



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

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## OUR PARISH TEAM

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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,

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## 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

Seventeenth week in Ordinary Time - 29 July

**Monday 30th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Tuesday 31st** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Wednesday 1st Aug** 9.10am Mass Janssen Centre  
**Thursday 2nd** No Mass  
**Friday 3rd** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
**Saturday 4th** 9.10am Mass St Joseph's  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's  
**Sunday 5th** Eighteenth 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

# 29th July 2018

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Responsorial Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
 he answers all our needs.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 A great prophet has appeared among us;  
 God has visited his people.  
 Alleluia

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex: 16:2-4, 12-15 Psalm 77.3-4, 23-25, 54 R. v.24,  
 Eph: 4: 17, 20-24. Jn. 6:24-35.



*Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.'*

**REFLECTION: THE YOUNG LAD AND THE HUNGERS OF HUMANITY**

Have you one of those friends who asks you a question with a deadpan expression? You take it seriously, and then realise you have been led up the garden path: the question turns out to be a mischievous challenge to the way we normally think. This is what happened to the disciples in today's gospel. Confronted with a crowd of hungry people, Jesus asks his disciples: 'How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?' Philip falls into the trap and starts answering in market economy terms: 'Two hundred denarii wouldn't be enough.' Jesus actually wasn't interested in a buying and selling answer. Jesus hoped that his followers, who had been with him for a while now, would have got beyond thinking that the way to satisfy people's hunger for food (or anything else) is always going to be in market terms. It was a young lad, maybe a boy of nine or ten, who put the disciples to shame and fulfilled Jesus' expectations. What does the gospel tell us? 'There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two fish.' So what? As Andrew put it: 'What is that amongst so many?' If the boy had adopted the disciples' attitude he would have sold them and made a small fortune from some ravenous few of the hungry crowd. But something about Jesus' compassion set this boy's heart beating to the same rhythm as that of Jesus. The boy simply handed over the five loaves and two fish. It was the generosity of this young boy which triggered something which allowed Jesus to feed the crowd. It was because this young lad was open-handed that a divine generosity and open-handedness rippled through the crowd. We don't know quite what happened. Suffice it to say that Jesus' divine compassion was made effective in the world through that boy's initial response. You may say, that is all very well for the young boy but it would be madness if we all handed over what we owned to the poor. There is a record of such madness in the very earliest days of the Christian community in Jerusalem. St Luke writes in the Acts

of the Apostles: 'The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power. . . . None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned houses or land would sell them and bring the money from them and present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.' (Acts 4:32-35) I discussed this passage with students at the University Chaplaincy recently. One young woman said: 'But that is Marxism!' And it is true that one of Karl Marx's maxims was: 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.' Unfortunately that maxim was implemented by Lenin by brute and vicious force leading to the creation of totalitarian Communist regimes which after a hundred years have largely collapsed except in North Korea and to a lesser extent in China and Cuba. But the voluntary radical renunciation of property and the voluntary sharing of wealth is still part of the Christian story after two thousand years. St Francis of Assisi is only the most extraordinary exemplar. There are thousands of monasteries, convents and abbeys where the original way of life recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is maintained. These little oases can stimulate our imagination and action so that we become more like the little boy in the gospel. We need to respond by personal donation or by supporting those political processes which provide funding for internal and overseas aid for those in need. These responses may not be as radical as that of Francis of Assisi. But the passage in the Acts of the Apostles haunts me personally and should haunt the Catholic Church. Why? Because it makes it clear that only when we personally, and institutionally as a church, engage in the redistribution of wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied, will we be able to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power. Do not let the young lad in the gospel put us to shame!

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**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 3 August** St Joseph's Church Boronia.



**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!!!



**BORONIA PARISH  
COMBINED PARISH MASS  
GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND**

Fr. Mirek and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to take the opportunity to bring the school and parish community of St Bernadette and St Joseph together throughout the year. The first opportunity to do this will be at our grandparents Mass which will be held on:

**Sunday 12 August  
St Joseph's Church at 10.30am**

(There will be no 9.30am Mass at St Bernadette's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's this particular weekend).

Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle, which all are invited. This is an opportunity to share a bite to eat and have a chat with other members of our school and parish community.

At this Mass children and families are encouraged to invite their Grandparents (or a special older Friend) to come with them. We look forward to seeing your family, including your grandparents!



## We Pray For:-

**Sick List:** Wendy Cumming, Michael Rankin, Laura Ramidge, Elaine Ahern, Anton Parsons, Halina Hart, Dan Wintle, Margaret Millard, Frank Honan, Yolliana Girgis, Veneranda Sernande, Maria Newbigin, Richard Hughes, Dharshi Rajakarier, Margaret Beck, Matthew MacDonald, Caterina Bernabo, Lilly Robertson, Kevin Cooper, Kathleen Dalby, Michael Bott, Sheila Forster, John Barker, Helga Ohlmus

**Recently Deceased:** Gerry Castechini, Mary Ray

**Anniversaries:** Charlie Coleiro, Melissa Klep, Harun Wibisono



**FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK** to Barbara Payne who will be leaving the parish and moving to Bairnsdale. We thank you Barbara for all your service and ministry while you were here. You will be missed. We wish you every blessing on your new venture.

REQUIEM MASS for Gerry Castrechini will be held here at St Joseph's on Wednesday 1 August at 10:30am. Rosary will be held on Tuesday 31 July at 7:30pm.

## Liturgy Roster 5 August 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	N Hughes	F Mongan	C Abraham, C Archer, C Ashdowne, P Crennan, F Mongan, J Boyer, G Boyer	Pri George	P Johnson
8.00am	D Bowker	C Hardy	J Faulkner, M Holt, N Klep, D Mason	A Schmid	R Vanderstaak
9.30am	F Roberts	C Schwarz	J Buchanan, M Fitzgerald, E Hariyanti	Music Group	P & M Middleton
11.00am	C Colborne	J Colborne	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, V Maguire, F Tonis, R Parlevliet, P Shanahan, R Feuerbach	M Limbo	T Eklund

## CATHOLIC MISSION -

### SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...'* Isaiah 52:7

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will be able to give at the end of this service at the back of the church.



Reach out. Give life.

Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au

### ROSTERS:-

**Money Counters: 30 July**

Bud and Rosemary Snaza  
Nola and Peter Ryan

**Church Cleaning: 4 August**

Nelly and Kees Klep  
Richard and Lorraine Feuerbach

**Flowers: 4 August**

Geraldine

**Hospitality: 6pm - 4 August**

Paul and Peggy Dinon

**Hospitality: 11am - 5 August**

Ziggy Dobiecki

## KNOX DEANERY KNOX DEANERY EVENT

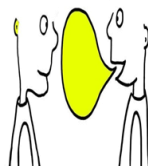


Wednesday 22 August

7.30pm to 9.00pm

St Joseph's Parish Hall

Secondary college YOUTH and BEYOND.



YOU ARE INVITED To join us for an informal chat to explore the challenges of participating in your local community. Talk about experiences and expectations. Moderator - Mark Murphy Principal of Marcellin College Bulleen

Refreshments provided. Please RSVP for catering purposes

Enquiries to- Leigh email [yahc@bigpond.com](mailto:yahc@bigpond.com)

Tele or Text 0430194590

## 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

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# SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST

## YOUTH GROUP

### International Year of Youth

**Boronia Parish of St Joseph's and St Bernadette's would like to invite all students in year 5, 6, 7 and 8** to celebrate

the international year of youth with the Parish Community. The evening will begin with Mass at 6pm and then gather in the John Cross Center for some hot food and FUN ACTIVITES.

To cover costs of dinner and activities we are asking for a gold coin donation.

Parents or guardians are asked to find Anna or Vanessa (will be wearing YEAR OF YOUTH t-shirts) to sign your children in from 5.45 and provide an emergency contact number for the evening.

The event will finish at 8.30pm.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE RSVP:

ANNA 0417053316 OR VANESSA 0419302573

[vkelaitha@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vkelaitha@yahoo.com.au)

*The Year of Youth  
in your parish*

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### MUSIC GROUP - Youth Group Mass

If you are attending this Mass and would like to join the music group on the night, you would be most welcome. If you could arrive at church by 5.45pm for a quick run through that would be great. If you have any questions relating to the above, they can be directed to Gayle Ashdowne on 0438610122.

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**MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE:** Bring your family and friends to our upcoming tour, **Sunday 29 July, commencing 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. Visit [materchristi.edu.au](http://materchristi.edu.au) to book your tour.

### 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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### Exploring the Word

For the next five weeks we will follow the story of the multiplication miracle and the long discourse which follows it in John's Gospel. The 'bread of life' discourse provides important teaching on the Eucharist. It is significant that the setting is shortly before the Passover which was the Jewish feast recalling the escape of the people from slavery in Egypt and their being fed by God with bread (manna) from heaven in the desert. One of the expected signs of the coming of the Messiah was another, even greater, feeding with manna. The people have been attracted to Jesus because of his cures of the sick and now they come looking for more. Jesus provides more than enough; there is an abundance. The actions of Jesus in this text remind us of the Eucharist. He takes, gives thanks and gives out the bread. But the crowd misunderstands his gift. They seek a Messiah who will liberate them from Roman oppression or who will provide their material needs. Jesus is not interested in being that kind of 'king'.

### DID YOU KNOW?

† *The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias and as Lake Gennesaret, both of which were sizeable towns on the Lake's western shore.*

† *Two hundred denarii is a large sum of money. A denarius was a Roman silver coin and one denarius represented a worker's daily wage.*

† *'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' One of the great symbols of the coming of the Messiah often used in the Hebrew Scriptures was the abundant feast. Here Jesus provides abundantly, thus he is presented as 'the prophet who is to come'.*

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

† *What 'hungers' may have driven the vast crowd to follow Jesus? Reflect together a little on what our world today is hungering for. What great needs in our world need to be met? What are you hungering for at this point in your life?*

† *Use today's Psalm response this week:  
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He answers all our needs.*

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