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SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Today completes our First Communions for 2010. We start preparation for sacraments for 2011 next month. There will be an information night on Monday July 26 and the same information night is repeated on Tuesday July 27 for those unable to be present for the Monday session. The information night is an opportunity to explain the sacramental programme to St Bernadette's parishioners who have children ready for sacraments next year and to answer questions or queries parents may have.

All parishes have preparation for sacraments but each parish does it in a different way. There is a core document that is used called *Sacraments of Initiation for the Parramatta Diocese* and this takes parents and children on a sacramental journey that lasts for eleven months. In that time parents come together to talk about their own faith journey and to be empowered to hand on their faith to their children.

For us at Saint Bernadette's this means a four-week series of get-togethers in parent-only sessions in the parish hall. Over the four weeks parents have the opportunity to share their faith, their doubts and their commitment to the process. At the end of August parents are in a better position to make decisions about their own commitment to the Church so as to enable them to introduce their children more fully into the life of the Church/parish through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Sometimes, at this point, parents choose to delay the reception of the sacraments for their children as they come to understand the commitment that is required in bringing their children up in the practice of the faith. The programme is flexible enough to accommodate

these parents.

Parents who have done the Faith Formation Course have found it helpful and, while there is not the necessity for a parent to repeat the course, we have noticed over the years that, for a second child being prepared for sacraments, the husband or wife who was not able to attend the meetings previously will do the course. Our feedback in these cases is very positive.

At St Bernadette's the Faith Formation Course is a four-week module. Other parishes engage in faith formation over a longer period while some parishes do it at the same time as the children are

being prepared for sacraments. All parishes do some faith formation for adults.

The theory behind our sacramental process here at St Bernadette's is based partly on the principle that faith is caught, not taught. The children are given all the information they need at their age to worthily receive the sacraments. At the end of the process children will not know everything about the sacraments they are to receive, but they will have enough information suitable

to their age and circumstances to embrace the opportunity to further their commitment to the Faith. The teaching is done by the parents. The sacrament of Penance, which is difficult even for adults to comprehend fully, is taught by the parents in partnership with me.

The process parallels the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. By that I mean that the children are presented in a liturgical setting to the parish community at intervals to express the idea that they are part of a believing community living an authentic Christian faith. The children are encouraged by the welcome and prayers of the Sunday Mass-goers. In this sense they feel part of the wider Catholic community at an age when



they are discovering that they belong to groups other than their immediate family.

In a moving ceremony in November, parents have the opportunity of renewing their own baptismal promises as they recommit themselves to bringing their child up in the practise of the faith - a commitment made by them at baptism.

In the same month, the children go on a tour of the church. They are always interested in the gold plate kept in the safe, the vestments and where the altar breads are kept. They are inquisitive about the areas of the church which are generally off-limits to them.

The young candidate and his/her family meets with me sometime in September or October. Since the whole family is involved in the preparation of the candidate by formal educational input (parents) or powerful witness (older adolescent siblings), the whole family meets with me in September or October. This is a wonderful pastoral opportunity for me to meet with families in this vast parish. Sometimes pastoral issues affecting parishioners are discussed and resolved in these meetings.

In this parish we have a great group of young teens who come together in the post-Easter school holidays to lead the candidates on a one-day Confirmation camp experience. This has proved highly successful.

The actual programme is broken up into four modules. The first concerns baptism which is the beginning of the journey. The second involves the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation. This leads to hearing the children's first confession in the penitential season of Lent. The third module is Confirmation and this sacrament will be received around Pentecost which falls on June 12 next year. Finally, the children are prepared for their First Holy Communion which will be received around Corpus Christi, at the end of June 2011.

In this diocese the norm is to receive Confirmation before Holy Communion. For close to a hundred years the experience has been to have First Communion and then, some years later, Confirmation. It was Pius X who brought in that change. This is still the experience in some dioceses. Our thinking is that a person should not receive Communion until they are full Christians, having received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. This is the more ancient custom and how the sacraments are received in the Eastern Churches.

Father John

LITURGY CORNER

For this people is the People of God, purchased by Christ's Blood, gathered together by the Lord, nourished by his word. It is a people called to bring to God the prayers of the entire human family, a people giving thanks in Christ for the mystery of salvation by offering his Sacrifice (GIRM 5). Our life as a beloved People of God begins with God's free gift of forgiveness. It was when we were still sinners that God sent his only beloved Son who gave his life so that we may live. Each Sunday we gather in gratitude to our God so that we can be formed again as his people by our attentive listening to his word. From the word we unite in our prayer for the many needs of our world.

The Summit



Today's Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10,13. The prophet Nathan confronts David with his wrongdoing.

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16:19-21. It is faith in Christ alone that makes a person righteous in God's eyes.

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3. The woman who anoints Jesus bears witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Next week: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Zech 12:10-11,13:1, Galatians 3:26-29, Luke 9:18-24.

HOLY HOUR this Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays at 8pm in the Parish Office Basement. All welcome.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Warrina - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday 15 June at 4pm in the chapel.

Nuffield & Hopetoun - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday 16 June at 4pm in the chapel at Farrer Brown Court.

Nordby - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 17 June at 4pm.

Wirreanda - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick on Thursday 17 June at 11am.

Brian King Gardens - Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Friday 18 June at 2pm.

Flinders - Communion Service & Anointing of the Sick, Saturday 19 June 10am at Donnington Court.

BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY: You are invited to join the knitters and crocheters of this friendly group for morning tea this Wednesday 16 June at 10.00am in the Marian Centre. Transport available if needed. Phone Jo 9634 5961 or Hilary 9894 5913.



THE CATENIANS will meet for dinner at the Hills Lodge, cnr Windsor and Salisbury Rds., Castle Hill on Tuesday 22 June at 7.00pm. If any male parishioners are interested in learning about the group, they are welcome to come along. Ring Malcolm on 9639 1915.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DENNIS

This Monday, June 14 Dennis Davis will celebrate his 90th birthday. Born in London, Dennis came to Australia, joined the Taxation Department and worked there until his retirement, except for his years in the AIF with active service in Tobruk, Syria, El Alamein and New Guinea. He was married to Margaret for over 60 years. Dennis still attends daily Mass.



VINNIES thanks all donors for their generosity. The end of the Financial Year is now very close so please remember that donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Receipts will be given to those who provide their name and address.

With the end of the Financial Year fast approaching, would you please bring your contributions up-to-date, and please notify the Parish Office if you have changed your address or any other details.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 10/11: Get your new edition now and enjoy another year of great savings. At \$60 for Parramatta/Hills edition or \$65 Sydney North & Sydney, these books are the best value ever! Check out the sample books in the foyer. Books are available from the Parish Office during office hours. Funds raised support our Life Teen Youth Ministry.

BUS TOUR to the Mary MacKillop Museum (including Mass) on Wednesday 7 July departing St Bernadette's at 9am (meet at 8.30am) and returning at 2.30pm. The cost is \$25 which includes coach fare, museum tour and morning tea. BYO lunch. RSVP and payment to the parish office by June 28.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND: The annual appeal for Catholic Mission will take place in this parish next weekend. Mr Eddie Leszczynski, director of the Pontifical Mission Society for Parramatta Diocese, will speak at all Masses.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry



LIFE Nights presents **Lock In Night** (for grades 9 to 12 and bring a friend). This weekend from Sunday night, 13th June after the Youth Mass till Monday 14th June at 9am in the hall under the church. Bring comfortable clothes, blankets, munchies and \$5 donation for food, drink & games.

Into LIFE is not on this Queen's Birthday Monday. The next night is Monday 21st June from 7 - 8.30pm in the parish hall.

Young Adults (ages 18-35yrs) in the Marian Centre on Wednesday 23rd June 7 till 8:30pm. Join together with other Young Catholics for inspiration. Bring \$2 donation.

LIFETEEN Leaders Training Weekend (for young adults aged 18-35yrs). If you are interested in being involved in the youth ministry in the parish this is for you. From 2nd July at 7pm till 3rd July at 4pm in Kurrajong. Cost is \$50 with all food and accommodation provided.

SOUL FOOD presents "E10". This is the next combined young adults activity on 29th June from 6:30 till 9:00 at the Castle Hill Tavern (25 Victoria Ave Castle Hill in the upper room)

Immaculée Ilibagiza a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, has worked with the United Nations and is now married with two children. She travels the world giving her testimony about forgiveness. You can see her at 'Theology on Tap' at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, cnr Church & Park St, Parramatta on 5 July at 7.30pm. For details: Therese 9651 3028.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate these young people who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time during Masses this weekend.

Rhys Ammon-Mackey
Erika Arana
George Ashkar
Emily Beard
Daniel Carr
Tyra Cavestany
Amy Charker
Chelsea Dawes
Andrew Delvecchio
James Dugdale
Nathan Dugdale
Niamh Duggan
Mario Echevarria
Branden Freitas
Stefan Gazzana
Gabrielle George
Taylor Gifford
Abigail Glezos

Oliver Hannan
Makayla Hughes
Lily Hurst
Sarah Jilek
Nathan Jones
Rachelle Kashkourian
Amelia Kelly
John Mallia
John Navybox

Annabelle Navybox
Jordan Nery
Caitlin Nery
Vinh Nguyen
Jessica Parker
Stephanie Pennas
Senuwani Perera
Madison Perry
Mark Rimac
Jacqui Sharah
Krystyna Singleton-Turner
Jordan Spiteri
Monika Sroba
Ethan Tang
Bernice Tang
Marco Turpeinen
Nicholas Wintle
Anne Younis
Stephanie Zwaine



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Fr John Boyle, Parish Priest
 Fr Eugene Szondi, Assistant Priest
 Sr Judy McLeod, rsm, Pastoral Associate
 Mr Luke Hackett, Pastoral Associate (Youth)
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45 am
 Tue 6.45am
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Sacramental Preparation Program 2011: Information nights for families seeking First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion are at 7.30pm on July 26 & 27, 2010.

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. 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: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for Adeline Chong, Lynne Moraza, Viyaladchi Saminathan and Jeremiah Collison who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Darcy Crowe, Dalmacio de Leon and Clive Barker.

Prayers for the Sick: Michael Dowson.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – June 19 & 20

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS		LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Budi Kawiadji S1	Vince Connelly Ray Scully Cheryl Braisby	Jessica Fearnside, Rebecca Barrett, Marjorie Orioles, Harry Reyden, Kym, Cassandra & Jacqueline Holden, Maira Mitchell, John Geoghegan	
7.30AM Edy Kesuma S2	Ron Gledhill Jo Wickens Joe Menezes	Paul Hennessey, Francesca Menezes, Remy Sie, Bernard Rogers, Geoff Roney, Catherine Seddon	
9.00AM Michael Lopez S3	Karin Abrams Tim Abrams Cathy Richmond	Brian & Jenny Blacklock, Neil Bone, Angela Crowe, Brian D'Arcy, Jeff Davis, Jocelyn Donovan, Jack Garcia, Yulia Hong	
10.30AM Joe Lorenzo S4	Chris O'Loan Mila Mina Max Bosotti	Mary & Jeyaraj Winslow, Crystal & Bernie Good, Mark Street, Gaye Crammond, Lydia Flores, Monica & Matthew Fitzalan	

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - June 20

Adult Servers James Madry	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Darian Jessup-Lonsdale Jen Austin		Musos Bass Daniel Ang Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Michael Smith
Lectors Josh Chaney Mystique Nelis Nicci Heidegger		Jeremy Smith Martin Collins Stef Musgrave Veronica Sahabu	Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Julia Calixto Sara Ang Maree Calabria Natalie Jones
Altar Servers S5	Projectionist Josh Becker		Horns/Strings/ Winds Matthew Ashton
Gift Preparation Ben Mules	Ushers Paul Musgrave Phillip Smith	Welcomers Ingrid Fizely Jana Fizely	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Rosalind Yeo Michelle	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Pat Kenna, Maira Mitchell, Maree McDermott, Francesca Menezes Margaret Sinha	COUNTING (2nd Collection) David Solomon, David & Kaylene Hollis, Joe Harney, Anthony Denham, Brian Iles
FLOWER ROSTER Margaret Griffin	COUNTING (1st Collection) John Faehrmann Len Goldsworthy	BOOKSHOP Paula Boyd / Anne Parker / Jane Beard / Crystal Good / Giuli & Serge Dogulin