



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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Catechist Sunday Word of God Sunday

4 February 2024 Year B

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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 19th 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

1st Weds of the month 6pm presbytery.

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Theme: The Gospel of Mark offers an illuminating glimpse into Jesus' healing ministry. Today's Gospel gives a picture of Jesus' ministry: praying, preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law at her home and she in turn served them. Simon's mother-in-law, totally incapacitated by her illness, is restored by Jesus' touch not simply to health but to service. Jesus' approach to healing was not merely a response to physical ailments but also a symbolic act, signifying the restoration of individuals to their communities and their God. In a society where illness often led to social and religious isolation, Jesus' healings were acts of reintegration emphasising his message of inclusivity and love.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Sunday of Word of God

Pope Francis instigated the annual celebration, the 'Sunday of the Word of God' to remind us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy.

Season of Lent

Lent begins on Wednesday 14th Feb. Ash Wednesday a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Mass at 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Prayers and Thanksgiving

Thanks to **The Thornton Family** for the flowers offered. Happy 60th Birthday to Scott. We wish him every blessing for the year ahead.

Thanks to **The Quealy Family** for the flowers offered as well. Happy Birthday to Tom. May God bless him abundantly.

Catechist Sunday

This weekend we also celebrate Catechist Sunday. We thank Beatrice Bentley, Cathie Bossini, Zenny Custodio and Josephine Apolonio for their dedicated service and catechist ministry.

Flowers and Candle offering

Additional sponsors to offer flowers for 11/02, Easter 31/03 and 7/04 are welcome. Two people/families are now welcome to offer flowers on the same date. No flowers are offered during Lent.

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. All teaching details will be provided. Scripture Classes are about 30min to 45 mins a week during School term. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Confirmation 2024

Bishop Richard Umbers will celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 3.30 PM. Please register before Sun 25th Feb 2024.

Catholic Weekly for only \$2 available in the church foyer. Thank you for supporting the Catholic media.

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Jonathan Renante Gorospe, Chelsea Rooney, 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: Robbie Jones, Gerald King, Irudaya Doss, Sally Piper, Luz Aguilar

4. Anniversary: Anteneno Pantano, Marge Veronica Hanna, Ida Jauco Victor Jauco

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

6. Thanksgiving: Bryant & Nina Apolonio for birth of Rowan

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 10 Feb - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Mona Laporte/Yoalanda F

Acolyte: Rinaldo Fernandez

Sun 11 Feb - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Mele Lusaipau/Leilua family

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 11 Feb - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Cathie Bossini/

Katrina Andrew

Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio

Counters: Beatrice Bentley & Cathie B

Altar Society: (Gp3) Gloria Nimmett

& Joan Butler

Flowers Offering: Gloria Valenzuela

