



SUNDAY 1 MAY 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

**APOSTOLIC LETTER:**

**Patris Corde On the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.**

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"Get up, take the child and his mother" (Mt 2:13), God told Saint Joseph.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham (Gen. 18:23-32) and Moses (Ex 17:8-13; 32:30-35), and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (1 Tim 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (1 Jn 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (Heb 7:25; cf. Rom 8:34).

The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". (LG 42) Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (1 Cor 4:16). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same.

Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!"

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

**Let us now make our prayer to him:**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December,  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my  
Pontificate.*



**Hello Everybody!**

I hope you enjoyed the reading of the Apostolic Letter for this special year consecrated to St Joseph. It is just providential that we finish the reading of St Joseph on this weekend when we celebrate another feast in his honor. The first of May is dedicated to the veneration of St Joseph the worker.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955.

Doing some research I came across some prayers dedicated to St Joseph that hopefully you can introduce into your own daily prayers, especially during this year of St Joseph. I hope you will find the prayers inspiring.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORK TO ST JOSEPH THE WORKER:** O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop by means of labour the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must

give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

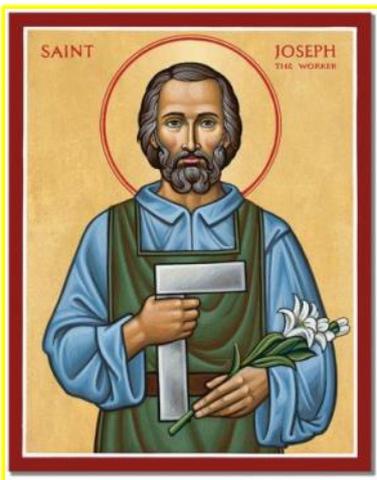
All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen. (Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

**A MORNING OFFERING THROUGH ST. JOSEPH:** Receive me, dear and chosen Father, and the offering of every movement of my body and soul, which I desire to present through thee to my blessed Lord.

Purify all! Make all a perfect holocaust! May every pulsation of my heart be a Spiritual Communion, every look and thought an act of love, every action a sweet sacrifice, every word an arrow of Divine love, every step an advance toward Jesus, every visit to Our Lord as pleasing to God as the errands of Angels, every thought of thee, dear Saint, an act to remind thee that I am thy child. I recommend to thee the occasions in which I usually fail, particularly . . . [Mention these]. Accept each little devotion of the day, though replete with imperfection, and offer it to Jesus, Whose mercy will overlook all, since He regards not so much the gift as the love of the giver. -Amen.

**CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH:** O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death—Amen.

I would like to finish these few weeks dedicated to St Joseph with the words of St Teresa of Avila. "I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..." (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila)



Peace in Jesus  
*Fr. Fernando Montano*



# THE LIVING WORD

## Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

*[The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.]*

## First Reading Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our

own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

**'I am the true vine,**

**and my Father is the vinedresser.**

**Every branch in me that bears no fruit**

**he cuts away,**

**and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes**

**to make it bear even more.**

**You are pruned already,**

**by means of the word that I have spoken to you.**

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.**



**As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.**

**I am the vine,  
you are the branches.**

**Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;**

**for cut off from me you can do nothing.**

**Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away**

**– he withers;**

**these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.**

**If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.**

**It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,**

**and then you will be my disciples.'**

*The Creed is said.*

## Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.

### NEXT WEEKS READINGS

6th Sunday of Easter Year B—9 May 2021

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48  
Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10  
Gospel Jn 15:9-17

### DISCOVER THE MESSAGES THE PROPHETS HAVE FOR YOU

#### Join Father Fernando in this program

examining who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time. Discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others. Join us for this 10 week program **Starting: Thursday, 20 May at 7:00pm in the Hall. Study books \$10 from the office. All are welcome!**



## LIFE TEEN

### INTOLIFE (YR 5-8)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May **Social Night**  
7:00-8:30pm in the hall  
Bring a friend and a gold coin donation!



### LIFENIGHT (YR 9-12)

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

#### The Meaning of Life

7:00-8:45pm in the hall  
Bring a gold coin for dinner



For more information contact **Laura Burton** (Youth Minister)  
**9634 2622, 0433 259 234 or [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au)**

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Facebook: **St Bernadette's Youth Castle Hill**

Instagram: **castlehill\_lifeteen** or simply Scan this QR Code



### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY (AGES 18-35)

St Bernadette's is re-starting our Young Adults Ministry! Our first event will be held this **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 at 7pm**, held in the newly refurbished Parish Office basement.

For more information on young adult ministry contact **Daniel Grace** on 0478 575 682 or **Laura Burton** (Youth Minister) 9634 2622, 0433 259 234 or [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au)

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[HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/ST\\_BERNADETTE'S\\_YOUNG\\_ADULTS/](https://www.instagram.com/st_bernadettes_young_adults/)



## MOTHERS DAY FUNDRAISER

The Young Adults will be selling flowers and chocolates at all masses **next weekend on Mothers' Day, Sunday 9th May**. This year the fundraising efforts will go toward fixing up the Basement area in order to make it a functional space for our multiple Church ministries. CASH ONLY PLEASE.



### Pope Francis

#### Calls for Prayer Marathon in May

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic. "It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, **'from the entire Church an unceasing prayer rises to God,'**" The Pope will open the monthlong prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31, the council said. Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 on all Vatican media platforms to guide the prayer at 6pm Rome time (2am AEST) on **Vatican News - English** on **Youtube**.

### CANCER COUNCIL

#### AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Please join us on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 10am** in the Marian Centre and enjoy some morning tea as we come together to support those impacted by cancer. If you would like to contribute to the morning tea by bringing a plate of something sweet or savory that would be appreciated. A donation box will be available on the day for any cash donations to the Cancer Council. Hope to see you there!

## MOTHERS DAY MEGA RAFFLE

This is your last chance to spoil Mum this Mothers' Day with a chance to win one of three beautiful prizes in the St Bernadette's Mothers' Day raffle.

**LAST CHANCE! 1ST PRIZE: VALUED AT \$500:**

3x \$100 dining vouchers for Entrata, Billy The Greek & Ba La Me restaurants; Champagne, red & white wine; champagne flutes.

**2ND PRIZE: VALUED AT \$250:**

Neutrogena/Aveeno luxury beauty hamper.

**3RD PRIZE: VALUED AT \$200:**

\$150 dining voucher for Enzo's Cucina restaurant; red & white wine; gourmet treats.

**Tickets only \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00, on sale at all weekend Masses 17th April – 2nd May.**

**Prizes drawn next week at the 5.00pm Mass Saturday 8th May.** Winners will be contacted by phone at the draw and their prize delivered to their home that day.

### PLEASE PRAY

*For* Lex Watkins, Basil Fernando, Christine D'Souza, Paul Hicks, Maria Del Carmen Tamargo, Renold Sequeira, Conrada Samonte Garcia, Pamela Dias, Madeline Raftery, Luis Espinoza & Jill Lenehan **who have died recently, and for** Lee Wickramasinghe, Januario & Lucia Fernandes, Josey Varghese, PE Thomas, Jovita Flores, Richard Scott, Yama Go and Molly Edge **who have anniversaries that occur at this time.**

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*For* Richard Curtis, Fr Chris Riley, Peter Philpoll, Jessica Dowd, Fr Jacques Lapointe, Bernie Good, Bob Redmond, Joe Borg, Klaus Hahn, Kym Holden, Victoria Rix, Maria Robayo, John Reynolds, Christina McAuley, Betty Granata, Robert Waddell, Yvonne Hill, June Phelan, Helen Shaw, Grace Boitano, Josephine Robayo, Carmen Moreno, Victoria Tranilla, Ederlina Badiola, Daniel David, Julianne Edmilao, and Pam Appathurai.

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## OTHER NOTICES

### ORGANIST/ PIANIST APPLICATIONS OPEN

St Bernadette's is now accepting applications for the coveted position of Volunteer Pianist or Organist for our 10:30am Mass. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact the Parish Office.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY—VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare to return to some normality we are looking at starting up our **Children's Liturgy at the 9am mass** and we are in need of some volunteers to take the group for about 20mins, all materials are provided. If you are interested in volunteering in this rewarding opportunity, please contact **Danielle Vassallo m: 0421 649 641**

### MOUNT ST BENEDICT ENROLLING NOW FOR YR 7

**COLLEGE TOUR** Wednesday 5 May 11am – 12:30pm  
**Please note:** *Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2023. Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.*

### St Bernadette's Parish School ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022

Enrolment interviews are now taking place for Kindergarten 2022 (and Yrs. 1 to 6 2022). If you have not yet submitted your form and accompanying documents could you please do so as soon as possible. Please contact the school office on 9407 6600 for any

### MORE CHURCH MINISTRIES

**Prayer and Scripture Meetings** ....Tuesday's 10.00am

Prayer & discussions on mass readings

**Reparation Prayer Group** .... Tuesday 's 8.00pm

Rosary and Prayer

**Holy Hour** .....Thursday's 8.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the blessed sacrament

**\*All held in the Marion Centre**

### MASS TIMES

Saturday.....	8:00am (& Pub hols) 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday.....	7:30am, 9:00am 10:30am (streamed) & 6:00pm
Monday & Tuesday.....	6:45am
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.....	6:45am & 9:15am

### Reconciliation (confession)

Saturday .....	8:30am—9:00am & 4:00pm—4:30pm
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### ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH - STAFF

<b>Very Rev Fernando Montano</b>	Parish Priest
<b>Rev Jobi Payyappilly</b>	Assistant Priest
<b>Mr Jack Elkazzi</b>	Seminarian
<b>Mrs Nancy Eberhaut</b>	Pastoral Associate
<b>Ms Laura Burton</b>	Youth Minister & <i>acting-Sacramental Co-ordinator</i>
<b>Ms Melissa Klococki</b>	Admin & Office Support
<b>Mr Darren Edwards</b>	Groundsman

### ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH - SCHOOL

**Mrs Bianca Cooke** (Principal)  
**PH: 9407 6600**



**ST BERNADETTE'S  
CASTLE HILL**

### BAPTISMS— By Appointment only

Please contact the Parish Office for bookings and further details.

**Note the Church law:** Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised within the first few weeks. As soon as possible

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS - 8 &amp; 9 MAY 2021 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		<b>1ST COLLECTION</b> 3RD MAY	<b>2ND COLLECTION</b> 9TH MAY
	<b>VIGIL</b>	Kristine Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burrige	Marie Woodward Elaine Small	<b>Bernie Good</b> Debbie Fang Douglas Carvalho Eugenia Fidel
	<b>7.30AM</b>	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	<b>HOUSEKEEPING ROSTER 8TH MAY</b>	
	<b>9:00AM</b>	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	<b>Cathy Teh</b> Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Adelina Tabila Constance Fidel	
	<b>10:30AM</b>	John Eberhaut Hansel Fernando	<b>FLOWER ROSTER</b> 8TH MAY	<b>CHURCH LINEN ROSTER</b> 8TH MAY—14 MAY
		Olivia Cheng	Lois & John Donnelly	