

## 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*



(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.

## 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

### WHO'S OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR?

#### Gospel in Life

Have you ever noticed that the rich man never did anything wrong? He just went about his life. For whatever reason, he didn't even notice Lazarus. Maybe he was just busy. Who knows? And that, Jesus says, is the problem. It's not what the rich man did. It's what he didn't do.

Life gets busy. I know some people that work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. I know young people that go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs or school activities.

But Lazarus lives today. He is the lonely kid at school. He is the hungry child in Africa. He is the refugee in Syria seeking a place to call home. Jesus challenges us to care for him regularly. Make it part of your 'busyness', not something you fit in when you find extra time.

Here are some tips. Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore. Read newspapers and surf the internet to learn about the problems that cause suffering in our world. Make community service trips and peace rallies part of your monthly schedule.

God has given you the power to change the world for people who suffer like Lazarus. Who's lying outside your door?

**What's one thing you do to keep your focus on people like Lazarus?**

(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  
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**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:***Amos 6: 1, 4-7**1 Timothy 6: 11-16**Luke 16: 19-31**A warning**Call to life**Tables turned***Next Week:***Power of faith**Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; Psalm 94**2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:19***GOSPEL**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

This is another text about the unexpected reversals of the kingdom of God. The situation of the two characters is described in detail. The rich man no doubt saw his affluence as a blessing from God, a reward for his goodness. His only sin was his failure to see the poverty and desperate need that was at his doorstep. So many stories in Luke's Gospel deal with our responsibility to use wealth for the good of all rather than to monopolise resources selfishly for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawns on the rich man, he is concerned that his brothers do not make the same mistake. But Jesus points out that they already have the teaching of Moses and the prophets who repeatedly call Israel to justice and mercy. If people are prepared to ignore that call, what difference will it make 'even if someone should rise from the dead'. This phrase offers a challenge to Christians: do we too, like the rich man, fail to see and respond to the needs in our world? Christian faith is about more than Sunday worship. It is about living the message of Jesus every day.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Greetings from the Philippines!

I have safely arrived in the Philippines last Monday evening. Thank you for your well wishes and prayers as I take this additional holiday to join my family in celebrating my dad's 75th birthday and remembering my grandma's 75th death anniversary last Wednesday, 21 September. And also to concelebrate with my former parish priest, now Bishop Ruben Labajo, in his Mass of Thanksgiving at my hometown, Santa Fe, on Monday, 26 September.

Let us welcome Fr Benedict Mackenzie FSF, Fr Fernando Montano and Fr Julius Anave to our parish this weekend. We thank them for their generosity of their time to celebrate this weekend's Holy Masses while I am away.

Benedict Mackenzie FSF is celebrating the 6:00PM Vigil Mass. He is an Assistant Priest at St Bernadette's Parish in Dundas Valley and a member of Friars of St Francis.

Fr Fernando Montano is celebrating the 8:30AM. He is the Parish Priest of St Bernadette's Parish in Castle Hill. He is the Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare in our Diocese.

Fr Julius Anave is celebrating the 10:00AM Mass. He is currently in Sydney, visiting his aunt, an Augustinian Recollect Sister, whose convent is in Doonside. He will be here in Sydney until November 15. He is a Diocesan priest from the Diocese of Masbate in the Philippines.

Please take note of our weekday Masses, that will be celebrated by Fr Ed Kenny, on Mon, Thu, Fri at 8:45AM and Wed at 7:30PM. For this Wednesday's Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, we welcome Deacon Jack Elkazzi who is an Assistant Deacon at St Bernadette's Parish in Castle Hill. He will lead the 6:30PM Adoration and will preach the homily during the 7:30PM Mass with Fr Ed as the celebrant of the Mass.

I will be arriving back in Sydney on Fri, 30 September. And I will be celebrating the morning Mass on Sat, 1 October.

St Bernadette; pray for us!  
God bless!

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.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday September 28.

In addition to Thursday & Friday September 29 & 30, it will be open on Tuesday September 27 from 9am-4pm.

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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 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.

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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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## Sacraments of Initiation Process

Congratulations to all the children of our Parish who received their First Holy Communion on September 10, 11, 18 and 19. Congratulations also to their Parents, families, teachers and friends who in their various ways have brought these children to this significant time in their lives. May their prayers, teaching, and example continue to sustain, nourish and guide these children in their faith development.

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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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## DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving begins next Sunday October 2. Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday October 1.

## 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 Parish, 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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## HSC MASS

Our HSC Mass for students undertaking their HSC this year will be held at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday October 8. 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 car-park, 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.

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## 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.

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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.

## 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, Faye Matthews

**Anniversary:** Aureen Dunn

**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:

## 1st & 2nd 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	Fernando Gallegos	Joe Formosa	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Kim McDonald @ 1 Lissa Carter @ 2 David Smyth @	Judith Smith @ 1 Va Amosa @ 2 Sue Gilmore @	Kate Fardouly @ 1 Perla Billedo @ 2 Rolaine Vibar @
Eucharistic Minister	Joanne Digwood	Catherine Peregrina	Pierre Legrand
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Volunteer Required
Music	Mordini Family	Parish Choir	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Michelle Brohier		
Counters	Kevin Sloane, Bill Gregory & Tom Lara (Fortnightly)		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Bing Money / Ricardo Serrado		