday 24 March departing 10.00am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community.



Member of the Knox Deanery



World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

Friday 1st March at 10.30 am

Wesleyan Methodist Church

36 Pine Crescent, Boronia

This year featuring Slovenia



St Joseph's Parish has been asked to read the Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.

If you are interested in participating please contact Rosemary or Graham on 9761 0094



A GREAT SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU!

We are proud to showcase our College and look forward to your company at Open Day. There will be opportunities to meet and chat with staff and students and to take either a guided tour or self-guided tour. No bookings required.

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2019

12-3PM | 46 Great Ryrie Street Ringwood VIC 3134 | 03 9259 3000 aquinas.vic.edu.au

AQUINAS COLLEGE
CRICOS No. 00127G



WELCOMES PARENTS TO
OPEN DAY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2019
AQUINAS COLLEGE 12-3PM
46 Great Ryrie Street, Ringwood

For more information contact
Mini Saundry 0427 908 344
msaundry@smdeafvic.edu.au

smdeafvic.edu.au

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.

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**

For booking and further information
speak to Fr Thien

Phone: (03) 9762 6625

email: director@janssencentre.org

ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to come into the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes. Every First Friday of the Month. at 8:30am before our 9:10 Mass

Friday 1 March

St Joseph's Church Boronia.