



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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OUR PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest	Fr. Mirek Knap CR
Pastoral Worker	Sr. Elisabeth Hariyanti SSpS
Parish Secretaries	Mary Makarucha Leigh Bilston

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,

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

School Principal St Joseph's and St Bernadette's	
Mr. Peter Vanstan	
Assistant Principal	
St Joseph's - Leonie Sheehy	9762 3275
St Bernadette's - Peter Steward	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

Thirty-First week in Ordinary Time

Monday 5th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 6th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 7th	9:10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 8th	No Mass
Friday 9th	11:30am Seniors Mass
Saturday 10th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6.00pm Vigil Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 11th	Thirty-Second 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

4th November 2018

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you Lord, my strength.

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

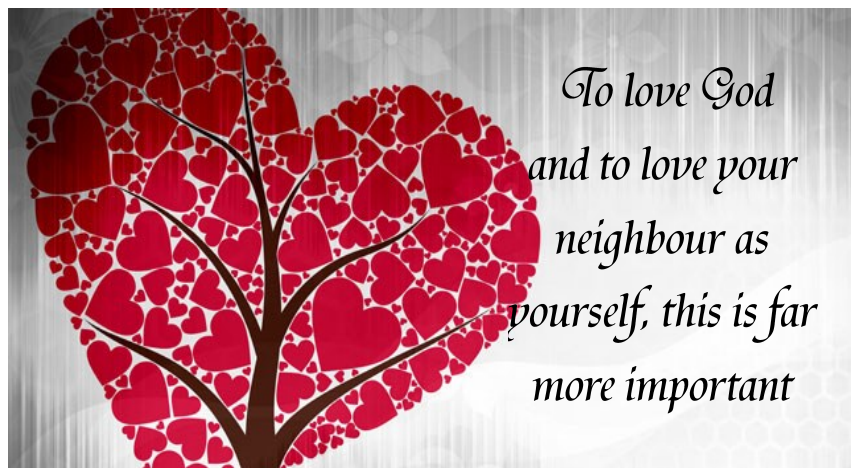
1 Kgs: 17:10-16, Ps145: 7-10. R.v.2
 Heb: 9: 24-28, Mk. 12:38-44,

WHATS HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Monday	5 November	Baptism Preparation Evening
Tuesday	6 November	Parish office closed-Public holiday
Thursday	8 November	Deanery Meeting
Friday	9 November	Seniors Mass and Luncheon
Sunday	11 November	Remembrance Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday	12 November	Fete Committee Meeting
Monday	19 November	Memorial Mass
Thursday	22 November	Liturgy Meeting
Saturday	24 November	Parish School Family Mass 6pm.



REFLECTION: COUNTER – THE DUAL COMMAND

In this Gospel passage, Jesus does not command us to love 'God'! Speaking to a Jewish audience, he says: 'You shall love the Lord, your God'. That is, very specifically 'the Lord' who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. So, the love which Jesus commands is a responsive love, responding to a relationship already initiated by Divine Love. Don't try to manufacture some emotion of love for God, God in the abstract. First, cast your mind to something for which you can be grateful: perhaps as elementary as your life itself: you may never have been loved into existence; perhaps some particular person or incident which strikes you as an undeserved gift; perhaps for the beauty and grandeur of some aspect of nature which elates you; perhaps some liberation from a situation in which you had seemed to be drowning. Recognising the divine creative Spirit at work in those or a myriad of other ways allows you to be particular and to respond with love with your whole personality: 'Heart, mind, strength, soul'. And then, when we recognise these moments in our lives as moments when God loved us in a particular way, often in a foundational way, we have good reason to love ourselves. After all, if God found us so loveable as to give us the gift of life, of a person, of beauty in creation, of rescue from some engulfing predicament, why shouldn't we love ourselves? We don't have to sign up for some course I self-help or self-esteem. We can love ourselves because God esteems us and God has helped us become more . . . more what? The answer is, the sort of person who can fulfil the command: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' What does

this involve? Not simply the negative: 'Don't do to another what would be hateful for yourself', a minimalist starting point. And not some vague commitment to 'changing the world'. In issuing the command, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself', Jesus the Jew was quoting from the Book of Leviticus, 19:18. In the immediately preceding verses, the Jewish people were instructed not to strip vineyards and orchards bare, but to leave something for the poor. They were instructed not to steal or engage in fraud, nor to exploit labourers who needed their wages. In other words, Jesus had in mind a context of very particular people in very particular situations. That is the way in which we are to demonstrate love for our neighbour. Of course, 'who is our neighbour' must be answered very differently in the 21st century compared with that time of Jesus. We are global citizens in a world without frontiers. The neighbour is clearly much more than the next door neighbour. We are aware as never before of the situation facing people half a world away, and we have the capacity to help in that situation. The neighbour could be in a village in Tanzania! Jesus brought these two decrees from his Jewish tradition and fused them into the one command: 'There is no command greater than these.' This fusion guards us against religious fanaticism which ignores social justice, and political activism which ignores the God dimension. When we try to fulfil the dual command issued by Jesus Christ, we become humane Christians, Christian humanists who may hope to hear Our Lord's words at the end of this Gospel passage: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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Boronia and the Basin Community Fete
St Joseph's 212 Boronia Road Boronia
Saturday 30 March 2019

THE FETE COMMITTEE

are always looking for helpers and would love you to join us for our next committee meeting on **Monday 12 November, 7:30pm at St Joseph's** in the purple building. Please contact Fiona Roberts on 0409 235 030 if you have any questions.

We hope to see you there!

Collecting Trash and Treasure for our FETE

you are most welcome to **donate** all of your saleable items to our **FETE 2019 Trash and Treasure stall**. All donations of toys, books, household items in good condition will be greatly appreciated! Items can be left at the garage door underneath the church at St Joseph's.

Piety Stall - Christmas Items

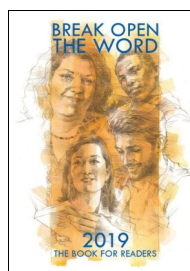
Packets of Christmas Cards - \$5.00

2019 Calendar - \$8.70

Extensive items and gifts are available in our Piety stall.

Daily Advent and Christmas Reflection Booklets - 2018 - \$5.00

If you are interested in purchasing an Advent reflection book please place details on the sheet at the back of the church. Your interest will need to be registered by Sunday 11 November.



BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2019 Do you want a Break Open the Word manual for 2019? Contact the parish office by the 4 November. They are at a cost of \$25.00 each.

SENIOR'S MASS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON

Friday 9 November 11.30am Mass.

Luncheon after mass.

All are most welcome.

If you require a lift or know of someone who would like to attend and needs a lift, please ring Yvonne on 9887 1680

We Pray For:-

Sick List: Lilly Robertson, Nerada Faulkner, Wendy Cumming, Michael Rankin, Caterina Bernabo, Elaine Ahearn, Laura Ramidge, Anton Parsons, Halina Hart, Dan Wintle, Margaret Millard, Frank Honan, Yolliana Girgis, Veneranda Sernande, Maria Newbiggin, Richard Hughes, Helen Hearn, Dharshi Rajakarier, Matthew MacDonald, Margaret Beck, Sheila Forster, Michael Bott, John Barker, Kevin Cooper, Margaret Gazechi, Kathleen Dalby, Christian McMahon, Malgorzata Blaszczyk, Bill Cumming

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Des McCoy, Michael Fernandes, Frank Jones, John Bullen



The month of November is the traditional season for us to prayerfully remember all those who have gone before us.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen

Liturgy 11 November 2018

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	M Rankin	N Hughes	J Ahern, C Ashdowne, E Hariyanti, Y Johnson, P Johnson, P George, C Sorensen	D Perlado	M Makarucha
8.00am	M Chen	J Noonan	M Holt, N Klep, A O'Riley, R Vanderstaak	A Schmid	D Bowker
9.30am	M Newbiggin	F Mongan	M Middleton, P Middleton, F Mongan	E Roberts	S Rebbechi & J Buchanan
11.00am	V Maguire	J Folino	J Butterworth, E Butterworth, M Delpport, P Doherty, E Hariyanti, K King, T Purchase	M Westwood	G Quinn

ANNOUNCEMENT: SCHOOL PRINCIPAL - Peter Vanstan

It is with mixed emotions that I share the following news with the school and parish community. I have been offered and accepted the position of Principal Consultant - Eastern Region with Catholic Education Melbourne commencing 2019. This position is working across a number of our Catholic Schools in the east supporting Principals and Leadership Teams. After 8 years working at the schools in our parish and especially my unique role over the past 2½ years working across both schools under the new leadership structure, this has obviously been a difficult decision. I am very grateful for the opportunities and experiences that I have had in my time here and very proud of our achievements and successes.

ROSTERS:-

Money Counters: 5 November

Eleanor Foster, Brenda Felton
Peter Ryan

Church Cleaning: 10 November

Nelly & Kess Klep
Richard & Lorraine Feuerbach

Flowers 10 November

Sharmaine

Hospitality: 6pm - 10 November

Pauline George

Hospitality: 11am - 11 November

Magdalena Delpport, Kris Bielawski,
Lien Nguyen

Stewardship

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE?

Parishioners who give thanksgiving by envelope please check to see if your envelopes are at the back of the church. The new year of envelopes begins weekend **25 November 2018** If you have missed out please speak to Fr. Mirek or contact the parish office.

We would like to invite you and your family to our

Memorial Mass

Monday 19 November at 8pm, St Joseph's Church Boronia

Followed by a light supper

(you are most welcome to bring a plate)

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

Wow!

What a wonderful 2018 StepUP! for Down syndrome campaign we have had!

Thank you so much for your support!

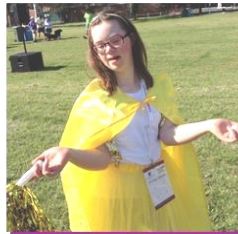
This year we fielded our biggest team ever with 45 members and we raised an incredible

\$4,620.84

for Down Syndrome Victoria

We are truly blessed and grateful for the support of our wonderful village!

StepUP!
for Down
syndrome



Thank you from Sophie's Stars!
StepUP! for Down syndrome 2018

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PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

Imagine travelling in the footsteps of Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem or celebrating Mass in the centre of Lake Galilee!

Harvest Journeys are offering an opportunity for parishioners to travel as pilgrims on a journey of faith in 2019, allowing the Holy Spirit to renew us in "words that cannot be easily explained". Harvest Journeys offers a range of pre-arranged pilgrimages such as:

- * Footsteps of Jesus – The Holy Land
- * Visitations of Mary – from Fatima to Lourdes
- * Treasures of Italy
- * St Francis & Rome
- * St Paul & the Early Church

Only 10 pilgrims are needed to guarantee a group departure as a parish group and we could invite Father to accompany us as our own group's chaplain.

If a pilgrimage to the Holy Places is your dream, contact Donrita Reefman on 0411 702 068 or donrita@harvestjourneys.com for more information.



VINNIES - BORONIA CONFERENCE

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

We would like to thank all those that made donations to our Cake Raffle last year. If any parishioner would like to donate a Christmas Cake to our raffle this year please contact Paul: 0402719889



COUPLE LOOKING FOR A ROOM:

Young couple with a baby are needing a 2 bedroom apartment at affordable rental. Please contact Paul: 0402719889

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE:

Bring your family and friends to our upcoming tour, **Sunday 11 November, 10am**. 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 to book your tour.



FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY - FREE EVENT

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018

12pm TO 3pm

1022 WHITEHORSE ROAD, BOX HILL

Indigenous traditional smoking ceremony

Lion dance / Live cultural performances / Food trucks

Activities and more!



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.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 17 November, 8pm

Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood

Party for Single Catholics (ages 28 to 60), includes supper and lucky door prizes.

Cost: \$13

Enquiries: Peter on 9885 2167

MELBOURNE
CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2018
edition now available
at the cost of \$4.

SOME BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- * Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.
- * A worm welcome to all who have come today.
- * Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheep.
- * The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- * Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.
- * Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- * The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.