

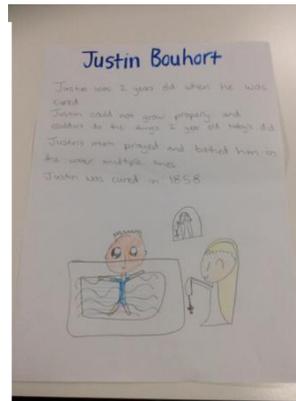
RELIGION NEWS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Term 2 2019



St. Bernadette's Feast Day

We celebrated St Bernadette's Feast Day on the 24th of April this year with Mass and then a day of learning about the miracles that have taken place because of the appearance of Our Lady at Lourdes. Students also took part in Kaboom Sports to launch our House Colors with a free lunch which was shared together. Students learnt about a number of miracles associated with Lourdes and it was encouraging to once again hear the story of St Bernadette and her faithfulness to God and Mary.



First Eucharist Retreat Day and Parent

Workshop

Parents and families gathered on the 29th of April to take part in our First Eucharist Family workshop. At this time parents and students made baskets together which were used as part of the entrance procession of their Eucharist celebration. It was a valuable time for parents and children to share together. During the Retreat Day students engaged in different activities revolving around Eucharist including the scripture of 'The Feeding of the 5,000.' We ended the day with a re-enactment of the Last Supper, focussing on the words that Jesus used when he changed the bread and the wine into his body and blood.



Mother's Day Breakfast and

Mass

We celebrated Mother's Day on the 8th of May with a breakfast and Mass. At the beginning of Mass, we lit three candles which represented the Head, Hearts and Hands of all those that we call Mother. Mothers received a special blessing and we were reminded by Fr John to treasure and show our love for these wonderful people in our lives.



Social Justice News

Some of our Social Justice Leaders attended the Kidsview Conference on the 29th of May. Students worked with others from different schools to experience a brief encounter with poverty. They also heard about many young people who have made a difference in the world and students were encouraged to think about what they can do to create a more socially just society. The Social Justice Leaders also helped to lead the school in the Vinnies Winter appeal where donations of blankets, canned foods and toiletries were collected. A great effort from everyone exhibiting the Social Justice Principles of Preferential Option for the Poor and Dignity of the Human Person.



First Eucharist

We had a beautiful celebration for First Eucharist this year on the 19th of May with all the Catholic Students in Year 4 attending the one Mass. The students made the celebration even more special with their reverence and reflection. We keep these students in our prayers and ask Jesus to watch over them and guide them every day.



Confirmation Family Night and Pentecost Sunday

Paul Spence and Father John led our Confirmation family night again this year with the focus not only on the Sacrament of Confirmation but also on how we can be open to the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Students were encouraged to be ambassadors of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith in the Catholic Tradition.

Confirmation candidates also made a commitment to their faith at our Parish masses over Pentecost Sunday. Students agreed to take responsibility in nurturing their faith by attending Mass more frequently and learning more about how being a witness to our traditions.

