

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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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.

24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU!

Gospel in Life

I remember meeting Harry many years ago as he walked down the street past the church where I worked. Many young people had told me Harry was a problem young person. When I said, "Hi", he said, "You don't want to know me". That saddened me. Harry, a senior school student, had accepted his reputation and saw himself as a problem.

But God never sees anyone as a problem. Jesus makes that clear in this week's Gospel. In fact, Jesus shows how God goes above and beyond to love people who struggle with faith. That's hard for humans. We can be quick to label people as problems. Or, we look at our own failures and give up on ourselves, just like Harry did. So if you've ever felt that way, you're not alone.

This Gospel offers two challenges. First, don't write yourself off. Sin doesn't anger God ; it moves God's compassion. So turn toward God. Pray. Go to reconciliation. Seek guidance from an adult you trust. Let God's compassion embrace you and your faults. That compassion will help you start over. Second, don't write anyone else off. Each person has a talent the world needs. Ask God to help you see the potential in people who seem to struggle with sin or failure. You can be God's encouragement to them.

God helped me reach out to Harry when he saw himself as a problem. He eventually helped start a parish outreach program, and his life made a huge difference to other young people.

That's why God never gives up!

(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: I will rise and go to my Father!

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:*Exodus 32: 7-11,13-14**1 Timothy 1: 12-17**Luke 15: 1-10**God relented**Mercy experienced**God's joy***Next Week:***Home truths**Amos 8: 4-7; Psalm 112**1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13***GOSPEL**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel consists of two parables about that which was lost being found. The image of God presented in these parables challenges some popular notions of God being omnipotent and removed from his creation. Instead, Jesus tries to portray something of his own intimate relationship with a God whom he knows as Father. The images of a shepherd who is prepared to risk the safety of the flock in order to go to search out just one sheep and a woman who puts a great deal of time and energy into the recovery of one small coin tell of the extravagance of God's love for all, especially those who are the lost ones of society. The great rejoicing at the culmination of each parable speaks to us of the unconditional love of God and his pleasure at our positive response to his invitation to the feast.

- In what ways do these three parables offer either comfort or challenge to you?
- What have been your own experiences of overwhelming joy?

MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Dear Parishioners

Over this weekend and the next, 28 of our young parishioners will be joining us at the Lord's Table to receive Jesus for the very first time in Holy Communion. It is a time of great rejoicing for their own families as well as for our whole parish. Congratulations to the children, their Parents and families.

An occasion like this gets us all reflecting on why this event is of such great significance in our lives. If we had lived 2000 years ago, and had followed Jesus as the crowds did then, would we have been excited if Jesus had said he was coming over to our place for a cuppa? Zaccheus was and for sure we would have too. Well, that is what happens each time we receive Holy Communion. Jesus comes right into our bodies. Jesus loves us so much that He made it possible to be with us even after His Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. By changing bread and wine into His Body and Blood, Himself, He could be with us here on earth. Jesus knew we would want Him, need Him, but even more importantly Jesus wants to be with us. So great is His Love for us that He makes Himself present on our altars each time a priest celebrates Mass. Jesus waits for us to invite Him and receive Him into our hearts.

Covid 19 caused much heartache because it prevented families and friends from meeting each other. Remember the pain that the 5 or 10 km radius imposed on us? We could not meet our loved ones, hold them, hug them. And here is Jesus waiting to gather us into His arms. Let us hasten then to receive Him at least every week.

Mrs Madge Miranda
(Sacramental Coordinator)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr John Paul on the 9th anniversary of his ordination. We thank God for the gift of Fr John Paul's Priesthood and pray that he continues to be blessed, inspired, encouraged and strengthened as he works in the Lord's vineyard that at present is our Parish of St Bernadette, Lalor Park.

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.

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.

WELCOME We especially welcome to our faith community: Benjamin Hone & Elon Azzopardi. They will be baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families and may you have a joyous and blessed day.

STAMP COLLECTION

Due to unforeseen circumstances, as of Sunday 25th of September, we will no longer be collecting stamps. Many thanks to one and all who for many years have supported this project, although due to Covid we have not had any feedback.

Josephite Companions

FLOWER MINISTRY

The Parish Flower Ministry is looking for more people to join to help decorate the church each week and make it look nice 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.

Couples For Christ Christian Life Program

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

Our Lady of Peñafrancia

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>

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

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/>

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

Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course: Starts 6 October

Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

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.

Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Parish Feast Day Celebrations

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25 September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities. For enquiries, please call the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or email glenmorepark@parracatholic.org.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees": 25 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Please register at www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ or call 0476 873 519.

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: Betty Toomey, 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:

18th & 19th OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo	Caitlin Kenyon Zoe Kenyon	Anthony Pilyare Joshua Davison
Minister at the Altar	Aidan Villadolid	Joe Formosa	Fernando Gallegos
Minister of the Word	Wendy Hord @ 1 Michael Hord @ 2 Michael Muranty @	Judith Smith @ 1 Kate Fardouly @ 2 Matthew Kenyon @	Ephpheta @ 1 Mark Cleland @ 2 Perla Billedo @
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Jessica Anderson	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Agius Family	Louise Bruni	Josie Motio
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		

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