



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 19th November 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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Theme: The readings for this Sunday are a call to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts we have been given. Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely. The message is about action and accountability. It tells us that what we're given—whether it's money, skills, or opportunities—should be utilized for a greater good. The idea is to grow and multiply these gifts, presumably for the benefit of the community or, in the religious context, for the Kingdom of God. Fear holds back the third servant, and he fails to do anything productive. The parable suggests that doing nothing with your resources or abilities is not an option; it's a failure to meet a basic responsibility. Let us respond to God's gift by positively contributing something to our community and the church.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

November Masses

In November, we remember and pray for all the faithful departed. All the masses offered at St. Bernard in November, are offered for the deceased relatives and friends of the parishioners. Your November mass intentions will be used to assist missionary priests. Please use only November mass intention envelopes for your mass intentions.

On Sale at the Church Foyer

Please support St Vincent De Paul Society.

Christmas Cards for \$4 for a packet of 8 cards.

Columban calendars for \$7 each.

Thanks & Prayers

Thanks to **Zenny Custodio** for the altar flowers offered in thanksgiving to God. Let us join her in prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God.

Flowers and Candle offering

There is a new Flowers Offering form in the foyer. Two people/families will be able to offer flowers on the same date. The parish will pray for your prayer intention on the weekend you offer flowers. No flowers will be offered during Advent.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal total collected last weekend was \$1081.30; \$831.30 in cash and \$250 in cards. Please support the ministries of the Archdiocese of Sydney; CatholicCare, the Ephpheta Centre, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. Tax deduction receipts will be issued for donations above \$2.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion for the public schools' students will be held next Sun 26th Nov 2023 at 9am Mass. Please remember the students in your prayers.

Congratulations to the children who did their First Reconciliation last week.

"Heartbreakers" Pre-Christmas Raffle

Please support the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation Raffle to raise funds for aged care services. Tickets 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 5 for \$15, 7 for \$20, 11 for \$30, 15 for \$40, 20 for \$50, 30 for \$75, 50 for \$100:

On sale at the end of weekend masses.

www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=xwthp

Raffle drawn on Fri 8/12/23 at 7pm.

Prayer Requests

1. November Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Laila Amante, Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Gesalit Cabrera, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Nathan Gopiao, Ruby C. Gorospe, Lourdes Infante, Michelle Liew, Lourdes Lubrin, Tomi Lusaipau, Carol Merrick, Alexander Metierre, Rod Nera, Nadia Radmilo, Ben Stever, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.

3. Recently deceased: Rita Bartolo, Charles Sollis, Cosmos D'Souza

4. Deceased Anniversary: Jeanette Tecson, Remelinda Tecson, Emmanuel Cruz

5. Other Deceased: All the faithful departed, Deceased members of our families and parish community, and All Souls in Purgatory.

6. Thanksgiving: Zenny Custodio, Pam Hutton



ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 25 Nov - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Fabian & Maria Heaton

Acolyte: Maureen Burnett

Sun 26 Nov - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Michael Spies/

Julie Bjazevich

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 26 Nov - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Public School children

Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio

Counters: Maria Yanto & family

Altar Society: (Gp4) Pearl Ventura,

Tess Oliva & Norma Bukalan

Flowers Offering: Aruna Lobo

