



# St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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**First Sunday of Lent,**  
18 February 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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## 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:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Theme:** The Gospel from Mark describes Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. These temptations of Jesus Christ in the wilderness are closely connected to the temptations that confront every one of us in our daily lives. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Sharing this Gospel for our reflection at the beginning of Lent the Church proclaims that His victory is ours. We should also make Christ-like efforts to resist temptation and to overcome it. The season of Lent reminds us of the need for spiritual renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Today, let us recollect on God's faithfulness, the significance of our baptism, and the importance of repentance and conversion.

**Communion Antiphon:** One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## Confirmation 2024

Bishop Richard Umbers will celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 3:30pm. Please register before Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024. Parent Information Night on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. Enrolment Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

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

**Kids Church:** Parents and Carers, do you want to be a leader or helper at Kids Church? Kids Church is run purely by volunteers, and extra helpers are always welcomed. No experience is necessary. The time commitment is one Sunday Mass per term and all theme details are provided. Please contact the parish office if interested.

## Flowers and Candle offering

We invite two more sponsors to offer altar flowers on Easter Sunday 31/03.

## Season of Lent

During Lent the Church invites us towards spiritual renewal through Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving. Let us try to be faithful to our baptismal promises.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent commencing at 6:30pm followed by Divine Mercy prayers and Benediction.

## Lenten Prayer Group

Lenten Prayer Group on **Wednesdays at about 9.30am** (after the 9am mass) **starting next Wed 21 Feb 2024** led by Michael Spies. The registration form is the foyer. The Archdiocese of Sydney's Parish Renewal Team has provided us with free Lenten companion booklets '*Repent and Believe: Be Filled with the Love of God*'. Please take a copy.

## Project Compassion

Through the Lenten campaign Caritas Australia reaches out to the poorest of the poor. Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available at the church foyer for your almsgiving.

## Acolytes Rosters

Acolytes Rosters from 20/04/2024 to 24/11/2024 are available in the sacristy. It have been emailed as well.

## Feast Day of the Week

22 Feb – Chair of Saint Peter

**Volunteer Catechists** are needed to teach scripture in public schools. Scripture Classes are about 30min to 45 mins a week during School term. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

## Prayer Requests

### 1. Mass Intentions

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

**3. Recently deceased:** Apolenar & Cecilia Jovella, Bro Charles Evans, Ray Neville, Robbie Jones.

**4. Anniversary:** Adriano Miranda, Robert James Louis, Anthony Xuereb, John Baker

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

### 6. 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:

Juliet & George D'Souza

### 7. Special Intention: Natali

## ROSTERS for Next Week

### Sat 24 Feb - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Maria & Fabian Heaton

Acolyte: Maureen Burnett

### Sun 25 Feb - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Carol O'Loughlin/Tanya S

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

### Sun 25 Feb - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: School children

Acolyte: Joseph Manesh P

Counters: Dever Family

*Altar Society:* (Gp1) Frances Heming, Maureen Burnett & Zenny Custodio