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THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Hello Everybody!

As the Holy Week arrives, I would like to draw your attention to one of the many significant arrangements that we have on Holy Thursday. It is what the Church calls: 'The Altar of Repose'.

The Altar of Repose, sometimes also called "repository", is the altar where the Sacred Host consecrated during the Mass on Holy Thursday is reserved after the Mass. In 1988 the Holy See published "Paschales Solemnitatis," a "Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts."

No. 49 of this document refers to our topic: "For the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, a place should be prepared and adorned in such a way as to be conducive to prayer and meditation, seriousness appropriate to the liturgy of these days is enjoined so that all abuses are avoided or suppressed.

"When the tabernacle is located in a chapel separated from the central part of the church, it is appropriate to prepare the place of repose and adoration there." Due to the architecture of our Church, here at St Bernadette's we place the Altar of Repose in a different area than the Altar, which is down in the Parish Hall. The liturgical norms mark that where the altar is placed should be big enough to accommodate the faithful who wish to accompany Jesus in these moments.

The procession from the Altar to the repository should take the longer route to highlight the importance of this rite; therefore the procession leaves the Church through the front door and goes around the Church all the way to the Altar of Repose, prepared in the Hall.

The decoration of the Altar of Repose should be special, At least four or six candles or lamps, and preferably more, should burn around it and should be tastefully arranged with flowers, drapes, fine cloths, carpets and a judicious use of subdued electric lighting in order to create the necessary ambiance of silence and meditation.

"Paschales Solemnitatis," No. 56, briefly evokes the prevailing atmosphere for the adoration before the Altar of Repose: "After the Mass of the Lord's Supper the faithful should be encouraged to

spend a suitable period of time during the night in the Church in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament which has been solemnly reserved.

On Holy Thursday, there is a beautiful tradition to visit seven Churches. Actually pilgrims not only visit seven churches but the Altar of Repose of the Blessed Sacrament. When I was a child, I remember asking my mother why we visited seven churches at night. She told me that it was a reminder that on the day of his arrest, Jesus was taken to the High Priests, Herod, Pontius Pilate then Sanhedrin and so on. So our pilgrimage to all those seven churches was a reminder of the apostles who were trying to follow and find Jesus on the night of his arrest and Passion.



Later on I learnt that the visit of the seven churches is an ancient tradition that started in Rome where pilgrims visited seven churches as a sign of penance. The seven churches include St Peter's, St Paul Outside the Walls, St Mary Major, St John in the Lateran, St Laurence Outside the Walls, Holy Cross in

Jerusalem and the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. The last replaced St Sebastian Outside the Walls since the year 2000. I might be bias, but I like my mother's explanation better.

The tradition of the Altar of Repose is closely linked to the Passion of Jesus and the moment when he was taken away from his disciples. I remember in Mexico, the priest used a white ribbon to tighten the ciborium up, therefore giving everybody the idea that Jesus was arrested.

I hope you have the time to stay with Jesus a little longer after the Mass on Holy Thursday. I would like to remind you that those three days are holy days for us and after the Liturgy on Thursday a more sober atmosphere should be observed, not only outside the Church but hopefully also at home. It goes without saying that Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

I wish you all a very holy week ahead.

Peace in Jesus
Fr Fernando



Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Readings Next Weekend Easter Sunday - Year C

Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Feast Day this Week
Tuesday 16 April - St Bernadette

RETIREMENT VILLAGES SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Nuffield & Hopetoun - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday 17 April at **3.30pm** in the **Wattle Room** at Farrer Brown Court.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD will take place this Saturday, 20th April at 11.00am in the Church.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019: Children who are enrolled in the Sacramental Program to prepare for First Eucharist will be commissioned at all Masses on the weekend of 27th & 28th April. Please keep our parish families in your prayers during this time.

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. During the Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. These holy oils will then be given to the parishes for use during the year.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS – AN INVITATION TO JOIN:

All boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to join the special ministry of Altar Servers. Please complete the application form which is available from the priests after Mass, and return the completed form to the priests or deposit it in the parish mail box outside the parish office. Full training and continuing support will be provided to each altar server, to assist the ministry in serving Our Lord and the parish community with reverence and care.

NO MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY MORNINGS THIS WEEK.

MASS ON EASTER MONDAY IS AT 8.00AM

HOLY HOUR CANCELLED: This Thursday is Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall following the Mass. Holy Hour in the Church has been cancelled but will resume the following Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm.

EASTER LITURGIES

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday 17 April at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 9.30am & 12 noon

The Stations of the Cross are acted out by the Life Teen young people of the parish at both sessions. Each session lasts an hour.

Afternoon Liturgy 3.00pm

EASTER

Vigil Mass

7.00pm

Sunday Masses

7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm



Reconciliation

Good Friday from 11.00am to 2.30pm

No Reconciliation after Good Friday Afternoon Liturgy

No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

2nd Rite of Reconciliation in Other Parishes

Baulkham Hills Monday 15 April at 7.30pm



PROJECT COMPASSION: Please fill your Project Compassion box and return it to the Church this Thursday evening, Holy Thursday. You are invited to bring your box to the altar during the offertory procession.

Alternatively, you can return it at any Mass on Easter Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LENT TODAY in the Marian Centre after the 10.30am Mass until 5.30pm. Please come and spend some time with Our Lord and pray for your intentions.

CHURCH HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED: Can you help clean our church on a Saturday morning once every 7 weeks? No vacuuming needed. Groups have 4-5 volunteers but a few groups are short on numbers. If you can help please phone Andrea on 9872 4062 or Frances at the Parish Office.

MUSIC AT MASS: After years of being a part of the music ministry in our Parish, Graeme, Jacinta Kearns and family will be retiring. We thank them for their many years of service. We are now looking for people who are interested in joining the 9am choir every 2nd week. Please call Sneha Sampath-Sawtell on 0411 748 633. We are also looking for someone to be trained as a projectionist. Please call Sneha if you can help.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST AGATHA'S: You are invited to Divine Mercy celebrations at St Agatha's, Pennant Hills on Sunday 28th April from 1.30pm to 5.00pm including Reconciliation (from 1.00pm), Mass at 2.00pm, Benediction, Exposition and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea (if you can). Enquiries: Greg on 0419 228 199.

THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets in the Lourdes Centre, 31b Brisbane Road, Castle Hill. (follow the lighted pathway), Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30. Newcomers very welcome. Contact Lesley Maker at jandlmaker1@optusnet.com.au or 8677 8845. The evening Christian Meditation group has closed for an Easter Break and will resume on Thursday evening 2nd May.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW from the Church Bookshop and the Parish Office. This year we have a combined Sydney/ Greater West edition for just \$70. Leaflets with information about ordering digital editions are available in the foyer or order through <https://www.entbook.com.au/21y5021>. Proceeds support our Parish Youth Group.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP: All men are welcome. Come along to share your journey, pray together and grow in the Faith with fellow like-minded men. Mondays 8.00 to 9.00pm in the parish basement. Contact Jason on 0451 651 995 or email jason.irawan@hotmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT KELLYVILLE on Sunday 28th April at 8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville commencing with a street procession at 1.00pm and including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet, Benediction and concluding with Mass at 3.00pm.



LIFE TEEN

IntoLife: Years 5-8 will be on break over the school holidays.

Life NIGHT: Years 9-12 will be on break over the school holidays.

More information? Please contact Laura Burton on 0433 259 234 or ym@stbernadette.org.au.



GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY:

Last call for people interested in joining this year's Passion Play. Rehearsal on Palm Sunday at 7pm in the Church. No experience required. You do not need to be a member of the Youth Group. Looking for high-school students and young adults. More information? Please contact Laura Burton on 0433 259 234, or ym@stbernadette.org.au.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: For the first time, join youth, students, young adults and the broader Church community of the Parramatta Diocese on one of TWO overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford or Blacktown, through five parishes to the Cathedral. Both walks are 17-20km long, start at 10pm and will reach Parramatta by approximately 6am. It's critical that you register through the website and determine your route of choice as there will be a limit to the amount of participants on each - capped at 750. A \$5 cash donation will assist with the cost of support resources (police, first aid, security) to keep our walk safe. Register at <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Annulment Process. Date: Tuesday 7th May. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd). No charge: Donations welcome. Registration Essential: email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au or phone 8843 2575.

THE CHAT AND CRAFT GROUP meets in the Marian Centre on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month with the next meeting on Friday, 26th April from 10.00am. You are welcome to join them for an enjoyable few hours of conversation and craft. For information phone Ellen on 9634 7276.

CARDS & MAHJONG: All ages are welcome to come to the Marian Centre on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 1.30pm to join the 'Beyond 60' group for an enjoyable few hours of games. The next afternoon will be on Friday 26th April. For information phone Carmen on 9634 4014.

THE REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Basement from 8:00 to 9:00pm for Rosary and prayer. All welcome.

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 Rev Shinto Francis, Assistant Priest
 Mr Adam Carlow, Seminarian
 Mrs Nancy Eberhaut, Pastoral Associate
 Ms Laura Burton, Youth Minister
 Mrs Alice Bradshaw JP, Sacramental Co-ordinator
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Darren Edwards, Groundsman

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am (incense)
 6.00pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45am
 Tue 6.45am
 Wed 6.45, 9.15am
 Thurs 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Fri Easter Liturgies
 Sat No Morning Mass

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am - 9.00am, 4.30pm - 5.00pm

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Baptisms: By appointment only. Contact Frances Gallagher at the Parish Office. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mrs Leanne Nettleton (Principal) 9407 6600

Please pray for Wilma Collignon (funeral Tuesday at 9.30), June Le Page, Lisa Mathews, Christopher Cassaniti, Rocco Losurdo and Ronnie Lew and for the anniversaries of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pinkerton, Olga Arditti and C C Varghese.

Prayers for the Sick: Sylvia Fagan, Harper Dowdall, Bob Redmond, Jan Heyworth, Peter James, Klaus Hahn, David Rix, Masaki Iwatani, Kym Holden, Michelle McLoughlin, Maria Robayo, Peter Viler, John Reynolds, Christina McAuley, Vicky Crawford, Juliet Estoloso, Betty Granata, Xander Ranieri, Robert Waddell, Yvonne Hill, June Phelan, Joseph Jacob, Grace Boitano and Josephine Robayo.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 20 & 21 April, 2019

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS		LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL	Budi Kawiadji S2	Special Roster	Cynthia & Charles D'Emanuele, Alf Jacobs, Raymond Raad, Antony Barsic, Lisa Hurst, Don & Remy De Leon
7.30AM	Edy Kesuma S3	Peter Grace Judy McLeod Matthew Troy	Justin Ward, Remy Sie, Bernard Rogers, Geoff Roney, Catherine Seddon
9.00AM	Michael Lopez S4	Geoffrey Kemmis Chin-Seong Chan Shane Robinson	Gabrielle Jamison, Catherine Chan, John Hogan, Doug Desouza, Ranmalee De Silva, Lynda Sillick, Catherine Whitelock, Yvette Braganza
10.30AM	Melvyn Myers S5	Irene Ngu Michael Kenny Hyacinth Jones	Mary & Jeyaraj Winslow, Crystal & Bernie Good, Gaye Crammond, Lydia Flores, Teresa Somasundram

6.00PM PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - 21 April, 2019

Servers Cassie Holden S6	Projectionist Josh Becker	Piano Jolene Chua	Woodwind Izaak De Padua	Singers Rachel Chua Patricia Wibisono Natalie Mathias Josh Holden
	Offertory Brendan Hassan	Guitar Bernice Tang	Drums Noah Bellerose	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Dorothy Finucane Madeleine Hoang Nguyen	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Karen D'Souza, Leader, Elena Neira, Cheryl D'Sylva, Jana Fizely	COUNTING (2nd Collection) John Geoghegan, Reg Sinha, Kevin Johnson
FLOWER ROSTER Easter Flowers	COUNTING (1st Collection) Maureen Fearnside Remy De Leon	BOOKSHOP Ryan Coelho / Catherine Seddon / Jenny & Brian Blacklock / Josie & Seng Yeoh / Ingrid Vergano
CHURCH LINEN Liany Suradjaja		