

# 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.

## 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

## 21 AUGUST 2022

### WE ARE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS!

### Gospel in Life

When my children were young, I settled their squabbles with the words 'Remember the last will be first'. In other words, be generous with your sister. Truth be told, I struggle to live that motto myself.

The other night, I picked up my friend Sandy, and we headed out to dinner. As we neared the restaurant, I turned into a covered carpark and spotted an empty place at the far end. As I approached the parking space we each realised with a collective gasp that there was a woman there, sleeping on her side and facing the wall surrounded by plastic bags storing her possessions. My friend and I looked at each other and asked, 'What should we do?' It wasn't that we didn't care. We did not know what to do. Do we leave her there, respecting her privacy in her sheltered place? Do we wake her? And if we do, what then?

I texted my friend, Karen, who works with the homeless: 'Do we wake her?' I asked. And then I am mortified to say, we went to dinner. During dinner, Karen texted back, 'Yes! I need to talk to her'. We headed back to the carpark, still unsure what to say. The woman's belongings were there - but she was not.

So, we sat in the carpark and wrote a note, leaving Karen's contact information. We folded some money in the note and placed the note where it would be found. Had we done enough? It is a narrow gate. I take hope that we strive to enter that gate and I know that it is a lifelong task.

(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:** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:***Isaiah 66: 18-21**Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13**Luke 13: 22-30**Gather the nations**God trains us**Many in the Kingdom***Next Week:***The humble raised up**Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14***GOSPEL**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

As the chosen people, the Jews believed they were in a privileged relationship with God. In this text, Jesus shatters some illusions. There is no privileged or exclusive entry to the kingdom of God by those who see themselves as 'religious insiders'. This is equally directed to the disciples. It is not enough that they have shared a meal with Jesus or have heard his word. They must respond to that word and act on it. They must enter by the narrow door, and this requires great effort, or else those who thought themselves 'inside' could find themselves 'outside', while others, 'the outsiders', will find their way ahead of them. This radical reversal of values and expectations would have shocked those who thought they were on the 'inside'.

- Getting through a narrow door is difficult, and we may feel tempted to go around instead. Is there a narrow door in your life that you must go through rather than go around?
- What does it mean that those who are first will later be last

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

"Mary arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39)

Last Thursday, 18 August, together with some of our youth in the parish I attended the official launching in our Diocese of World Youth Day (WYD) 2023 to be held in Lisbon, Portugal. WYD is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church. WYD is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people.

St Pope John Paul II established the first World Youth Day in 1986 and it was held in Rome. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers. Every WYD, there is always a motto which is quoted from the Bible. The motto for the WYD 2023 is "Mary arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39), which is chosen by Pope Francis. WYD 2023 will be held in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal. This motto opens the account of the Visitation (Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the theme of the last WYD 2019, held in Panama, the Annunciation (the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God.)

I am encouraging our young people in the parish to reflect and discern possibly attending this life-changing event in their faith journey. For those interested, please visit this website: [www.parrawy.org](http://www.parrawy.org) for more details and to send your expression of interest.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me.

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.

**WELCOME** We especially welcome to our faith community: Hazel Lathlean, Samuel, Maisie & Oscar Tuigamala & Paula Coloso. They will be baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and family and may you have a joyous and blessed day.

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### **VINNIES PANTRY**

During the month of August, you are asked to donate **1 small tin** of vegetables or fruit or 1 litre of long life milk.

Thank you all for your continued support for Vinnies Pantry & donations in the Poor Box.

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**RECEIPTS** for Planned Giving, Catholic Foundation and Project Compassion are available on the table outside the Church. Planned Giving donations are NOT a tax deduction. Catholic Foundation and Project Compassion are tax deductions.

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### **RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT**

Have you or someone you know thought about becoming a Catholic? Maybe you were baptised in the Catholic Church but haven't celebrated your Confirmation or first Holy Communion.

You are invited to come and find out more at our RCIA Enquiry Evening on

**Wednesday 31 August 2022**

**7.30 pm**

**Parish Centre Meeting Room**

**14 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park**

Our friendly team will be happy to chat, explain the RCIA journey and answer any questions you may have.

There is no need to have made or to make any decision to join, you are most welcome to simply come and enquire.

All enquiries about the night to

Sue Gilmore 0419 997 897

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### **CRAFT GROUP**

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat and make new friends. Wednesdays from 10am to 12 midday at the St Joseph Centre. Bring along any craft you may be working on.

Any enquiries ring Bridget on 9622 2324 or 0401805550.

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### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

The Young Adults Group will meet in the Parish Meeting Room next Saturday August 27 after the 6pm Youth Mass. Our theme for the night will be Vocations. All young adults 18-35 welcome.

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### **Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Andrew Rooney**

Andrew was born and grew up in the Diocese of Parramatta. Following the iWitness youth retreat in 2012, he entered Holy Spirit Seminary, and has served as deacon in the parishes of Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens, Glenbrook and Baulkham Hills. We are looking forward to celebrating with him and supporting him as he moves into priestly ministry. He will be ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 26th August 2022. Please keep him in your prayers as he moves into the next stage of his faith journey.

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### **Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course: Starts 8 September**

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey together with Maddy Forde, a life and faith leader in our Australian Church and representative to the Vatican in the area of youth. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

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### **Lead Like Jesus Program**

There will be a preview event for the Lead Like Jesus program in Sydney's Hills District on Tuesday August 30. It is a non-denominational, highly interactive, participant-driven two day leadership development workshop that exposes common leadership misconceptions and offers a practical model based on the greatest leadership role model of all time, Jesus. It is suitable for all ages and denominations. To register for the event, please visit: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lead-like-jesus-preview-event-tickets-395711703357](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lead-like-jesus-preview-event-tickets-395711703357)

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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.

**A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia**

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the construction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home.

Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)

**Positions Vacant:**

- Accounts Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 21 August 2022.
- Chaplaincy Coordinator – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**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:** Fr James Ware S.M.

**Anniversary:** Lila Heard, David Walsh, Margaret Walsh

**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:**

**27th & 28th OF AUGUST 2022**

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Liam Agius Noah Bonello	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Anthony Pilyare Joshua Davison
Minister at the Altar	Mario Spiteri	Joe Formosa	Fernando Gallegos
Minister of the Word	Raia Uri @ 1 Joel Agius @ 2 Anastasia Leutogi @	Lynne Tolhurst @ 1 Judith Smith @ 2 Eva Narajos @	Mark Cleland @ 1 Kate Fardouly @ 2 Robert Laidler @
Welcomer	Youth Ministry	Joe Serg	Jenny Agius
Music	Lawrence Del Prado Group	CDs - Va Amosa	Parish Choir
Flowers	Myrna Baterna		
Counters	Kevin Sloane, Bill Gregory & Tom Lara (Fortnightly)		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Dennis & Helen Gonzales		