



# St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21\* January 2024 Year B

### Parish Priest:

Fr. Abraham Tharappel Augusthy  
Parish Secretary: Margaret Liew

### WHS & Working with Children Check:

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:-**

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### Safeguarding & Ministry Integrity Office

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### St Bernard Primary School:

Principal: Kelly Bouris

Asst Principal: Christine Lawrence

REC: Jessica Muscat

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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:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 3.30pm

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> Weds of the month 6pm presbytery.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength, and honour in his holy place.

**Theme:** The Gospel reading introduces us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and invite us to be transformed by the call of Jesus. The arrest and imprisonment of John the Baptist was a time of great distress and confusion for his followers and family. Christ was deeply saddened by John's imprisonment, but he suddenly transforms the situation by launching his public ministry. He continues from where John was stopped. Jesus calls his apostles. They recognised the greatness of Jesus and felt a liberating and transforming force in his call. They were willing to give up their comfort and securities of life, and their response to Jesus's invitation was immediate. Do we willingly respond to Christ's invitation? What do we do to bring liberty, freedom, and security to the suffering people?

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

### Volunteer Catechists Needed urgently:

Two volunteer catechists or more are urgently needed. Without catechists, the children in our public schools will not have any scripture classes to prepare for Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Training and all teaching details will be provided. Time commitment is one hour a week during School term. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

### Confirmation 2024,

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 3.30 PM

Please register before Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024.

### Prayers & Thanks

Thanks to Tess Oliva for the Altar flowers. It is her thanksgiving offering. She is on holiday now. Let us join her with our thanksgiving praises and keep her in our prayers.

### Flowers and Candle offering

Sponsors are needed to offer flowers next weekend 28/01 and for 11/02. Additional sponsor to offer flowers for 31/03 and 7/04 are welcome. Two people/families are now welcome 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 Lent and Advent.

### 2024 Rosters available

The 2024 Altar Society Rosters, 2024 Counters Rosters and 2024 Jan to Jun Readers Rosters are available in the church foyer. Please tick against your name after picking up your copy. The rosters have been emailed as well.

### Working With Children Check

Readers and Wardens (Parish Collectors) now DO NOT NEED to maintain a WWCC.

Please see the noticeboard for the list of Volunteers who still need to maintain WWCC. Your cooperation is expected and much appreciated.

### Feast & Memorial Day(s) of the Week

24 January – Saint Frances de Sales

25 January – The Conversion of St Paul

26 January – Australia Day

### Sincere Thanks

Thank you all for your donations throughout the year and contributions towards various appeals. Your support is much appreciated.

### Prayer Requests

#### 1. Mass Intentions

**2. The Sick:** Flora MacNeill, Laila Amante, Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Gesalit Cabrera, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Shayne Garrett, Ruby C. Gorospe, Lourdes Infante, Margaret Lee, Herman Liew, Carlos Lobo, Tomi Lusaipau, Jeanette Magee, Mijo Markus, Gwen Menzies, Carol Merrick, Teodoro Pineda, Maca Protulipac, Nadia Radmilo, Ben Stever, Diana Wiley, all the sick and suffering.

**3. Recently deceased:** Gerald King, Irudaya Doss, Sally Piper, Luz Aguilar, Claire Baroni, Alan Skeed, Lourdes Lubrin, Nathan Gopiao, Lorraine Butler.

**4. Anniversary:** Dolores Intal, Bernard Spies, Teodorico Rubin, Severino Guerrero

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

**6. Thanksgiving:** Tess Oliva, Kraljevic Family

### ROSTERS for Next Week

**Sat 27 Jan - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM**

Readers: Janelle Panton/Margaret C  
Acolyte: Maureen Burnett

**Sun 28 Jan - SUNDAY 7.00 AM**

Readers: Michael Spies/Julie Bjazevich  
Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

**Sun 28 Jan - SUNDAY 9.00 AM**

Readers: Jimmy Ong/Michael Ong  
Acolyte: Albert Nera

Counters: Kate Thornton & Pauline Weir

Altar Society: (Gp1) Frances Heming,

Maureen Burnett & Zenny Custodio

Flowers Offering: sponsors needed.

