

# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

Web Page: [www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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

Principal: Mr Phillip Kapitanow, Tel: 8869 6400

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



(Established 1961)

## 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.

**27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**2 OCTOBER 2022**

### GOD'S IN CHARGE... YOU'RE FREE?

### Gospel in Life

It's very predictable. Often when I talk with a group of high school students, I ask who would like more freedom from parents. Most hands shoot up.

It's normal for young people to thirst for freedom, just like it's normal for parents to get nervous about granting it. But this week's Gospel is all about freedom - the freedom that comes when you realise God's in charge and you're not.

Our culture is pretty competitive. Who will get the best grades? Who will win the game? Who will look the best? It's easy for life to become nothing but one long final exam where success means everything. And that's when life becomes pretty meaningless. Jesus offers us so much by reminding us that we're God's servants.

But how's that better? After all, who wants to be a servant when they grow up?

It's better because it frees us. God's in charge. We can't solve the world's problems. That's God's job. So don't worry about being a successful Christian. God asks you only to faithfully do what you can, remembering that God's love doesn't depend on your success.

We're free. We're free to take risks for our faith because we don't need to worry about success.

A lot of young people have inspired me by that willingness. "What have I got to lose?" they've said as they signed up for service trips or joined youth groups. And the more you risk things for God, the Master, the more you'll get what the Apostles wanted in this week's Gospel: more faith. Risking for faith is like lifting weights - it builds spiritual muscle.

What a gift God has given us by taking charge. In a world where you might feel responsible for so much, enjoy the freedom that comes from being God's servant.

**Does your fear of failure ever stop you from taking risks for your faith?**

(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

### Young Adults Program

### 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](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

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

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:***Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4**2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14**Luke 17: 5-10**Faith brings life**Spirit of power**Power of faith***Next Week:***Thank God**2 Kings 5: 14-17; Psalm 97**2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19***GOSPEL**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

This text comes as Jesus is journeying towards Jerusalem, and he has already informed his disciples that he will suffer many things there (Luke 9:44-45). In the verses just prior to this text, Jesus has told the disciples that they must constantly forgive wrongs that are done to them. It is little wonder that the disciples are confused and beg Jesus to increase their faith. They want to believe in him, but some of the things he teaches are very difficult. Jesus explains that even a little faith can work miracles.

The second part of this text is confusing. The servant in question is probably very grateful that he has a field to plough or sheep to tend and a home to return to. He is utterly dependent on the master, and it would be a disorder if the master served the servant! We too are dependent on God, who provides for all our needs. Our task in return is to serve faithfully. When we have done our best in this, we have done our duty.

- Share stories of people you may have known who have been committed to their faith. What was it that inspired them? Has this been part of what inspires you in your journey to faith?
- Who are some of the great saints who showed commitment to their faith? Share their stories. What inspiration can we take from their witness?

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Greetings with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ!



New Parish Website

Last Thursday, 29 September, we launched our new parish website. Below is the link of our new website: [stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](http://stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au).

I want to specially thank our parish staff, Joel Agius, Fernando Gallegos, the IT and Communications Team of the Diocese of Parramatta for all their assistance in creating it.

Filipino Chaplain Coordinator

As I mentioned two weekends ago, Bishop Vincent recently appointed me as the new Filipino Chaplain Coordinator in the Diocese of Parramatta. This appointment will take effect from November 1 and it is additional work to my current role as your parish administrator.

As a result of this appointment, there are Masses on the weekend that I may not be the one celebrating in our parish, in particular, Vigil Mass on 2nd Saturday and 10am Mass on 4th Sunday.

Keep me in your prayers as I take this other role in my priestly ministry in our parish and Diocese.

St Bernadette; pray for us!

May God bless us always!

Fr John Paul

**Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday Fr. John Paul  
7th October

May you be blessed on this your special day and in the years ahead

**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](mailto: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.

## **VINNIES PANTRY**

During the month of October, you are invited to donate **1 pack of nuts, biscuits, lollies, or chips, or 1 bottle of soft drink.** Thank you for all your continued support.

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## **FRIENDS OF MARY**

The Friends of Mary will meet next Wednesday 5th October at 9:45am at the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you.

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## **FLOWER MINISTRY**



The Parish Flower Ministry is looking for more people to join to help decorate the church each week and make it look beautiful for our Lord. You do not need any experience, as a workshop will be provided for you to learn how to arrange flowers.

If you are interested, please contact the Flower Ministry's coordinator Vicki Sant on 0452 399 924. Thank you.

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## **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Training for new Altar Servers will take place on Wednesday October 5 from 10am-12pm in the church.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server and would like to register for training, please email: [liturgy@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:liturgy@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au) or call the Parish Office on 9672 4037.

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## **HSC MASS**



Our HSC Mass for students undertaking their HSC this year will be held at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 8th October. There will be a special blessing for these students at the end of Mass.

All HSC students are welcome.

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## **MORNING MASS TIME CHANGE**

From October 10, we will be changing our Morning Mass time. The changes are as follows:

**Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday:**

8:30am - Adoration and Rosary

9:15am - Holy Mass

**Saturday:**

9:45am - 10:15am - Confession

This time change will allow for parking in the carpark, which will be available to the Parish from 9:05am - 10:30am. Those attending the 8:30 Adoration and Rosary can park along Gardenia Grove. We ask that you please refrain from parking on the driveway in front of the church as this can incur risks. Thank you.

## **Office for Safeguarding Spring Training Opportunities**

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

- Full-day training session on Monday 17 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

- Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

- Full-day training session on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 3pm at St Matthew's Windsor.

To register for one of these options, please email [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

If you would prefer to undertake the course online, you can do so at <https://safeguarding.org.au/safeguarding-points-training/>

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## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Parents who are presenting their children for First Reconciliation are reminded that at least one Parent is required to attend a Meeting for Parents Only on Thursday October 20 at either 9:15 am or 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room (not in the church as earlier advertised) on 14 Wheeler St. Non-attendance will indicate your decision to defer or withdraw from the Process.

Parents who wish to present their children for their First Reconciliation but have not as yet registered their intention, may ring Madge on 9672 4037 and get the necessary information and registration form as soon as possible. Children with learning difficulties or special needs are most welcome. The Reconciliation Process is due to begin early in Term 4.

Thank You. Madge Miranda - Sacramental Coordinator.

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## **DAILY MASS BOOKS**

If you would like to purchase a Daily Mass Book, please write your details on the clipboard at the back of the church or see Joe Formosa.



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## **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.

## Many Faces One Voice Building The Future - Fundraising Concert

There will be a fundraising concert for social justice initiatives held at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong in the School Hall from 7:00pm on Saturday November 26. Tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets, please visit St Andrews parish or call Rose on 0402 086 715.

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## The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org). Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,  
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

**YOUTH MASS**  
6.00pm Vigil Mass on the 4th Saturday of the month

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 8.45am  
(Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 8.15am)

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 9.30am - 10.00am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8.15am—8.45am  
Wednesday 6.30pm  
(Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette)  
Sat: 4.30pm— 5.30pm

**BAPTISMS**  
At 11.30am by appointment only.  
A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism for parents and godparents at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

**MARRIAGES**  
By Appointment—Please contact Parish Office for details.

**FUNERALS**  
By Appointment—Please contact Parish Office for details

### For the following sick parishioners, relatives and friends:

Sandra McShane, Gwen Gunderson, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, Ailsia McDonald, Ann Thompson, Sr M. Teresa, Glenn Mowbray, Julie Daly, Annette McKenzie, Brendan Doran, Paul Mowbray, Ivy Deguzman, Karan Moloney, Joe Calabria, Carmen Sammit, Margaret Duff, John Roch, Trish Mowbray, Ginette Sharrock, Professor Keith Kennet, Jossie Thompson, Neven Vuleta, Joseph Leslie, Angie Delara, Gerard Leslie, David Smythe, Beryl Foster, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Sue James, Myra Sessions, David Ward, Brian Sloane, David Williams, Roy Afflick, Nathan Weaver.

### For our deceased brothers and sisters:

**Recently deceased:** Marjorie June Payne,

### Anniversary:

**Deceased:** 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.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

**8th & 9th OF OCTOBER 2022**

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Joshua Vaz Rachel Vaz	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Anthony Pilyare Joshua Davison Liam Agius
Minister at the Altar	Rey Baterna	Mario Spiteri	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Bernadette Nolan © 1 Reginald Vibar © 2 Tina Uri ©	Matthew Kenyon © 1 Alex De Vega © 2 Lynne Tolhurst ©	Karina Marafioti © 1 Thelma Islip © 2 Josephine Baracz ©
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Agius Family	Wendy Walsh	Rosa Watson
Music	Magnificat Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicki Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane, Bill Gregory & Tom Lara (Fortnightly)		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Nick Soon / Couples for Christ		