St Joseph's & St Bernadette's (Boronia) Parish

St Joseph's Primary School ~ 212 Boronia Road, Boronia, 3155
St Bernadette's Primary School ~ 1264 Mountain Hwy, The Basin, 3154
Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am – 3pm
OFFICE is CLOSED Mondays
Parish Admin: 9761 2124
E: Office@Boroniaparish.org.au
W: https://boroniaparish.org.au/

OUR PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:	Fr Mirek Knap CR
Parish Finance:	Leigh Bilston – Tue
Parish Secretary:	Gerri Cheyne – Wed, Thur, Fri
Pastoral Worker:	Luise Westwood – Tue

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Mirek Knap CR, Noelle Hughes, Chris Ashdowne, Mary Asquith, Marie Jones, Mark Westwood, Peter Steward, Luise Westwood, Juan Monsalve Tobon

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:

Fr Mirek Knap CR, Mary Asquith, Peter Asquith, Noelle Hughes, Luise Westwood, Gerri Cheyne, Kerryn Hughes–Scott, Ruth Jones

St Vincent de Paul:	1800 305 330
RCIA Coordinator:	Sr Frances Mongan PBVM
Communion to the Sick:	0417 704 587 Luise Westwood

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Primary School – Boronia	9762 3275
Principal:	Mark Westwood
Deputy Principal:	Georgina Bennett
St Bernadette's – The Basin	9762 5135
Principal:	Peter Steward
Deputy Principal:	Jennifer Kennedy

OUR REGIONAL SCHOOLS

St Joseph's College – Ferntree Gully	9758 2000
Principal:	Ms Catherine Livingston
Deputy Principal:	Mr Guido Piotti
Mater Christi College – Belgrave	9754 6611
Principal:	Maria Haggett
Deputy Principal Staff/Students:	Shae Mayes



WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Mon	23rd	9.10am MASS
Tues	24th	9.10am MASS
Wed	25th	9.10am MASS @Janssen Centre
Thur	26th	NO MASS @St Joseph's
Fri	27th	9.10am MASS
Sat	28th	9.10am MASS 9.30am RECONCILIATION 6pm VIGIL MASS
Sun	First Sunday of Advent Year B 29th	9.00am MASS 11.00am MASS



29 November 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2–3. 15–16. 18–19 R. v.4

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year B

6 December 2026



1st Reading:
Isaiah 40:1–5. 9–11

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 84:9–14. R. v.8

2nd Reading:
2 Peter 3:8–14

Gospel:
Mark 1:1–8

REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 Nov	ELECTION DAY – Voting in the Hall Garage Sale, Plant Sale, Sausage Sizzle available on the day
29 Nov	First Day of ADVENT – Year B
1 Dec	5pm R.E. Classes with Luise
3 Dec	7.30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
4 Dec	8.30am ADORATION
8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary







BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will not be available during the months of December & January.~ Thank you



Thank you!

To all on the
Liturgy, Children's Liturgy,
Hospitality, Cleaning,
Counting, Flower Roster's

Fr Mirek, St Joseph's &
St Bernadette's Parish extends
a warm thank you for all the
input & hard work you have
offered throughout 2026

May God Bless you

FOODBANK ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Please find information flyers in the foyer of the Church

Memorial Garden Development



UPDATE

Dear Parishioners, Our memorial garden is a place where we store memories of our loved ones on plaques on the wall.
There were questions about the possibility of burying the ashes of our departed in this area. I will need to know about any ashes already buried there as we will need to dig them up for reinterment where possible in the appropriate manner.

Contracts are 95% ready to be sent out to all who have already expressed an interest. We should be able to get those out to you within the week or the following week.

Please note, the current "Memorial Plaque Wall" is to be left in tact.
Fr Mirek Knap CR

Please contact the office for more information.
Ph: 9761 2124
Em: Office@boroniaparish.org.au

VINNIES @ CHRISTMAS





Thank you to everybody who took a Christmas gift card last week.

Please return your wrapped present, with the tag [or one of your own cards] attached, by **Sunday Dec 6th at the latest.**

Our **Christmas Raffle tickets** will be available from Dec 5th - **$1 each, or 3 for $2** – to be drawn after 11am Mass on 20th Dec. Many thanks to our anonymous parishioners who have again donated so generously for our raffle prizes.

Food donations would be appreciated – especially Christmas goodies – HAMS, mince pies, puddings, bon bons etc. Please place in our trolley. Or a donation in the Poor Box. We will be packing hampers from 9.30 am on Mon Dec 14th – to deliver on Wed 16th from 9.30am. You are more than welcome to come and help us!

Thank you for your support – it is greatly appreciated.

Salesian Mission 2026 November Newsletter copies in the foyer of the church



"SENIORS MASS"
11 December
at 11.30am
2nd Friday of each month
ALL WELCOME for light refreshments after Mass



"ADORATION"
4 December @8.30am
1st Friday of each month



"PRAYER GROUP"
Thursdays @ 11.30am
Due to the weather,the venue has been changed, please contact the **Parish Office** if you wish to join!
Ph: 9761 2124

ST VINNIES DONATION
BSB: 063 003
A/C: 1008 1787
Ref: 416
https://www.vinnies.org.au/

Sunday
27 December

'Capital Works'
Sunday
7 February '27
Collectors:
Please take up the collection after communion at all masses

"JANSSEN CENTRE"
9.10am MASS
Every Wednesday
All welcome for a cuppa afterwards, informationbooklet is located atthe back of the church.
https://janssencentre.au/

We Pray for all those who are sick at this time and especially those within our Parish:

Michael Cañon, Maisie Downall, Tony Callus, Lucyna Knap, Marian Bullen, Margaret Fagan, Olive Maker, Brin Thiedeman, Julie Keuken, Robert Southcott, Ching Price, Eugene Vanderstaak, Ken Morris, Samantha Tauiliili, Gary Edmiston, Carole Stones, Lynette Scott, Maribel Rosales, Rebecca Cleave, Margaret Lawn, Maureen Hammerstein, Noel Dunlop, Hillie Koster, Mary Phillips, Christian McMahon, Peter Ordner, Melissa Rowe



Recently Deceased:

Levi Frankie Djohan
Allan Neighbour
Barbara Mary Collins
Eileen Patricia Street

Anniversary:

David Gibson
Andrew Purchase
Prasanta Ratna

LITURGY Roster 6 December 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

MASS TIME	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	SPECIAL MINISTER	MUSIC	COMPUTER	SET-UP
6.00pm	D PERLADO	P GEORGE	T KITCHING	COMPUTER	C STEGGINK	G GILFEDDER
9.00am	C SCHWARZ	M ASQUITH	F ROBERTS	COMPUTER	C MULENGA	J FAULKNER
11.00am	R GIBSON	C FEENEY	R O'BRIEN	COMPUTER	L REID	T EKLUND

SERVICE Roster 6 December 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

CHURCH CLEANING	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	COUNTING	FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY SAT 6PM	HOSPITALITY SUN 9AM	HOSPITALITY SUN - 11AM
5 December Group 2	6 December	7 December Group 4	29 November until 24 December	5 December Group 3	6 December Group 5	6 December Group 3
I Hammerstein J Folino J Folino R Pope	D Perlado	L Dye L Reid D Bowker C O'Connell	L Feuerbach J Faulkner	V Rajapakse Y Rajapakse	G Gow C Mulenga	J Fay C Custerson

Parish Church Account:

St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Church:
BSB: 083 347
Acc No: 63544 5281
Ref : TG
(your Thanksgiving Number if you have it)

Presbytery Account supports our Parish Priest:

Catholic Presbytery Account Boronia:
BSB: 083 347
Acc No: 63544 6217
Ref : TGPres

Parish Church Account – Capital Works:

St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Church
Account: BSB: 083 347
Acc No: 63544 5281
Ref : CW (your name)

Next collection: 7 February 2027

Parishioners who would like to place a donation towards Church Maintenance, we have a number of areas in need of repair eg:

- Roof
- Damaged windows
- General maintenance.

Please donate into the Parish Church Account, specifying the reference: CW (followed by your name)

Thank you - Parish Finance

PLEASE NOTE!

When making donations/payments to the Parish accounts, the account name will come up as:

"Archdiocese of Melbourne Catholic Development Fund"

This is the **LEGALLY** Registered name. Your donations will however go to the correct account associated with the Parish

Thank you - Parish Finance

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STATEMENT 2026

St Joseph's & St Bernadette's, Boronia Catholic Parish acknowledges and adheres by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding documents, procedures and policies as outlined in their statement and guidelines. Our Parish Priest, Fr Mirek Knap, is dedicated to keeping our children, young people and vulnerable people, safe with the support of our Parish Staff, Safeguarding Committee, Parishioners, and Volunteers who serve in our Parish.



CHILD SAFE PARISH

Code of Conduct Declaration and Form

Safeguarding Children Policy

If you have any concerns please contact:
Safeguarding Children Committee
via **Parish Office**
Ph: 9761 2124

or Fr. Mirek: Office@Boroniaparish.org.au
or contact: https://www.esafety.gov.au

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE TODAY!

Assorted packets of Christmas cards available now.
On sale in the foyer of the church.

Cost $6-00 per packet



We have more stock of the **'2027 Columban Art Calendar'** if you would like to purchase one,

please see Clare O'Connell after Mass.

$12.00 Each



CRAFT STALL – FETE 2027

Thank you to those who have contacted me re sewing for the fete. Your help is very much appreciated. Thanks.
We hope to hear from more of you who love to sew and make things.

If anyone has material they would like to donate, we are happy to collect from you. We would appreciate anything you have started and not yet finished. We could use the material for sewing items. A time for you to clean out and pass on. Once again, we remind you, we are running a craft group and would welcome new ideas.
Please give us a call , we would love to hear from you or see you. Let Us Know Any questions or ideas.

CONTACT: Brenda 0411 602 239 or Clare 0405 403 576

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Parish of St. Joseph's and St. Bernadette's provides a Religious Education program for children from Year 2 to Year 7 who attend schools other than our parish schools. Classes are held at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays from February to November during school terms at the time of 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

If you wish for your child to attend these sessions, forms are available at the back of the church.

Thank you ~
Luise Westwood (Pastoral Worker)







Please remember to check the bin in the foyer



Pope urges religious superiors to 'serve with charity' to build unity and peace - Vatican News

Meeting more than 250 superiors general as they are in Rome to participate in the second Joint Assembly of the UISG and USG, the Pope calls ...

vaticannews.va / Nov 26

Pope Leo XIV has urged men and women religious to lead through service and charity, making their communities places of peace, listening, and fraternity. Source: Vatican News. The Pope met with more than 250 women and men superiors general in the Vatican's Synod Hall yesterday. They are in Rome to participate in the second Joint Assembly of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) and the Union of Superiors General (USG). Held this week at the Fraterna Domus in Sacrofano, the assembly brought together religious leaders from around the world to reflect on the question: "What would an 'unarmed and disarming' way of exercising leadership look like in our congregations?"

FULL STORY via Vatican News