



Member of the Knox Deanery

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEK COMMENCING

Twelfth week in Ordinary Time - 24 June

Monday 25th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 26th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 27th 9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 28th No Mass
Friday 29th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Saturday 30th 9.10am Mass St Joseph's
 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 1st July Thirteenth 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

24th June 2018

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Responsorial Psalm:

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
 you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis: 1:13-15, Psalm 29:2 4-6, 11-13. R. v.2,

Cor: 8: 7. 9. 13-15, Mk. 5:21-43,



you formed my inward parts.

*You knitted me together in my
 mother's womb. I am fearfully and
 wonderfully made."*

REFLECTION: NAMED FOR HISTORY

When it came for the first son of (the now) Queen Elizabeth to be named, he was called Charles Philip Arthur George. What a catalogue of family and kingly tradition! One can imagine the consultation within the family and the royal household to get the names right, to link this heir to the throne to a glorious past, hoping for more than a nominal influence on his future. We can be sure of one thing. 'Oscar' or 'Marmaduke' were not going to be on the list of possibilities talked about. They had no history thought to be relevant. Tradition was foremost. It was the same in the village where another Elizabeth gave birth to a son. The whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. The tyranny of the expectations of 'neighbours and kinsfolk' can be very oppressive when it comes to naming a child, and this was no exception. But, Elizabeth resisted: 'Not so: he shall be called John.' No doubt, she had received this name from her husband Zechariah who had himself received a divine imperative. He, in turn, had no hesitation in writing on a writing tablet, 'his name is John' – is John. Present tense. God had already signified the name of this child, 'John', come what may. This caused great consternation in the village, because this was a shocking break with tradition. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And that turned out to be the case. This boychild of Zechariah was destined to enter the priestly service of the temple, just as his father and his father etc had done for generations. Everyone knew his place and role – everyone should know his place and role, but this 'John'? 'What, then, will this child be?' This is the question on the lips of all parents – hope aroused, a future envisaged. What irreplaceable role in the unfolding history of the universe? What unique role in the unfolding of God's plan for that history? The villagers were shocked enough by the declaration of the

name. In the last verse of today's reading, we get a premonition of a further shock to come. This now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple! He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence (where tradition suffocates). In another gospel we read that he had a rough coat of camel hair to keep out the cold of the desert night, and he ate locusts and wild honey, the subsistence diet of the poorest. Possibly, he came across the Essenes, (famous for the Dead Sea Scrolls), a sect which also rejected the tradition of temple worship. Instead they focused on water rituals, cleansing themselves in preparation for the coming clash between Light and Darkness. John certainly shared their practice of immersing people in water as a sign of repentance and preparation. The Greek word for immersing people in this way is to 'baptise' them. He would become John the Baptist, John the Baptist. But, we are leaping ahead of today's gospel! We can be certain that God continues to encourage parents to break with those traditions which might constrain those children who are to play a great role in the history of salvation. Let us pray that parents will not resist this choice for fear of what the neighbours and kinsfolk might think as their child launches out in a most eccentric way, to live on the margins of their expectations. Indeed, Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps this is best symbolised in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which has only 15,000 Catholics! We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!

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Date: Thursday 28 June, 7 till 9pm

Venue: St Simon's Parish 2 Taylors Lane Rowville

The Reader of God's Word formation opportunity

This workshop will focus on the role of the Reader of God's Word at mass and is ideal for those on existing rosters and new lecturers/readers. The session comprises an overview of the theological underpinnings of this vital ministry and an exploration and practice of the skills needed to support best practice. When well executed this ministry can have a profound impact on the celebration of the liturgy and on all those participating.

Presented by Mary Ryan, Co-ordinator Adult Faith Formation from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation.

Accreditation provided on completion of this course.

Parishioners interested in attending please contact Boronia Parish no later than Monday 25 June. Call: 9761 2124 and leave a message or email: boronia@cam.org.au

It is nearly time for an updated **ROSTER**. If anyone would like join any of our ministries - setting up for the mass / communion ministry / reader / commentator or computer, **we welcome you!** Please forward your details to Ivan: cramer@bigpond.net.au or to the Parish House: boronia@cam.org.au **no later than Monday 25 June**. Current volunteers please forward of times that you may be unable to minister / serve.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - This weekend

PETER'S PENCE - Annual collection for the Holy Father Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.



Collection at the back to the church after mass.

Following on from our **Finance Report** last weekend. If any parishioner would like to contribute electronically to the **Capital Works of the Parish** our bank details are:

St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Church Account

BSB: 083 347

Acc No: 635445281

Ref : CpW Donation

If you have any queries please contact the parish office

We Pray For:-

Sick List: Anne Di Nardo, Wendy Cumming, Michael Rankin, John Tyrrell, Laura Ramidge, Elaine Ahern, Anton Parsons, Halina Hart, Dan Wintle, Margaret Millard, Yolliana Girgis, Veneranda Sernande, Steven Murray, Frank Honan, Maria Newbigin, Richard Hughes, Dharshi Rajakarier, Margaret Beck, Matthew MacDonald, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Kevin Cooper, Fr. Kaz Trawicki CR

Recently Deceased: Bernard Guerin, Maurice Swanson
Anniversaries:



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates



We congratulate all the candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday.

THANK YOU to *Fr. Mirek, Fr. Nick, Sr. Elisabeth and parishioners for your support, presence and good wishes during this time in our lives. May you all be richly blessed.*
Lise Hubert and family

Liturgy Roster 1 July 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	M Rankin	G Gilfedder	C Abraham, G Boyer, J Boyer, N Hughes, F Mongan need 2 extra volunteers	D Perlado	P Johnson
8.00am	D Hearn	J Faulkner	E Hariyanti, B Payne, R Vanderstaak, D Mason	A Schmid	R Vanderstaak
9.30am	P Middleton	E Hariyanti	J Keuken, S Rebbeci, C Schwarz	Music Group	P&M Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	P Doherty	J Folino	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, R Feuerbach, T Eklund, E Hariyanti, P Parlevliet, R Parlevliet	M Limbo	R Feuerbach



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

SLEEPOUT : Special collection next 2 weekends

On Saturday July 14th we will be conducting our annual Vinnies sleepout.

As the nights are getting colder and the sight of an old man sleeping on the concrete in Boronia, it's time to think of those who have no warm home to go to and who are sleeping rough. Together we can highlight poverty and be part of a movement that inspires change. We thank you for your support which raised \$1000 last year, and ask for your support again by making a donation this year.

Someone will be at the back of the church next weekend and Saturday

7th July & Sunday 8th July at all weekend Masses to collect your donations.

The money raised will support the soup vans that distribute food and comfort throughout the suburbs of Melbourne.

Thank you all for your generosity

St Vincent De Paul

Boronia Conference



ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 25 June

David and Clare Ross,
Therese Kitching, Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 30 June

Ria and Peter Parlevliet
Ivan and Phyllis Cramer

Flowers: 30 June

Lorraine

Hospitality: 6pm - 30 June

Josie and Gerard Boyer

Hospitality: 11am - 1 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 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

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!!!

HALL HIRE...

For any enquiries about hiring either of the Parish Halls, BBQ, Etc. please call -

St. Joseph's Hall

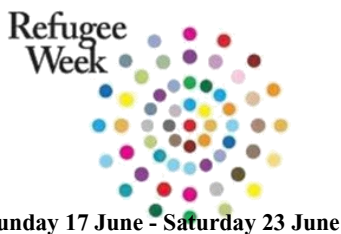
Pat Elliott

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St. Bernadette's Hall

Gaye Smith

0468 316 487



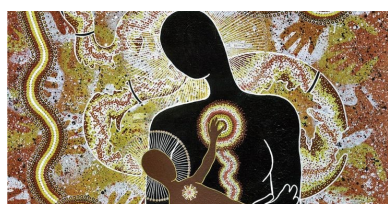
Sunday 17 June - Saturday 23 June

provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the country. The ultimate aim of the celebration is to create better understanding

between different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - next weekend 1 July 2018

- will bring Australian Catholics together to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the Church.



Because of Her, We can!

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 1 July 2018



ABORIGINAL WAY TO THE CROSS - ART EXHIBITION
St Francis Pastoral Rooms - Lonsdale St /Elisabeth St Melbourne
3 July - 31 July 2018

FAQS OF FAITH WITH BISHOP MARK EDWARDS

**Saturday 30 June, 6.30–9pm Hennessy Hall,
St Christopher's Parish, 5 Doon Avenue, Syndal**

This is an invitation to all youth (including young adults) to the next event of Youth United Melbourne (YUM). Across the course of the evening, there will be games, praise and worship, a BBQ and the main event, a Q&A, with a panel including Bishop Mark Edwards.

Cost: \$5 (includes BBQ)

Registration: essential via

<https://goo.gl/forms/9iDa4kCdWHSyBt162>

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

John the Baptist is an important figure in all four of the gospels. In all four he is identified with the beginning of Jesus' ministry but in Luke, the association between the two is taken back in time to the announcement of the birth of each character. The parents of both John and Jesus are depicted by Luke as pious Jews who do all that the Law requires of them. Here the promise is given to Zechariah that a son will be miraculously born to him in his old age. There is an echo here of the promise made to Abraham and Sarah. This is to be no ordinary child. Even from his mother's womb, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit and his task is quite explicit. In his ministry he will reawaken in people a love for their God. Like the great prophet Elijah, he will 'turn the hearts' of the people, refocusing them on what truly matters. In doing this, John is preparing a people who is worthy of the one who is to come. John stands firmly in the prophetic tradition of Israel. He comes out of the desert proclaiming the advent of the kingdom of God and issuing a call to repentance (Lk 3:2-3). He baptises those who repent of their sins and announces the coming of one who would be greater than he and who would baptise with the Spirit. Some believed that John himself was the awaited Messiah (Lk 3:15) but John is unequivocal: he is simply preparing the way for the one who is to come.

DID YOU KNOW?

† *The Temple in Jerusalem had several outer courts: the vast exterior Court of the Gentiles, where all people could go; the Court of the Women, where only Jews could enter and women go no further; the inner Court of Israel where male Jews could enter and where the priests offered sacrifices. At the rear of the Court of Israel stood a massive structure – the sanctuary. This consisted of two chambers.*

† *The outer chamber was where the incense altar was housed. The inner chamber – the Holy of Holies – was empty. This was where the Ark of the Covenant had stood before it was looted and taken to Babylon in the 6th century BC. The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement.*