

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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(Established 1961)



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PARISH BULLETIN

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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.

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

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A

15 MARCH, 2020



THIS WELL IS DEEP!

Gospel in Life

Still Waters run deep!

The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now *that's* deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on.

The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do

in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

"If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water".

What does water mean to you? What does your experience of water teach you about the life that Jesus offers?

Get involved in the interfaith movement! The Church is talking with the synagogue, and so should we. Join or organise a local effort. Invite a local rabbi to speak at your parish about the faith of God's first people.

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Administration

Office
Counters
Cleaners
Grounds/Gardeners

Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation
Children's Church
R.C.I.A.
Sacramental Team
SRE Teachers
Faith Reflection Days
Parish Retreats
Men's Group

Finance Committee

Family Life & Social

Senior's Group
Netball Club
Playgroup
Parish School Band
Craft Group

Spirituality

Friends of Mary Immaculate
Schoenstatt Mothers
Assoc. of the Srs. of St Joseph
Lenten Groups
Bible Study
Piety Stall
Parish Lending Library

Liturgy

Minister at the Altar
Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Flowers
Ministers of the Word
Worship Environment
Music Ministry
Money Collectors
Welcomers
Sacristy Helpers

Youth Group

Year 5—High School

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Outreach

Pastoral Care of the Sick
St Vincent de Paul Society
Vinnie's Pantry
Home Visitation

Parish School

Parent Groups:
Community
Education
Social
Fundraising

For enquiries about these groups please contact the Parish Centre on 9672.4037 or visit our web site www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts!

ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the saviour of the world; give me living water that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today's Readings:

Exodus 17: 3-7

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42

God provides

Proof of God's love

True Worship

Next Week:

Do you believe?

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22

Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41



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.

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

During 2020, Father Andrew and the Parish Pastoral Council, wish to encourage all parishioners in the light of the parish's Vision Statement to "strive";

**TO BE 'FAITHFUL TO PRAYER'
& 'STRONG ON SERVICE'**

It is hoped that these bold words chosen by the Parish Pastoral Council will help in developing a practical approach to spiritual growth and supportive community.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

Another opportunity to come together as a faith community for Eucharist, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

Wed - 18 March Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm

Wed - 25 March Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm
Mass at 7.30pm

Wed - 1 April Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm

Wed - 8 April Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
No Devotions/Stations/Mass

ALL WELCOME.

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH, PARISH COMMUNAL
RECONCILIATION (2nd RITE) 7.30pm - 3 Priests available.**

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick

Thursday 19th March - St Joseph Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH SCHOOL - On Friday 20th March there will be an Infants Liturgy celebrated in the church at 10.00am.

ALL WELCOME!

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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

- ⇒ Don't Panic: Prudent Coronavirus measures;
- ⇒ Suffering for victims: Priest's choice;
- ⇒ Anti-porn petition goes viral;
- ⇒ Movie review: Emma;
- ⇒ Don't wed the faithless;



The Special Intentions of Pope Francis (March)

During this season of Lent, pour out your grace on all Catholics in China. May the church in China persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



**PLEASE TAKE HOME A PROJECT
COMPASSION BOX OR A SET OF
ENVELOPES**

and give generously to the Appeal this

Lent. Your donations will allow Caritas Australia to reduce poverty and hunger in more than 30 countries around the world.

'Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life—a life that is not threatened by death, but that can mature and grow to its fullness.'

Pope Francis

FEBRUARY PARISH FINANCE REPORT

1st Collection— to support Fr Andrew, the sick and retired priests and those priests who work outside of parishes (special works) \$1,000 average per week.

2nd Collection— Parish expenses. \$2,475 average per week.



Thank you for your generous giving during February 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?

Sacraments of Initiation Process 2020

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 who are eligible to receive the Sacraments were given a package this week. The package has a letter of Invitation, a time schedule for the preparation of each Sacrament and a Registration Form. Parents, please check that you receive the package and are aware of the Registration dates...

March 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Thank you for attending to this.
Madge Miranda, Sacramental Co-ordinator.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic Groups) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. Phone (02) 9933 0233. Web: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au. For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

PINK OR ROSE SUNDAY
(next Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent)



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 Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we do have reasons to rejoice. Easter will soon be here.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES
To prepare for Easter

2nd RITE (Communal Celebration)

THURSDAY 19th March at 7.30pm (Three Priests Available)

1st RITE

Sat 28th March	9.30am -10.30am	(during Exposition)
Sat 4th April	4.30pm -5.30pm	(during Exposition)
Tuesday 7th April	9.30am -10.30am	(during Exposition)
Wed 8th April	9.30am - 10.30am	(during Exposition)
Good Friday 10th April	11.00am & 4.00pm	
Holy Saturday 11th April	9.30am & 10.30am	4.00pm - 5.00pm

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

WHEN: Saturday 21st March

TIME: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

WHERE: St Bernadette's Church

WHO: Young People of the Parish

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

* Music by Youth Music Ministry;

* Young people to welcome, read Word of God, distribute Holy Communion, be Altar Servers, take part in the Offertory Procession.

WHAT TO BRING: * Yourself, your friends. Your love for Jesus and St Bernadette's Parish.

We hope to see you there. **FOR GOD WE LIVE!**

= PLEASE NOTE =

• **Tuesday 17th March**

8.15 am - Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8.45 am - Communion Service

• **Wednesday 18th March**

7.00 pm - Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette

7.30 pm - Stations of the Cross.

• **Daily Mass, Weekend Masses, Reconciliation at usual times.**

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown - Open Night

Patrician Brothers' College is a Years 7-12 Catholic boys school.

Students are encouraged and nurtured to strive for personal excellence in the vast educational offerings of the college.

The College consistently produces impressive HSC results.

'The College achieves spectacular success across a variety of sports and co-curricular activities.

Prospective students & their families are invited to our Annual College Open Night to inspect the quality experience on offer at Patrician Bros College on **Wed 18th March at 7.00pm**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION



Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

NO HEALING MASSES ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, UNTIL THE CORONAVIRUS THREAT HAS RECEDED AND THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS LIFTED.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Our monthly "Cuppa after Mass" will be held on Sunday, 22nd March at 10.00am Mass. It will be hosted by the Josephite Associates. Hope you will be able to stay and have a chat with members of the Parish.



GOOD FRIDAY PLAY

Easter is fast approaching. We are having a play that will be celebrated during Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday. The play will be a re-enactment of the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus. If your son/daughter from Year 4 and upwards is interested in being a part of this play, please see Fr Andrew after Mass for a Registration and Information Form. **We need 10 young people** for the Stations of the Cross Play.

Venue dates and times:

- Practice on **Saturday 28th March at 2pm at the Church**
- Practice on **Good Friday 10th April, 9am at the Church** (1 hour before Stations of the Cross)
- Stations of the Cross 30th March 10am at the Church

VINNIES PANTRY

- During March you are invited to bring along a small packet of 25tea bags or small jar of coffee to help the St Vincent de Paul with their food parcel to the poor and needy. There are plastic containers at the back of the Church.
- During the month of February the following were donated by parishioners for the work of the St Vincent de Paul:
 - * 138 cartons of milk and
 - * \$357 for the Poor Box

Thank you, disciples of the Lord for your caring and generosity of God's poor and needy people.



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Next Weekend 21/22 March.

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. **Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

You can help carry on the work of Jesus in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan

We all experience difficult times in our lives that are distressing, especially if they arise from illness or the loss of our loved ones. Finding the strength, hope and faith we need to get through dark times, immense grief and suffering, can be challenging.

Pope Francis has called us to be an oasis for the weary and troubled, a refuge for the burdened, the field hospital which heals the wounded and strengthens the weak. Just as the Good Samaritan came to the aid of the man left half-dead by the side of the road and gave him comfort and a place to recover, CatholicCare chaplains help people in their time of need.

They accompany and minister to people facing serious or life-threatening health conditions, and those in need of prayer, companionship and a listening ear.

We endeavour to be present with people as the compassionate face of Christ. We serve and accept people of all faiths and no faith, without judgement."

We help, heal and alleviate distress in their time of need. It's uplifting for them to have support, whether it's emotional, spiritual, or connecting them with others."

For those who are isolated and without family or friends around, we provide companionship and ease loneliness."

Father Marcelo, CatholicCare Chaplain

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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE MARCH EDITION

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION—REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God, and further equip your purpose and serving. Sessions started on **Tuesday, 10 March** and will run every Tuesday night for 12 weeks. To register, please contact Sr Grace on 9296.6369, or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

ACU THEMES OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL LECTURE SERIES

Australian Catholic University are hosting a series of lectures on the key themes of the Plenary Council 2020 during March. The lectures will be held in the Edmund Rice Building at its Strathfield Campus on each Wednesday through March. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Fr Peter Williams will be guest lecturers. Cost for attendance is \$60, or \$100 with a certificate of accreditation. For more information & registration, please visit www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney.

CATHOLICARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOUR AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you could make a difference to other's lives in this way, please contact Deb Woolcott on 0418.114.055.

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 includes Marriage Preparation Course as part of the preparation

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By Appointment—Please contact Parish Office for details.

For the following sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Fr Andrew, Judy Williams, Angelito Porpeda, David Stott, Jossie Thompson, Fr. Kevin Walsh, Margaret Duff, Nathaniel Bondoc, Don Lenehan, Dawn Pratt, Neven Vuleta, Ailsia McDonald, Sue O'Regan, Ian Thomson, Joseph Leslie, Sue Ikeda, Angie Delara, Gerard Leslie, Aureen Dunn, Michael Harris, Antonio Saladar, Sandra Freeman, Betty Toomey, David Smythe, Kevin Gudgeon, James Ashe, Beryl Foster, Suzette Raymond, Elizabeth Simone, Connie Agius, Cathy Wheeler, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Bernard Leslie, Sr. Mary Noonan, Maree King, Sue James, Myra Sessions, Mary Myers, Christopher Anderson, John O'Brien, Veronidia Scalia, Stella Norris, David Ward, Chris Portelli, Carol Borg, Brian Sloane, Marianne Maniscalco, Noel Armstrong, David Williams, Slavica Piroic, Lucy Fernando, Terri & Gary Heinrich, Karen McKinnen, Roy Afflick, Nathan Weaver.

For our deceased brothers and sisters:

Recently deceased: Patrick Ryan, Richard Doran.

Anniversary: Aurelia D. Salas.

Other: 3 Special Intentions.

Deceased: Gabriel Faddoul, Enrico Finadri, Bryan Wilson, Abigail DeVega. 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:

21 & 22 MARCH 2020

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolytes	Irvin Delara	Michael Webster	Fernando Gallegos
Euch.—Bread	Anne Simpson	Marie Tonissoo	Sarah Key
Euch.—Cup			
Ministers of the Word	Youth Ministry © Youth Ministry ©	Sue Gilmore © Kate Fardouly ©	Thelma Islip © Cynthia Astillo ©
Altar Servers	Group 8 (Youth Mass)	Group 9	Group 10
Welcomers	Jackie & Charles Anderson	Louise Bruni/Joseph Calabria	Jok-Babott Mugo/Karina Marafioti
Music Ministry	Youth Ministry	Stephen Clarke	Parish Choir
Flowers		No flowers during Lent	
Children's Church	Kelly Debrincat/Michelle Olsson		Julie Daly/Ludivina Money
Counters	Kevin Isbester & Bill Gregory		