

# ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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(Established 1961)

## PARISH BULLETIN

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

## 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.

# 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

## THE BEST INTENTIONS!

### Gospel in Life

When I was growing up, one day a developer showed up and started a huge project: a block-long, 15-storey building in our neighbourhood of small, single-family homes. Construction crews were busy for months - and then one day, nothing. For years, the skeleton of a grand idea stood as a silent witness to a dream gone awry. Each January, that shell of a building seemed to mock my annual promises to myself that this school year would be different. No more missed homework, drifting attention, or talking in class. With my fresh pad of paper, my new pencil case full of unchewed pencils, and a whole new attitude, I would be emboldened to set amazing and unreachable educational and behavioural goals for myself - goals I would lose sight of within a few days, if not hours. It turns out that the building development floundered because the developer hadn't lined up sufficient financial backing. When my grand plans fail it is usually because I haven't lined up sufficient divine backing. I figure I can do it all on my own - change my life or my behaviour, control other people and the outcomes of my plans. I find I make more real progress when I take my life in smaller chunks and focus on what I can do right now. Today. The grand dreams are nice, but they'll never reach those heights without the solid foundation of seeking God's will and acting on it, one day at a time.

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

## PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

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| <p><b>Administration</b><br/>Office<br/>Counters<br/>Cleaners<br/>Grounds/Gardeners</p> <p><b>Faith Formation</b><br/>Baptism Preparation<br/>Children's Church<br/>R.C.I.A.<br/>Sacramental Team<br/>SRE Teachers<br/>Faith Reflection Days<br/>Parish Retreats<br/>Men's Group</p> <p><b>Finance Committee</b></p> | <p><b>Family Life &amp; Social</b><br/>Senior's Group<br/>Netball Club<br/>Playgroup<br/>Parish School Band<br/>Craft Group</p> <p><b>Spirituality</b><br/>Friends of Mary Immaculate<br/>Schoenstatt Mothers<br/>Assoc. of the Srs. of St Joseph<br/>Lenten Groups<br/>Bible Study<br/>Piety Stall<br/>Parish Lending Library</p> | <p><b>Liturgy</b><br/>Minister at the Altar<br/>Altar Servers<br/>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion<br/>Flowers<br/>Ministers of the Word<br/>Worship Environment<br/>Music Ministry<br/>Money Collectors<br/>Welcomers<br/>Sacristy Helpers</p> <p><b>Young Adults Program</b></p> <p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p> | <p><b>Pastoral Outreach</b><br/>Pastoral Care of the Sick<br/>St Vincent de Paul Society<br/>Vinnie's Pantry<br/>Home Visitation</p> <p><b>Parish School</b><br/>Parent Groups:<br/>Community<br/>Education<br/>Social<br/>Fundraising</p> <hr/> <p>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></p> |
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**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge!  
**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:***Wisdom 9: 13-18**Philemon 9-10, 12-17**Luke 14: 25-33**Saved by Wisdom**Giving and Receiving**Cost of Discipleship***Next Week:***God's joy**Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50**1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32***GOSPEL**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

To be a disciple of Jesus involves radical choices! One must be single-minded in one's commitment to Christ and not put anything else in a place of greater importance. The use of the word *hate* is difficult in this passage. Is Jesus really calling his disciples to 'hate' those who love us? Surely we come to know something of the love of God through human love. The problem may lie in the Semitic languages, which lack some of the subtlety of modern idiom. In Hebrew, 'to hate' is the opposite of 'to prefer'. What Jesus is really saying is that we must prefer to seek God rather than to seek earthly love or relationship. It is our relationship with God that is of utmost value. Discipleship comes at a cost, and the cost is the cross! We must be prepared to go the whole way and not leave the task half done. Just as Jesus responded totally to the call of the Father, we too must give our total response to the call to follow him.

- How might putting Christ first change your relationships with others?

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners

Greetings with the love and peace of Jesus Christ!

**Bishop's Father's Day Appeal**

This Father's Day, we're reminded of the infinite blessings we've been given through the caring, unconditional love of the father figures in our lives. This includes our family and parish priests, whose steadfast support and kind-hearted love have guided and shaped us into who we are today.

Just as it is the communal responsibility of family members to compassionately care for their parents and forefathers, as Christians, it is the shared concern of our Diocese and faith family to support the wellbeing of our clergy, who have selflessly dedicated their lives in service of our Father's Church and His people.

This weekend, our Parish is proud to be supporting the Bishop's Clergy Support Foundation Father's Day Appeal. Your kind-hearted donations will help the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese. Please let us care for those who have cared for us and give generously via the giving envelopes and place them in the receptacle at the back of the church. Also keep our retired priests in your prayers, as they keep you, their faith family, in their prayers.

**New Monstrance**

Last weekend's Vigil Mass, I blessed our new monstrance and presented it to you at all the weekend Masses. Thank you for your support in purchasing our new monstrance. We use our monstrance to hold the Blessed Sacrament during our Adoration before the weekday and Vigil Masses. Please join us in adoring Jesus Christ fully present in the Blessed Sacrament at 8:15AM on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:30PM on Wednesday; and 4:30PM on Saturday.

St Bernadette; pray for us!

May God bless us always!

Fr John Paul

**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 September, you are invited to donate **1 small packet of washing powder or small washing up detergent or Chux or scourers**. Thank you for all your continued support.

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## **SENIORS MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in the hall on Thursday 8th September at 9:45am. Bus trip on Thursday 22nd September - Cost: \$15.00.

All welcome.

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## **FRIENDS OF MARY**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September at 9:45am at the Parish Centre.

All welcome.

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## **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal**

Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September.

This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons.

This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan.

With your enthusiastic support for our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, our Clergy Support Foundation can better care for our 21 retired priests and those clergy who are unwell, giving them comfort, professional health care, and guidance.

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## **Our Lady of Peñafrancia**

We welcome the devotees of Our Lady of Peñafrancia who have decided to bring the image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia and to celebrate their Third Triduum Mass for Our Lady on Saturday, 10 September at our parish church. Please join us on this day, which starts with 11:00AM Rosary and Novena Prayers, followed by 11:30AM Holy Mass.

The Feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia is celebrated on 17th September at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith at 10:00AM Holy Mass to be presided over by Very Rev Peter Williams VG.

For more information about Our Lady of Peñafrancia, kindly visit this link:

<https://www.archdioceseofcaceres.org/peñafrancia-history>

## **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Come and join us on our Monthly Monday nights Bible Study for a deep dive into the scriptures set for proclamation on each Sunday from the churches' Lectionary. A typical bible study session includes: an opening prayer, a review of the Sunday Scripture Readings, followed by open discussion points and a closing prayer. All bible studies are free. No registration is required: you can just contact one of the co-ordinators, either Cyril or Patrick, for information and let either one of them know of your interest to join the friendly group. All are Welcome.

So why not bring a friend or a family member.

**Pope Francis in speaking to the crowds in St. Peter's Square at the Angelus said:**

*"What would happen if we turned back when we forget it, if we opened it more times a day, if we read the message of God contained in the Bible the way we read messages on our mobile phones?"* He went on to say that, the Scriptures, which contain the Word of God, are the most effective tool in fighting evil and keeping us close to God.

**WHERE: St Bernadette's Parish Centre, 14 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park**

**TIME: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

**WHEN: Monday Night on 5 September 2022**

For further information, contact either:

CYRIL on 0432 639 053 (cyril.loa@gmail.com) or PATRICK on 0416 240 298

([Patrick.cagney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Patrick.cagney@optusnet.com.au))

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

Sunday the 11th of September is Safeguarding Sunday. On this Safeguarding Sunday let us make a commitment as volunteers in ministry to show we are keeping our Parish community safe for all children and adults who may be at risk.

**Let's complete our Mandatory Safeguarding Training this year!**

Our face-to-face safeguarding training will be taking place on the following dates:

Thursday September 8 - Module 1

Thursday September 15 - Module 2

Thursday September 29 - Module 3

Each session will run from 7pm-8:30pm

Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in the parish. For face-to-face sessions, please RSVP on the insert that was in the Bulletin a few weeks ago, or contact the Parish Office. 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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## **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.

## 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)

### Couples For Christ Christian Life Program

The Couples For Christ Australia Christian Life Program will run from 10th September to 22nd October 2022. Each session will run from 1pm-4:30pm in the St Bernadette's Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Benjie/Pearly Lu. 0410435 683, Romy/Ana Ingco 0431 079 015, or Ely/Thelma Reyes 0402918258.

### 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:

Gwen Gunderson, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, Ailsia McDonald, Ann Thompson, Sr M. Teresa, Glenn Mowbray, June Payne, Julie Daly, Annette McKenzie, Brendan Doran, Paul Mowbray, Ivy Deguzman, Faye Matthews, 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:

#### 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:

## 10th & 11th OF SEPTEMBER 2022

| Ministry              | 6.00pm  | 8.30am   | 10.00am  |
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| Altar Servers         | Caitlin Kenyon<br>Zoe Kenyon                          | Justin Spiteri<br>Andrew Spiteri<br>Noah Bonello       | Cate Astillo<br>Zara Astillo<br>Liam Agius               |
| Minister at the Altar | Zaldy Pamintuan                                       | Mario Spiteri  | Michael Webster  |
| Minister of the Word  | Tina Uri © 1<br>Reginald Vibar © 2<br>Rolaine Vibar © | Alex De Vega © 1<br>Carmen Bonello © 2<br>Ana Vlatko © | Robert Laidler © 1<br>Thelma Islip © 2<br>Albert Agius © |
| Welcomer              | Lorraine Stirton                                      | Wendy Walsh  | Cindy Astillo  |
| 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                               |  |  |