



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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**Second
Sunday
of
Advent**
Year B
10/12/2023



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St Bernard Primary School:

Principal: Kelly Bouris
Asst Principal: Christine Lawrence
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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: O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Theme: The Second Advent candle signifies peace. Peace is the fruit of repentance and reconciliation. On the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus. John the Baptist exemplifies humility, a virtue essential for Advent preparation. He acknowledges his role as merely the forerunner to someone greater – Jesus. His foremost concern was to turn people away from sin and lead them to God. As we reflect on the messages John the Baptist for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we're invited to smooth the path for Christ's coming into our hearts and communities, transforming our lives in anticipation of His arrival. John's preaching is a key theme of the Advent season. Let us accept his call for repentance and prepare ourselves for Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

St Vincent de Paul Society Xmas Appeal

SVDP Botany Conference Appeal total was \$941. Thank you for your donations. Tax Receipts will be issued by St Vincent de Paul.

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 are sold out.

Charitable Works Fund Tax receipts

The Archdiocese Fundraising Office will issue tax receipts for CWF card and cheque donations. Tax receipts for CWF Cash donations are issued by the parish.

Altar Society Rosters and Counters

Rosters are available in the church foyer.

Christmas Liturgical Programme

Reconciliation

Fri 22nd Dec: 9:30am to 10:30am
Sat 23rd Dec: 9:30am to 10:30am

Weekend Masses as usual

Sat 23rd Dec Vigil Mass at 5.30pm
Sun 24th Dec Mass at 7am & 9am

Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Christmas Family Mass at 5:00pm
Midnight Mass

- Carols start at 11:45pm.
- Mass at 12 midnight

Monday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

First Mass 7:00am
Second Mass 9:00am

Croatian Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th Dec Vigil Mass at 9pm

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 are offered during Advent and Lent.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Christmas Eve Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24th Dec at 5 pm. Children are needed to be readers, part of the offertory procession and to participate in a liturgical movement/dance. Children are invited to dress as angels or shepherds. Practices will be at St Bernard's Church on Wed 20th Dec from 10am to 10:45am & Fri 22nd Dec from 10:30am to 11:00am. If your child would like to participate; OR if you are able to assist, please email Kylie Brakel kylie.brakel@syd.catholic.edu.au

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Maca Protulipac, Carlos Lobo, Laila Amante, Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Gesalit Cabrera, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Nathan Gopiao, Ruby C. Gorospe, Lourdes Infante, Herman 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: Luz Aguilar, Irene Bee Lin Chow, Ben Stever, John Webb

4. Deceased Anniversary: Leon and Julie Laporte

5. Other Deceased: All the faithful departed, and All Souls in Purgatory & forgotten souls

6. Thanksgiving:

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 16 Dec - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Kathy Smyth/
Maureen Burnett

Acolyte: Chris Hanna

Sun 17 Dec - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Carol O'Loughlin/
Tanya Sarkissian

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 17 Dec - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Fabian & Maria Heaton

Acolyte: Joseph Manesh P

Counters: (Dever Family)

Altar Society: (Gp3) Gloria Nimmett

& Joan Butler

Catholic Weekly

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