



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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**Third Sunday of
Lent
Year A
12/03/2023**

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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

Confirmation:

Sunday 21st May at 3.30pm

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

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Theme: Today's gospel narrates the faith journey and conversion of the Samaritan woman. The dialogue between Jesus and the woman is the lengthiest and most theological found in the Scripture. The woman at the well encounters Jesus and then preaches the Good News to all she knows. Meeting Christ at the well was the changing point in her life, as he guided her progressively to enlightenment. Her experience with Christ made her a missionary. The conversion of the Samaritan women challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits that keep us idolatrous and enslaved. Lent is the time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that may hinder us from a pure relationship with God.

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Project Compassion / Lenten campaign

Through the Lenten campaign we support the work of Caritas Australia and reach out to the poorest in the world. Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available at the church foyer. Your donations can be handed to the parish during Lent, or on Holy Thursday. Kindly support the appeal. Donations above \$2 are tax deductible.

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council members are kindly requested to attend a meeting on Thursday 30th March at 6.30pm in the presbytery. Members, please reply to the email regarding the meeting.

Flowers & Candles Offering.

We are looking for sponsors for altar Flowers & Candles for Sunday 30th April and Sunday 21st May (Ascension)

Season of Lent

During Lent the Church invites us towards spiritual renewal through Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving. Let us also try to be faithful to our baptismal promises.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent commencing at 6:30 pm followed by Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.

Lenten Prayer Group

Thursdays after the 9am mass during Lent; led by Michael Spies. The registration form is the foyer. The Archdiocese of Sydney's Parish Renewal Team has provided us with free Lenten companion booklets 'Spirit & Truth: The Power of Christ Revealed'. Please join the Lenten Programme. If you wish to form another group, please feel free to do so. Resource materials are provided, and online training is available.

Readers are needed for Sunday 9am Masses. If interested, please see Fr Augusthy or contact the parish office.

Feast Day of the Week:

17 March – Saint Patrick

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 21st May 2023 at 3.30pm. Confirmation Information Night will on Wed 29th, March 2023 at 6.00pm.

Catholic Weekly for \$2 each.

Please buy the Catholic Weekly

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Grazia Ferraro, Ruby C. Gorospe, Patricia McCarthy, Tina Tasselli, Atie Tenorio, Ryan Jenard Bacal, Ann Fiala, Anthony Cullis, Hilda Caiza, Roselda Oliva, Tino Bukalan, Gesalit Cabrera, Maria Cerreto, Terry Delaney, David Esteban Moreno, Maureen Maher, Carol Merrick, Gwen Menzies, Dionisio Oliva, Nadia Radmilo, Michael Ruiz, Maria Terzita Trassari, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.

3. Recently Deceased: Margaret Power, Olga Nellys Rivas, Paz Pajarillo

4. Anniversary: Mrs Luz Espejo, Vincezo Amasi, Anthony Paul Cachia, Santos Bongon Sr, Silvio Dell'Anna, Gunther Schonfeldt

5. Others: Therese & Alfred Scerri, Isabel Fenech, Margaret & Joseph Fenech, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 18 Mar - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Kathy Smyth &

Maureen Burnett

Acolyte: David Spowart

Sun 19 Mar - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Kate Thornton &

Tanya Sarkissian

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 19 Mar - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Fabian & Maria Heaton

Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio

Counters: Kate Thornton & Pauline Weir

Altar Society: (Group 4) Pearl Ventura,
Tess Oliva & Norma Bukalan

