St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A
12/02/2023

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St Bernard Primary School:
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Sunday Mass Times
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:00am and 9:00am
Croatian Mass: Sun 11:00am

Kid's Church
Sunday 9:00am during School days

Weekday Masses
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat: 9:00 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Mass and Novena

Baptism: By appointment
On Sundays at 10.15 am

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 9:30 am – 10:15 am

Marriage:
By appointment (Six months' notice)

Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction
Fridays 6:30pm

St Vincent de Paul Society Meetings
1st Weds of the month 6pm presbytery

ARCHDIOCESAN MISSION PLAN

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Theme: Today's gospel is part of the Sermon on the Mount that deals with the Law. In the Old Testament concept, righteousness meant to follow the covenant and the Law that God established with his people. Jewish Christians have always been faithful to the Law. Jesus teaches the spirit of the law and invites us to go deeper and live out the spirit of the law. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful thoughts. According to Jesus righteousness means being right with God. Jesus wants his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. God's life within us is the real reason the law commands us not to kill others. Accepting God's presence within us takes us beyond the law and leads us to faith.

Communion Antiphon: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Lenten Programme 2023
Lent begins on Wed 22nd Feb 2023. The Archdiocese of Sydney's Parish Renewal Team has provided all parishes with free Lenten companion booklets 'Spirit and Truth: The Power of Christ Revealed'. Please join Lenten Programme. **Michael Spies will form and lead one group on Thursdays after 9.00 AM mass. Registration Form is at the Church Foyer.** If you wish to form another group, please feel free to do so. Resource materials will be provided, and online training is also available.

Prayers and Thanks
Thanks to **Aruna Lobo** for the flowers this weekend. Let us pray for her intentions and for the wellbeing and good health of her family members.

Flowers and Candles Offering
The flowers and candles offering for a particular weekend is an opportunity to request the parish to pray for your intention or to celebrate/commemorate an occasion. The sponsor form for flowers and candles offering is available for your pledge in the church foyer. The dates start from 2nd April (Easter) to 28th May.

Season of Lent – Ash Wednesday
Wed. 22nd February is Ash Wednesday.
Mass at 9.00 am as usual with School Children, and evening Mass at 7.00 pm.
It is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Child Safeguarding Policy
WWCC & Safeguarding Training
A gentle reminder to our acolytes, catechists, Kids Church volunteers, readers, special ministers and wardens who have not applied for a *Working with Children Check* and/or have not completed the *Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding* course in 2022, to complete the tasks as early as possible. Thanks to all volunteers who have already submitted their current WWCC and Child Safeguarding Certificates. Your support is much appreciated. For enquiries, contact Claire Pirola 0417 235 447. For help with the tasks, contact the parish office.

Kids Church
Kids Church will continue every Sunday throughout the school term.

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions
2. The Sick: Ruby C. Gorospe, Tina Tasselli, Atie Tenorio, Ryan Jenard Bacal, Ann Fiala, Anthony Cullis, Hilda Caiza, Patricia Boekelman, Roselda Oliva, Patricia McCarthy, Tino Bukalan, Gesalit Cabrera, Maria Cerreto, Terry Delaney, David Esteban Moreno, Maureen Maher, Carol Merrick, Gwen Menzies, Dionisio Oliva, Nadia Radmilo, Michael Ruiz, Caterina Taviani, Taviani Family, Maria Terzita Trassari, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.
3. Recently Deceased: Ana Mitar, Michael Imbert
4. Anniversary: Anthony Xuereb
5. Others: Therese & Alfred Scerri, Isabel Fenech, Margaret & Joseph Fenech, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 18 Feb - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM
Readers: Kathy Smyth & Maureen Burnett
Acolyte: David Spowart

Sun 19 Feb - SUNDAY 7.00 AM
Readers: Bernadine Lavender & Ruby Gorospe
Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 19 Feb - SUNDAY 9.00 AM
Readers: Cathy Bossini & Katrina Andrew
Acolyte: Joseph Manesh P

Counters: Maria Yanto & family

Altar Society: (Group 4) Pearl Ventura, Tess Oliva, Norma Bukalan
Flowers Offering: McKernan Family