



Member of the Knox Deanery

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

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 Chris Ashdowne, Rosemary Gibson, Sue Hawkins,  
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### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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 Principal Mrs. Cathy Livingston  
 Rector Fr. John Prest,  
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 Principal Mary Fitz-Gerald

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEK COMMENCING 27th Week in Ordinary Time - 2 October 2016

Monday 3rd	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Tuesday 4th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's
Wednesday 5th	9.10am Mass Janssen Centre
Thursday 6th	No Mass
Friday 7th	8:30am Adoration 9.10am Mass St Joseph's 11.00am Maryville Chapel
Saturday 8th	9.10am Mass St Joseph's 6:00pm Mass St Joseph's
Sunday 9th	28th Week 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

## 2nd October 2016

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## Gospel Acclamation:-

**Alleluia alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

**Alleluia!**

## Next Week's Readings – Year C

2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm: 97:1-4, R. v.2  
 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17: 11-19

## Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

*How much harm words do when they are motivated by feelings of jealousy and envy!*

*To speak ill of others puts them in a bad light, undermines their reputation and leaves them prey to the whims of gossip. To refrain from judgement and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgment and our presumption to know everything about him.*

*But this is still not sufficient to express mercy.*

*Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give.*

*To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God.*

*To be generous with others, knowing that God showers his goodness upon us with immense generosity.*

*Faith*

**small as a  
 mustard seed**



## Reflection Breast Feeding into Heaven

I recall my niece, Monica, breastfeeding her second child. Despite great tiredness, she performed acts of care and kindness which to an outsider seemed really 'over the top'. The breast feeding was very demanding. Imagine if Monica were to go around shouting: 'Look at me, look at me! I fed my baby. Reward me!' We would respond 'Well, you only did your duty. You acted that way towards Leila simply because she is your child. That's what mothering your child entails. Don't be ridiculous, looking for some extra pat on the back.' That was Jesus' way of thinking about our doing 'good works'. They are the way we are required to act towards other human beings. At the end we can only say, like the servants in the little story: 'we have done no more than our duty'. There is no special 'reward' for doing what we are obliged to do anyway. How do we discover what is our duty towards others? Note the sequence with Monica and Leila. The loving gaze of Monica towards her newborn simply and naturally gives rise to the obligation to feed. Perceive the relationship correctly, mother-child, and certain consequences will follow. Our Lord says: 'Perceive human beings correctly, perceive your relationship to them, and certain obligations or duties follow.' How do we perceive other human beings? In the most poetic passage in any of his encyclicals, the late Pope John Paul II (and he was a poet) describes a human being in striking terms '... although formed from the dust of the earth, [a human being is] a

manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory.' (Evangelium Vitae, 34.2) [Repeat the quotation] If you and I actually saw a human being, every human being in that way, that perception would lead to ways of relating which were obliging. We would be duty bound to ensure that such a creature – dust of the earth, a trace of God's glory – is not allowed to starve, does receive medical care, is offered humane companionship which allows the personality to flourish. Certainly we would be obliged to refrain from violence towards, or manipulation of, such a creature. And then, just when we think we deserve a special congratulatory reward from God, we hear Our Lord say: 'You have only done your duty. You have no claim on the Creator. You have not earned some heavenly reward which must be paid.' Nevertheless, in doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creatures who can love unreservedly. We are developing that capacity, that skill. Then, at the moment of death, as a matter of sheer grace, we will be invited to go on loving unreservedly, but this time loving the whole of creation and its Creator without any limits. And that is Heaven! In the meantime, here on Earth God directs His loving gaze on each one of us, just as Monica gazes on Leila. That gaze encourages us to develop that capacity to love unreservedly in our lives. And then we may hope to receive the free gift of heavenly life for all eternity.

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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 October**

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 **Dianne 0422677458.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Primary School children will be returning to school this Monday 3 October at St Joseph's and St Bernadette's. We wish them all the best for this last term of the year. The Coffee van will be here at St Joseph's on Monday morning so that you can indulge in a refreshment.



## ADORATION - First Friday of the Month 7 October - St Joseph's Church at 8:30am

You are most welcome to spend some time in Adoration before the Lord prior to our usual Friday morning mass at 9:10am.



## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER 7TH

TO PRAY THE ROSARY IS TO HAND OVER OUR BURDENS TO THE MERCIFUL HEARTS OF CHRIST AND HIS MOTHER. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER, THINKING BACK OVER THE DIFFICULTIES, WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN PART OF MY EXERCISE OF THE PETRINE MINISTRY, I FEEL THE NEED TO SAY ONCE MORE, AS A WARM INVITATION TO EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE IT PERSONALLY!  
SAINT JOHN PAUL

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OPUSBONO](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OPUSBONO)

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary  
7 October  
You are most welcome to join us reciting the rosary after the mass on Friday.

## We Pray For:-

**Sick List:** Delia Worth, Lise Hubert, Lily McConnell, Laura Ramidge, Renata Hahn, Margaret Singleton, Halina Hart, Gloria McCully, Wendy Cumming, Carol O'Neill, Roslyn Alderson, Laura Goldsmith, John Tyrrell, Anyon Parsons, John Nelson, William McCandless, Margaret Millard, Margaret Beck, Tuesday-Cecille Chau, Maurice Costello, Fr. John Shellvey MSC

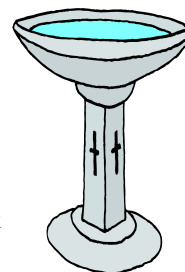


**Recently Deceased:  
Anniversaries:**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Baptism preparation programs are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next program will be held on the 4 October at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in having your child baptised please speak to Fr. Mirek or contact the parish office.



## WELCOME

*To all newcomers to our parish please come in and take time to pause in prayer. And come and say hello to our Parish Priest Fr. Mirek.*

## Liturgy Roster 9th October 2016

Time	Lector	Commentator	Special Minister	Computer	Set Up
6.00pm	G Gilfedder	P Johnson	J Ahern, C Archer, G Boyer, J Boyer, P Crennan, D Perlado, T Kitching	P George	D Perlado
8.00am	D Hearn	F Mongan	M Holt, F Mongan, D Bowker, J Faulkner	A O'Riley	D Bowker
9.30am	J Keuken	P Middleton	F Roberts, C Schwarz, M Fitzgerald	R Gesthuizen	P & M Fitzgerald, A Sadler
11.00am	J Folino	G Hurley	T Purchase, V Maguire, T Eklund, P Doherty, P McGill, N Meli, H Morris	P Pereira	T Eklund



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OBSERVANCE 4 OCTOBER

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old student named Frederic Ozanam in 1833. It was established by like minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action. This compassionate outlook, enthusiasm and vision continues today in Australia. There are thousands of people who every day share their

time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people all around Australia. If you wish to make any donations to the Vinnies for their work there is a donation box near the exit doors on the south side of the church or the trolley at the south side at the back of the church is available for any donations of non-perishable food products. Every donation is vital to the Vinnies work, thank each of you for your support!!

## "NOTHING SUBSTANTIVELY NEW"?

### A PUBLIC LECTURE ON THE FUTURE OF JEWISH-CATHOLIC RELATIONS



Two scholars, Fr Philipp Renczes SJ and Rabbi Fred Morgan, look at the latest Vatican document "The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable".

To be held at Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (Cnr Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street) on 3:00pm – 4:00pm, Sunday, 30 October 2016. Followed by kosher Afternoon Tea.

There is no charge for this event, but to help with catering, please send your RSVP to David at: [eic@cam.org.au](mailto:eic@cam.org.au) or 03 9926 5708

## ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group is running the Alpha program, and I would like to warmly invite you to join us. We will be meeting every Tuesday morning 10am-12.15pm from 4th October 2016, but the first session is a preview to see if you like it. The entire course is free, and includes free lunch every week. Hope you can come and join us, at 10 am St Jude the Apostle Parish Church Hall, 49 George Street, Scoresby. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend or pass on this notice to someone you think may be interested. So come and try it out! It's awesome. For more info. please contact either Tineke 9763 1096 / Andrew 0459 991 867 / Judy 9752 2986. [www.alpha.org.au](http://www.alpha.org.au)

## ROSTERS:-

### Money Counters:3 October

Laurie Steer, Nettie Shanahan  
Martin McGrath, Peter Ryan

### Church Cleaning: 8 October

Anne Schmid,  
Edsel and Miriam Salalila

### Flowers: 8 October

John Faulkner

### Hospitality: 6pm 8 October

Joan and Brian Douds

### Hospitality: 9 October

Peter Shanahan

## 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**

Vicki Cameron

0447 441 923

## PUBLIC TALK: THE GENDER REVOLUTION: STRATEGY TO DESTROY THE FAMILY?

**THIS WEEKEND -Sunday 2 October, 2–4pm**  
**St Philip's Church Hall, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North**

Speaker Dr Gabriele Kuby is visiting from Germany. She has a Masters in sociology and is the author of 12 books, including *The global sexual revolution: The destruction of freedom in the name of freedom*. This is the only talk Dr Kuby is giving in Melbourne.

**Cost:** Free. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Donations on the evening will be accepted gratefully.

**Details and RSVP:** 0438 088 681 or [marialus-by4@gmail.com](mailto:marialus-by4@gmail.com)

## MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2016

**Saturday 8 October, 1pm**  
**Treasury Gardens, corner Spring Street and Wellington Parade, Melbourne**

A peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Abortion Law Reform Act. This annual march aims to affirm the right to life of every unborn child, assist women in crisis pregnancies and allow freedom of conscience for healthcare workers opposed to abortion. Come along with your family and friends. You can also show your support by wearing pink and blue.

**Details:** [marchforthebabies@gmail.com](mailto:marchforthebabies@gmail.com)

## MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE - OCTOBER ISSUE OUT NOW

Available for \$4 only.

Highlights of the issue:

\*David Halliday writes about the Orange Sky laundry service that provides washing machines and genuine conversation to Melbourne's homeless

\*Kevin Meese celebrates World Mission Sunday and lots more.

Also catch up with more news on Melbourne Catholic website which has recently been launched.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC WEBSITE** will aim to have LOTS OF LOCAL material on a daily and weekly basis so it will be accepting stories from local parishes. Stories of innovation, a wonderful gathering, an interesting visitor or a landmark personal achievement—basically, anything that might be of interest to people both within and outside of the parishes of Melbourne. [melbournecatholic.org.au/](http://melbournecatholic.org.au/)

## SOLO CATHOLICS LUNCH AND WALK

**Sunday 16 October, 12.30pm**  
**Jells Park kiosk, Waverley Road, Wheelers Hill**

Lunch at the Jells Park kiosk will be followed by a visit to and afternoon tea at the nearby Monash Gallery of Art (free entry). All single Catholics welcome.

**Details:** Sharon on 0404 042 906

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## REFLECTION ON MARY AND THE ROSARY

### 'THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT' THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

Sometimes it feels as if our Australian culture has lost its sense of the presence of the Spirit. Perhaps an old Aboriginal man, quoted by W. E. H. Stanner, was partly right: 'White man got no dreaming, him go 'nother way. White man, him go different. Him got road belong himself.' But we as Christians can never accept this as the total truth. For the Holy Spirit has 'descended' and is abundantly present among us, the Pentecostal, Spirit-filled People of God. It is just that the Holy Spirit shows up in all sorts of ways and places in life that we do not expect! Somehow we are just not 'seeing' or 'dreaming' right! The solution is not to try harder, or apply other versions of moralism. Rather it is accepting and yielding to the presence of the Spirit that is always pure, unearned gift. In other words, the Spirit comes when we accept (usually after much resistance and struggle) that 'we cannot do it ourselves'. As the 12-step programs know so well, the salvation that comes from the Spirit happens by grace. There is a story of a little village in Bosnia that refused to join the fighting during the 1990s conflict. When militias recruited young men for battle, they said no. When the militias then burned their houses, other families took them in. Other towns had tried everything to keep from joining the war, but they failed. But in some way, the neighbours in this village remained at peace while fighting raged all around them. No one knows how it happened, but nearly everyone in the country knows the story. They slowly shake their heads. 'God,' they say. 'It can only have been God.' When we do surrender to our God then we come to see the signs of the Holy Spirit in persons, events and things everywhere around us. We notice that authentic experiences of the Spirit lead people to feel more identified with and open to the rest of humanity and the world. Experiences that lead to feelings of being more special or better than other people or to self-absorption are probably not authentic. The Spirit also generates a particular kind of humility, one that painfully recognises more of one's human inadequacy, yet at the same time increasingly realises one's own preciousness and worth as a child of God. It is a humility that is combined with dignity. The Spirit never leads to arrogance or devaluing of oneself. It is never sectarian or cult-like. While it is true that the Spirit can bring about spectacular 'fireworks', as at the first Pentecost—with celebration and enthusiasm or with fear and trepidation—our usual experience is more ordinary. Often we simply (re)discover that all life is holy, and the miraculous presence of God's grace flows through all of it. Psychoanalyst Erik Erikson once said that a foundational element of infant development was experiencing 'the

the gaze  
of the  
*delighted*  
other



gaze of a delighted other'. The deepest act of love is not help or service; but this immediate, attentive, gazing presence.