



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

17th September 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: 9:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm Mass and Novena

Baptism: By appointment

On Sundays at 10:15 am

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:15am

Confirmation:

Date for year 2024 is not announced yet.

Marriage:

By appointment (Six months' notice)

Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction

Fridays 6:30pm

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle

Prayers (Rosary & Act of Consecration)

Thursdays 9:30am to 10:00am

St Vincent de Paul Society Meetings

1st Weds of the month 6pm presbytery.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Theme: The readings focus on mercy and forgiveness. In the gospel Jesus tells the parables about mercy and tells Peter to forgive “seventy times seven.” Christ demands that we forgive one another not only because it is the compassionate thing to do, but also it is how God acts and expects us to act. It is the very “being” of God to forgive. By forgiving, we choose not to let any offense that has happened control how we continue to relate to one another. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness. Jesus’ response to Peter is a way of reminding us that God forgives us countless times. Our “heavenly Father” has shown us the way. If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. Let us forgive one another “from the heart” as we approach our merciful God.

Communion Antiphon: The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Priests Retirement Foundation

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal total is \$2519.35. This appeal is now finalised. Donations above \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you for your donations.

Feast Days of the Week

20 Sept – Saints Andrew Kim Taegon,
Paul Chong Hasang & companions

21 Sept – Saint Matthew, Apostle

23 Sept – Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Catholic Weekly

Catholic Weekly for \$2 only in the church foyer. Please support the Catholic media.

Prayers & Thanks

Thanks to **Tigere Edmore Ruza** for the altar flowers offered in thanksgiving to God. We join Tigere in prayers of thanksgiving to God. We also pray for blessings and support for Tigere and his family who are ‘new’ in the parish and country.

Flowers and Candle offering

The Flowers Offering form dates available for your pledge: 15th Oct, 12th Nov, 25th Dec.

There will be no flowers during Advent. The parish will pray specially for your intentions on the weekend you choose to offer them.

Volunteers needed.

More volunteers are needed to read especially at the Sunday 9am mass. Another reader is needed at the Sunday 7am mass.

If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

Kids Church

Parents and Carers, do you want to be a leader or helper at Kids Church? Kids Church is run purely by volunteers and extra helpers are always welcomed. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a smile! The time commitment is one Sunday Mass per term and all theme details are provided. Please contact the parish office if interested.

Acknowledgement of Country

We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Gesalit Cabrera, Hilda Caiza, Maria Cerreto, Terry Delaney, Raymond Dever, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Ruby C. Gorospe, Lourdes Infante, Lourdes Lubrin, Tomi Lusaipau, Gwen Menzies, Carol Merrick, Alexander Metierre, Nadia Radmilo, Ben Stever, Katie Thornton, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.

3. Recently deceased: Gemma Powell, Gloria Del Rosario, Alma Encarnacion, Emma Villa

4. Deceased Anniversary: Edilberto Valenzuela

5. Other Deceased: Mary Sweet's deceased family members, Margaret & Joseph Fenech, Therese & Alfred Scerri, Isabel Fenech, All Souls in Purgatory.



ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 23 Sept - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Mariela Dever/

Rebecca Dever

Acolyte: Maureen Burnett

Sun 24 Sept - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Pauline Quealy/

Kate Thornton

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 24 Sept - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: School mass children

Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio

Counters: Beatrice Bentley &

Cathie Bossini

Altar Society: (Gp3) Gloria Nimmitt

& Joan Butler

Flowers Offering: Pauline Quealy

