

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.

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9 OCTOBER 2022

PASS IT ON!

Gospel in Life

The portion at the restaurant was too large, even for me, so I asked for the proverbial 'doggie bag'. Walking to the car with that uncomfortable feeling that I had eaten too much, I was stopped by a man sitting on the steps of a building.

'Do you have five dollars?' 'I'm really hungry'. My first response was anger. "Now they are asking for a minimum amount," I thought.

Then realising how stuffed I felt, I guiltily gave him the five dollars. But that didn't make me feel better. So I turned back and handed him the doggie bag. "If you like pasta and chickpeas, here's a start on your dinner". His face lit up as he announced that chickpeas were his favourite food.

As I turned to walk away he called me back and handed me the five dollar note. He thanked me for the pasta and suggested I give the money to the guy going through the garbage bin down the street. Ironically, I found myself thanking him. And I gave the money to the surprised guy at the end of the street. By the time I got to my car I was no less full, but I felt a little better. I had learned a lesson in generosity from a panhandler sitting on a step. Saying thanks for what God gives us is not enough. The best way to show our gratitude is to share with others.

That night I gave from my excess. But the grateful beggar gave what had just been give to him. In that simple act, he benefited, the man searching through the garbage bin benefited, and for certain, I benefited. Lake Naaman and the leper, let us show our gratitude to God with our generosity toward others.

Have you ever felt like an out-cast or reached out to someone who felt that way?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

<p>Administration Office Counters Cleaners Grounds/Gardeners</p> <p>Faith Formation Baptism Preparation Children's Church R.C.I.A. Sacramental Team SRE Teachers Faith Reflection Days Parish Retreats Men's Group</p> <p>Finance Committee</p>	<p>Family Life & Social Senior's Group Netball Club Playgroup Parish School Band Craft Group</p> <p>Spirituality Friends of Mary Immaculate Schoenstatt Mothers Assoc. of the Srs. of St Joseph Lenten Groups Bible Study Piety Stall Parish Lending Library</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Young Adults Program</p> <p>Pastoral Council</p>	<p>Pastoral Outreach Pastoral Care of the Sick St Vincent de Paul Society Vinnie's Pantry Home Visitation</p> <p>Parish School Parent Groups: Community Education Social Fundraising</p> <hr/> <p>For enquiries about these groups please contact the Parish Centre on 9672.4037 or visit our web site www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</p>
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RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power!
ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what He expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

2 Kings 5: 14-17
 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
 Luke 17: 11-19

*God acknowledged
 God always faithful
 Thank God*

Next Week:

*Never lose faith
 Exodus 17: 8-13; Psalm 120
 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2; Luke 18: 1-8*

**GOSPEL**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is another of Jesus' teachings about what real faith entails. It is not simply another miracle story. The lepers begin by recognising their own need for healing. It is this recognition that prompts them to cry out to Jesus, imploring him for mercy. In their need, they turn to Jesus as their hope. He responds with compassion and sends them to the priests to fulfill Jewish Law. Nine assumedly complete that journey and re-enter the religious and social world of the Jews. One, however, does not go on to the priests and cultic life of Israel. Instead, he turns back towards Jesus after realising the true source of his wholeness. It is this recognition that his salvation has come through Jesus and not the fulfillment of Jewish Law that assures him of being saved. His response is appropriate: he falls to his knees, praising God loudly and giving thanks to Jesus for all that has been done for him. The fact that he is a Samaritan, a foreigner, may have spoken to Luke's community, which was made up primarily of non-Jewish believers in Christ.

- How do you respond to Jesus?
- How do you give praise to God?
- What needs healing in you?
- How do you offer thanks and praise?

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you and your family are well.

As I have already announced during our weekend Masses, I want to inform you again of the changes for our weekday Adoration, Rosary and Holy Mass' schedules.

From Monday, 10th of October 2022, we begin these new schedules:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
8:30AM – Adoration and Rosary
9:15AM – Holy Mass

The rest of the Liturgical schedules in the parish except the above-mentioned days stay the same.

Here are the reasons why I have decided to make these changes for our weekday Adoration, Rosary and Holy Mass' schedules:

Parking – It has been an issue since I came here to Lalor Park about parking on weekday Masses. By moving the Holy Mass to 9:15am, we will be able to use the parish carpark as the school children will be brought inside the school ground from 9:00am after they are dropped off by their parents/carers. Hence, from 9:05am until 10:30am, we can use the parish carpark, which is enough time for our weekday Masses. For those who will come for the 8:30am Adoration and Rosary, you can park your car along Gardenia Grove (street parking).

Risk Mitigation – It has been a practice in the past that weekday churchgoers parked their cars along the driveway in front of the main doors of the church. It was somehow 'okay' but risky for potential accidents. Due to the increase of weekday Mass attendance, there was an increase of cars being parked along the driveway, which is more dangerous for accidents. And during wet weather, the driveway can't be used as a drop off for the elderly as there are cars blocking the driveway. God forbid, for emergency purposes, it can be an issue for easy access for ambulances. Hence, I won't allow anyone parking along driveway anymore.

Space for potential growth of Mass Attendance – Since parking won't be an issue anymore, other parishioners may now come to our church to attend the weekday devotions and Masses. And parents/carers who dropped off their children for school may be able to attend the Mass after they drop off the kids at the school.

School Children Attending Holy Mass – Since the Mass is within the school hours, the children can attend our weekday Masses.

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. For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

WELCOME We especially welcome to our faith community: Leo Aroyan & Sayuri Ichinose Perera. They will be baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families and may you have a joyous and blessed day.

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** in preparation for Christmas. Thank you for all your continued support.

SENIORS MEETING

The next Seniors Meeting will be held next Thursday 13th October in the hall at 9:45AM. All welcome.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

There will be no Young Adults Group meeting this month. Instead, we will be attending the LIFTED Live in the Forecourt event at St Patrick's Cathedral. We will meet again in November.

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.

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

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

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.

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt is back for 2022!

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 22 October from 7pm to 10pm for LIFTED Live. Encounter the vibrancy and dynamism of young people of our Church. Live performances, games, activities, art exhibition, and adoration. Share your gifts and talent with our Diocesan community by visiting www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi. If you have questions email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

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.

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. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – 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:

15th & 16th OF OCTOBER

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Zoe Kenyon Noah Bonello	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo
Minister at the Altar	Zaldy Pamintuan	Jose (Mari) Tomas	Fernando Gallegos
Minister of the Word	Albert Agius @ 1 Michael Muranty @ 2 Minda Vuleta @	Ana Vlatko @ 1 Judith Smith @ 2 Carmen Bonello @	Ephpheta @ 1 Ephpheta @ 2 Eva Narajos @
Eucharistic Minister	Bernadette Nolan	Helen Gonzales	Volunteer Required
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Louise Bruni	Cindy Astillo
Music	Couples for Christ	St Francis Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Amabel Keelty		
Counters	Kevin Sloane, Bill Gregory & Tom Lara (Fortnightly)		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Jenny Agius / Sue Gilmore		