



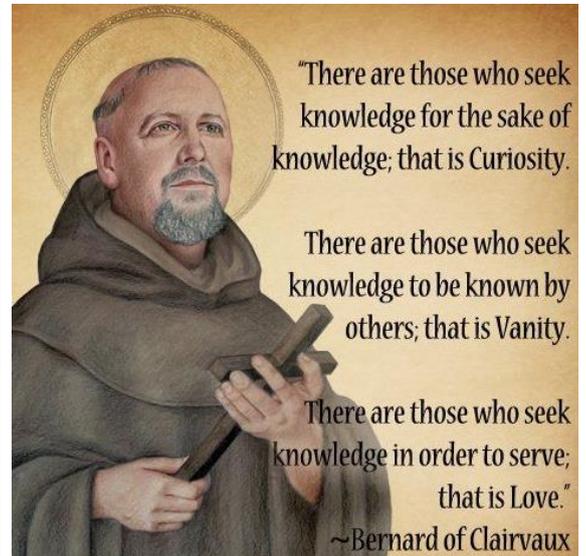
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Sunday, 14th August 2022
Monday, 15th August 2022

Saturday, 20th August 2022

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
St Bernard, abbot, doctor



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	After daily mass and by appointment	
BAPTISMS:	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday of the month March, June and September	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Maria Galafassi

Anniversaries: Steve Moghler, Cosima Criso Di Quattro, Francesco Di Quattro

We remember the faithful departed Geneive El-Zeinaty, Cyril Sattrukalsinghe, Mr S. Francis, Mrs Francis, Anton Francis

"May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Prayers for: Carmellina Mariani, Barbara Mucha, Hank Facer

"Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them"

ROSTER: 3rd Week

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday 5pm	Judy Simon Sue Allan	Tony Allan	
Sunday 8am	Barbara Perry Rhos Shi-Wang	Ruben Baluyot	
Sunday 10am	Leo Vakauta Christina Kazzi	Cheston La'Porte Radley La'Porte	Chuma brothers

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass for this joyous feast day and holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, 15th August 2022 at 9.15am and 6pm.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



**Join us for dinner, sharing a Meal, Conversation and most importantly
FRIENDSHIP, CONNECTION & COMMUNITY!**

Where: McDermott House
When: Friday, 19th August 2022
Time: From 6.00pm – 8.00pm
If you require transport please phone Arthur on 0417 270 923

RAISING FATHERS EVENING **Do you want to be a better DAD?** Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: Fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic. Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the locations below and register via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>:

- Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang
(Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm)
- Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady

WORKPLACE GIVING THROUGH CATHOLIC MISSIONG Want to make a difference while you work? You can reach out and give life through workplace giving to Catholic Mission. It is easy to setup and you receive an immediate tax benefit. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visit cm.org.au/workplace-giving today.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE Call for Volunteer Workers- Urgently Needed.

Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomediocese.org Web: www.broomediocese.org

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) August Appeal – We wish to thank all those who gave generously during the August appeal to help us meet our quota and for the people that the donations will assist. If you would still like to give, you may do so by using the envelopes provided at the front foyer of the church. You can also donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 'Do not let the prophet die'

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 39(40):2-4,18 R: Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4 **We should keep running steadily in the race we have started** With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right* of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42 44 **Alleluia, alleluia!** The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 12:49-53 **How I wish it were blazing already!**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

MONDAY, 15TH AUGUST - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"The solemnity crowns the series of important liturgical celebrations in which we are called to contemplate the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the history of salvation. Indeed, the Immaculate Conception, then Annunciation, the Divine Motherhood, and the Assumption are the fundamental, interconnected milestones with which the Church exalts and praises the glorious destiny of the Mother of God, but in which we can also read our history. In Mary's Assumption, we contemplate what we ourselves are called to attain in the following of Christ the Lord and in obedience to his word, at the end of our earthly journey. The last stage of the Mother of God's earthly pilgrimage invites us to look at the manner in which she journeyed on toward the goal of glorious eternity. And, lastly, the Assumption reminds us that Mary's life, like that of every Christian, is a journey of following -following Jesus- a journey that has a very precise destination, a future already marked out: the definitive victory over sin and death and full communion with God."

(Pope Benedict XVI)



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A gospel story where Jesus tells us that he came to bring division even within family circles, cannot fail to make us sit up and take notice as it puts us on edge. After all there is nothing so agonizingly painful as a family feud, and yet there is no escaping from this fact of life. We find these words puzzling and strange, accustomed as we are of turning to the Lord for comfort and peace in the midst of strife and division. What we have here are a few pithy and profound remarks which Jesus made on the way to Jerusalem about the outcome of his mission. They give us a rare glimpse of the inner conflict within the heart and soul of Christ, as he foresaw the suffering of his passion. His mind is a mixture of anxiety about what is going to happen and impatience to have it over and done with. At this time opposition to his mission was mounting and he was being honest in facing the fact that his work could not be carried out without suffering and death. His message was not welcome because, as far as the Jewish establishment was concerned, he had rocked the boat and they did not like it. They felt threatened and were going to silence him by getting rid of him. Division and conflict would inevitably result from his mission as many would reject his offer of salvation.

Few of us like to be unpopular or stand up and be counted, even when principles are at stake and our voice needs to be heard. We are part of the silent majority lacking the moral courage to speak out. The gospel is forcing us to face the fact that if we are to be followers of Christ, conflict and tension are unavoidable. Jesus never promised that the journey would be without its crosses. They are the inevitable part of being a Christian.

The teaching of Jesus demands acceptance or rejection. There is no escape route in trying to play the role of an anonymous Christian. If we accept Christ's teaching, we will be opposed and ridiculed by those who reject it. What is at stake is the uncompromising nature of the gospel message, which is the light exposing the darkness of a crooked world. Somewhere along the line we must make the choice of whether we are going to be followers of Christ or not. It's a serious decision and not to be taken lightly. The call to be prophets by modelling our lives on Christ will automatically mean saying goodbye to a coy and comfortable existence. If the teaching of Christ does not cause us to question the way we are living, we are falling short of being whole-hearted and the fire of Christ is not burning within our hearts.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request. As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box is placed in the church foyer.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. **Child sexual abuse is a crime.** The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands. We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations