

# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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## ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Parish of St Bernadette's strives to be a vibrant, active, Catholic community, that is welcoming and nurturing to all and celebrates being a people of God, with Christ as the model.

**Parish Centre:** 14 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park, 2147

Tel: 9672.4037 Fax: 9671.5377

**Parish Church:** Gardenia Grove, Lalor Park 2147

*We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship*

## PARISH BULLETIN

(Established 1961)

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**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Bev Baxter

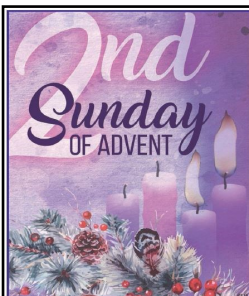
**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 9.00am to 4.00pm

**Parish School:** St Bernadette's, 18 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park

**Principal:** Mr Phillip Kapitanow, Tel: 8869 6400

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

**9 DECEMBER, 2018**



### GET OUT OF THAT MAINSTREAM!

Gospel in Life

I remember a senior student in high school telling me one day that everyone at school knows she doesn't

drink, do drugs, or have sex. I can't remember our exact conversation, but I do remember her confidence in the way she chose to live. She was a popular student to, but she was "out of the mainstream", according to some.

In many ways, she was like John the Baptist, "a voice ... crying out in the desert". John, like many religious leaders through history, removed himself from society's mainstream to promote a different message - a message that wasn't popular but was good for the people. "Change your lives", he was calling out, "You're on the wrong paths, even though it doesn't seem like it and even though those paths are leading you away from God".

Today, just like in John's time, there are a lot of paths out there. And many paths are promoted that lead

people away from God. Drug and alcohol use. Sex before marriage. Gang lifestyle. Those are a few paths some people promote or accept. Each one can lead to what seems like good things at first. But eventually, statistics show, these paths lead to dead ends, like broken relationships, single teen parenthood, addiction, violence, or jail.

God wants much more for you. So God has sent you people like John the Baptist. People that can live happy and healthy lives while changing the world. People that point to paths that will lead you to be all God knows you can be, if you watch or listen to them. My friend the senior student was such a voice. I don't know how many people she influences. But I do know she was proud of her values. They helped her build strong self-esteem.

Can you be a voice in the wilderness this Advent by showing your peers the path to God? If not, can you listen closely this Advent for the voices pointing out new paths for you?

**Is your life on a path you'd like to change? What people do you admire for following the Christian path?**

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

## PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

<p><b>Administration</b> Office Counters Cleaners Grounds/Gardeners</p> <p><b>Faith Formation</b> Baptism Preparation Children's Church R.C.I.A. Sacramental Team SRE Teachers Faith Reflection Days Parish Retreats Men's Group</p> <p><b>Finance Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Family Life &amp; Social</b> Senior's Group Netball Club Playgroup Parish School Band Craft Group</p> <p><b>Spirituality</b> Friends of Mary Immaculate Schoenstatt Mothers Associate of the Sisters of St Joseph Lenten Groups Bible Study Piety Stall Parish Lending Library</p>	<p><b>Liturgy</b> Acolytes Altar Servers Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Flowers Ministers of the Word Worship Environment Music Ministry Money Collectors Welcomers Sacristy Helpers</p> <p><b>Youth Group</b> Year 5—High School</p> <p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p>	<p><b>Pastoral Outreach</b> Pastoral Care of the Sick St Vincent de Paul Society Vinnie's Pantry Home Visitation</p> <p><b>Parish School</b> Parent Groups: Community Education Social Fundraising</p> <p><b>For enquiries about these groups please contact the Parish Centre on 9672.4037 or visit our web site <a href="http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au">www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</a></b></p>
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**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; All people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:***Baruch 5: 1-9**Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11**Luke 3: 1-6**God's desire**Paul's prayer**Salvation dawns***Next Week:***What must we do?**Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Isaiah 12: 2-6**Philippians 4: 4-7: Luke 3: 10-18***PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**

Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come Holy Spirit of the great South land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

AMEN

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop pray for us.

**PIETY STALL. (Holy Reminder Shop)**

- ◆ Christmas cards (Pack of 8 for \$2.50), together with Columban Calendars costing \$9 each are now available in the Piety Stall.
- ◆ A great range of Christmas gifts now available for sale.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for the next six months are available in alphabetical order for your continued offering to the Lord each week. Please remember to collect them before or after Mass. If you would like to start giving to the Planned Giving Envelopes please take a card from the back of the Church or ring the Parish office.



The new envelopes start from 9th December 2018  
TO HELP THE COUNTERS COULD YOU PLEASE WRITE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE GIVING CLEARLY ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE. Thank you.

**PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY  
ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE 2017  
COME AND JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY**

3rd Sunday Advent (Pink Sunday)	Sat 15/12 6pm Sun 16/12 10am	Couples for Christ Parish Choir
4th Sunday Advent	Sat 22/12 6pm Sun 23/12 10am	Youth Ministry Parish Choir

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Monday** 24 December - Christmas Eve  
6.30pm Children & Parish Family, every child is invited to dress as a Shepherd, Angel, King, Mary, Joseph  
8.30pm Youth & Parish Family Mass  
11.30pm Christmas Carols  
Midnight Parish Family Mass

**Tuesday** 25 December - Christmas Day  
9.00am Parish Family Mass

**Wednesday** 26 December (NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE BOXING DAY)

**Thursday** 27th, **Friday** 28th December (NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE)

**Saturday** 29th December and **Sunday** 30th December - USUAL WEEKEND MASS/RECONCILIATION TIMES.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

(Preparation for Christmas)

**2nd RITE (Communal Celebration)**

- **THIS TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM**
- 4 Priests will be available
- The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His Mercy never comes to an end. It is new every morning. Great is your faithfulness O Lord.

**BLESSING OF SMALL CHRISTMAS CRIB OR FIGURES OF BABY JESUS**

Families of the Parish are invited to bring to Mass small cribs (one that the children have made), or the figure of baby Jesus to BE BLESSED by Fr. Andrew on Saturday 15th December at 6pm Vigil Mass, or on Sunday 16th December at the 8.30am or 10am Masses - Pink Sunday. This will help children and God's people to focus on the Reason for the Season - the birth of Christ.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018**

Thank you to the 74 parishioners who attended our Parish Assembly on Saturday 24th November. Thank you to all who brought food to share - what a lunch we had.

Your commitment to your parish family in giving of your time and sharing your pastoral concerns/wisdom for the Plenary Council 2020 and your parish family is greatly appreciated.

We were also blessed to have Richard McMahon from the Diocesan Ministry Centre to facilitate our Plenary Council 2020 and Parish sharing. Richard was very inspired by the genuine sense of fellowship and hospitality of the parishioners.

I am so grateful to each member of the parish pastoral Council who have supported me and each other during 2018 and advised me about:

- ◆ Promoting Pastoral action in the parish
- ◆ Discerning the needs of the parish.

May the good Lord bless you all as only he can for your generous service. Fr. Andrew.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD  
(Liturgical Readers)**

Please see Fr. Andrew for a copy of 'Break Open the Word' for your 2018/2019 Ministry.



### PINK OR ROSE SUNDAY

What about wearing something pink to Mass next Sunday along with Fr. Andrew as a sign for us to rejoice in the Lord. Because of the coming of Jesus and his message of hope, we indeed do have reason to rejoice..

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SMALL CRIB OR FIGURE OF BABY JESUS TO BE BLESSED.

**BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL** Fr. Andrew will take his turn on the hospital roster for Emergency and Intensive Care from Monday 10th December to Sunday 16th December (12pm to 9am the next morning). Another priest from Central Deanery will back him up if he is not available

### SCHOENSTATT CAKE STALL 2018



Thank you to Fr Andrew and all the wonderful parishioners of St Bernadette's who, once again, supported our annual cake stall recently.

A special thank you to our families, friends and parish members who donated items, to the members of the Mother's Group in the parish, Gwen, Wendy, Odilia, Julie and Sue for all their help and support it is very much appreciated. The Sisters of Mary will keep our parish in their prayers at the Marian Shrine, Mulgoa.

The lucky raffle winners are: 1st - Vicky Sant; 2nd - Julia Micallef; 3rd - Angie; 4th - W Gunderson. Congratulations to you all and I hope you enjoy your prizes.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Wonderful 2019.

Anne Walsh on behalf of the Schoenstatt Movement.

### CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Available outside the Church. Items of interest in this week's edition include:

- ⇒ Second Newman miracle
- ⇒ Red is for suffering: Focus on religious freedom
- ⇒ Mean streets: A day in the life of the Matt Talbot Hostel

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- Today begins the cycle of readings for Year C in the Lectionary. This means that most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final central candle is lit on Christmas Day.



## ADVENT PARISH FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for giving us these four weeks to prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son.

We are so thankful for all the people that help us along this path we're travelling to welcome Jesus.

God, bless our family and prepare our home and hearts to welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world.

AMEN

### LITURGICAL ROSTERS FOR 2019

You are invited to consider to serve our Parish community as a Reader, Welcomer, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Parish Choir/Music Ministry, Music CD Operator, Projector Operator, Youth Music Ministry, Children's Liturgy for 2018. If you are interested, please complete the Application Form for Liturgical Ministers on the Welcomer's Table outside the Church.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FORMS - END OF JANUARY, 2019

We thank our present Liturgical Ministers for their generous service to the Lord and His people. We hope that you will continue in your chosen ministry. If there are any changes, please see Fr Andrew or contact the Parish Office during office hours on 9672.4037 or email:

admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au.

Fr Andrew.

### NOVEMBER PARISH FINANCE REPORT

**1st Collection** - to support Fr Andrew, the sick and retired priests and those priests who work outside of parishes (special works)

\$1066 average per week.

**2nd Collection** - Parish expenses.

\$2575 average per week.

Thank you for your generous giving during November to maintain our parish and extend the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Andrew.



Please complete details below and place on collection basket or return to Parish Centre

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**New to Parish?**

**Changed address?**

**Need Planned Giving Envelopes?**

**Planned Giving through Credit Card?**

**VINNIES PANTRY** Thank you to parishioners who took a leaf from the Giving Tree. All items to be returned **ASAP**.

Thank you for your support.

### CAROLS IN THE PARK - CHIFLEY PARK LALOR PARK

Saturday 15th December from 5pm - 9pm.

Food and fun—jumping castle, face painting, entertainment etc. from 5pm-7pm.

Carols from 7pm onwards.



### PARISH PRIVACY POLICY

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) at the end of 2001, the parish has reviewed its records and methods for holding and collecting information about parishioners. A Privacy Policy has been developed and approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council, in accordance with Diocesan norms, and a copy can be obtained from the Parish Centre during office hours.

**CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS TIMES**

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org).

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**BISHOP'S CHRISTMASS APPEAL FOR HOMELESS YOUNG MOTHERS IN OUR DIOCESE**

CatholicCare's House to Homes service, supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, help, compassion, care and shelter to homeless young mums who have nowhere and nobody else to turn to. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will support the shelter, independent living and parenting skills programs that homeless mums desperately need. Please give generously online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) - thank you.

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**SUSTAINING FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY WITH THANKS TO YOU**

Parramatta Catholic Foundation thanks parishioners for their kind-hearted, generous support which raised \$1.2 million in the last year for vital ministry and works of Faith, Hope and Charity. Annually, the Diocese of Parramatta contributes over \$3.6 million to sustain the charitable works of CatholicCare, Holy Spirit Seminary, special religious education in schools, and the Ephpheta Centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Thanks to your support, we can more widely proclaim and teach the Gospel.

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**CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA**

Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert on Monday, 17 December. Tickets via [www.brandenburg.com.au/](http://www.brandenburg.com.au/). More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

**MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES**

**Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am**  
**Children's' Church** is held at the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday during the 10.00am Mass at St Bernadette's with the exception of school holidays and at First Communion time.  
 Blessings at all Masses for children.

**Youth Mass @ 6pm Vigil Mass on 4th Saturday of the month.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS**  
**Held on the first Saturday of each month at 9am.**  
**(Rosary & Exposition before Mass @ 8.30am)**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 8.45am  
 (Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 8.15am)  
 Wednesday-7pm Exposition, Devotions to Mary Immaculate & St Bernadette followed by Mass at 7.30pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
**(N.B. No Reconciliation in the morning on the First Saturday of the month)**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8.15am—8.45am  
 Wednesday 7.00pm to 7.30pm  
 Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm—5.30pm  
 First Saturday of the Month before Healing Mass at 8.30am

**BAPTISMS**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at NOON by appointment only.  
 A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism for both parents and godparents at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre  
**(No Baptisms during January and Fr. Andrew's holidays)**

**MARRIAGES**

No later than 2.00pm Saturday. Require six months notice and include Pre-Marriage Course as part of the preparation

**MARRIAGES & FUNERALS**

By Appointment—Please contact Parish Office for details

**For the following sick parishioners, relatives and friends:** Ian Thomson, Joseph Leslie, Alexander Niblett, Sue Ikeda, Loretta Longmore, Mabel Sloan, Angie Delara, Gerard Leslie, Aureen Dunn, Michael Harris, John Boon, Antonio Saladar, Sandra Freeman, Betty Toomey, David Smythe, Kevin Gudgeon, James Ashe, Beryl Foster, Suzette Raymond, Elizabeth Simone, Sr. Joan Harrison RSJ, Sr Kathleen Price RSJ, Connie Agius, Cathy Wheeler, Kaitlin Booth, Tom Cadman, Bernard Leslie, Auslene Francis, Sr. Mary Noonan, Maree King, Genny Shedden, Roger Manche, Sue James, Ken Driver, Myra Sessions, Mary Myers, Rosa Gatt, Christopher Anderson, John O'Brien, Veronidia Scalia, Stella Norris, Judy Williams, David Ward, Chris Portelli, Joseph Leslie, Carol Borg, Ralph Siciliano, Brian Sloane, Marianne Maniscalco, Catherine Waters, Noel Armstrong, David Williams, Slavica Piroic, Lucy Fernando, Terri & Gary Heinrich, Karen McKinnen, Roy Afflick, Tina Muriniti, Nathan Weaver.

**For our deceased brothers and sisters:**

**Recently deceased:** Carmen Sant.

**Anniversary:** Christopher Toomey.

**Other:** 2 Special Intentions

**Deceased:** Dell Manly, Norma Sattler, Toni Maree Knight, Martin, Frank & John Martin. Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society. May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

**NEXT WEEKEND:**

**15 & 16 DECEMBER, 2018**

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolytes	Laurie Smith	Irvin Delara	Fernando Gallegos
Euch.—Bread	Catherine Peregrina	Sue Gilmore	Marie Tonissoo
Euch.— Cup			Anne Walsh/Debbie Sheridan/ Makur Dhuor
Ministers of the Word	Tina Uri © Minda Vuleta ©	Sue Gilmore © Bronwyn Green ©	Josephine Baracz © Cynthia Astillo ©
Altar Servers	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Welcomers	Lynn McKinnon/Lorraine Stirton	Divinia & Francis Zapanta/Jaffar Family	Karina Marafioti/Rosa Watson
Music Ministry	Couples for Christ	Eva Narajos	Parish Choir
Flowers	Amabel Keelty		
Children's Church	Michelle Olsson/Anne-Maree Ward		Lynn McKinnon/Patrick Cagney
Counters	Pat Bisby & Maureen Patrick		