



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

1st October 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: All you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Theme: The readings for this Sunday focus on staying on the path of discipleship. Jesus presents a parable to the chief priests and elders. A father asked his sons to work in the vineyard. The first son initially refused but later obeyed, while the second son agreed but didn't follow through. This story prompts us to reflect on the power of actions versus words. True transformation lies in our deeds, not just appearances. We might profess goodness but act differently. The sincerity of our hearts matters more than our knowledge. This reading reminds us that change is possible. Despite initial refusals or mere lip service, we can still choose to embrace what is right and answer God's call to serve. Our actions can reshape our paths, illustrating our commitment to God's will.

Communion Antiphon: By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Feast Days of the Week

2nd Oct – The Holy Guardian Angels

4th Oct – Saint Francis of Assisi

7th Oct – Our Lady of the Rosary

October month of Mission and Rosary

Please pray the Evangelization Mission of the church and its missionaries. October also is the month dedicated to the praying of the rosary. The feast day Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7th October annually. We are encouraged to pray the rosary especially this month.

Prayers & Thanks

Thanks to **Drina Tongotongo** for the altar flowers. Let us pray for God's blessings upon her daughter Jazaria and her NSW Under 19s mixed team in Perth as they compete in Indoor netball Nationals. We pray that God keeps the team safe from injury and harm; and that the players play with respect and use their God-given talents well. Drina and her family praise all glory to God for this opportunity.

Flowers and Candle offering

A new Flowers Offering form will be available soon. Two people/families will be able to offer flowers on the same date.

First Communion Holy Communion for the public schools' students in our parish will be held on Sunday 26th November at 9am Mass. Preparations start on Saturday 14th October 4pm. Please contact Cathie Bossini 0402 077 850

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.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of October 2023

For the Synod: "We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

Catholic Weekly

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

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Nathan Gopiao, 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: Giuseppe Trassari, Greg Petroni

4. Deceased Anniversary:

Lucia De Leon

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

6. Thanksgiving: Drina Tongotongo, Pam Hutton



ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 7 Oct - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Janelle Panton/

Margaret Carmody

Acolyte: David Spowart

Sun 8 Oct - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Carol O'Loughlin/

Tanya Sarkissian

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 8 Oct - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Fabian & Maria Heaton

Acolyte: Joseph Manesh P

Counters: Dever Family

Altar Society: (Gp1) Frances Heming,

Maureen Burnett & Zenny Custodio

Flowers Offering: Joan Butler