

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.

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WHO'S AT YOUR LUNCH TABLE?

Gospel in Life

The school tuckshop. Over there are the 'cool' kids. There's the drama club. There's the band. There's that one kid who always eats alone. Who will you eat with? Who wouldn't you be caught dead eating with? Those are the questions Jesus asks in this week's Gospel.

Parties and meals are social time. It's pretty normal to spend that time with friends and people who share your interests. But sometimes friendships can become cliques that exclude or look down on others.

Jesus calls us to expand our circle of friends. Why? Because many people need our company. Meals were huge in Jesus' ministry. He brought outcasts to meals with people of honour. He ate in the homes of people considered sinners. His meals revealed God's Reign—where everyone has a place around the table. He tells his followers to stop worrying about whether their seat allocation proves they're honourable. He asks them to welcome outcasts to their meals and into their lives.

What does that mean for us? Reach out.

Each tuckshop has young people who sit alone. Invite them to your table. Each school has young people that are friendless. Welcome them into your circle of friends. Each town has nursing homes with lonely people. Find yourself another grandpa or grandma. Honour the people others forget, and others will see that Jesus' ministry continues.

(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: God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor!

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Today's Readings:*Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**Luke 14: 1, 7-14**Be humble**City of God**Humble yourself***Next Week:***Cost of discipleship**Wisdom 9: 13-18; Psalm 89**Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33***GOSPEL**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is often depicted as sharing meals with people who were not considered at that time and in that culture to be appropriate table companions: publicans, tax collectors, sinners and women of dubious reputation. In this meal, Jesus reveals more of the radical reversal that is characteristic of God's way. He challenges the way the Pharisees see their own standing in society as people of status, urging them instead to take the more humble positions at table and to allow the host, or God, to choose those who should be exalted. He also shatters the Pharisees' idea of table fellowship by urging them to share their festive table with those who are the least important or the outcasts of society. The way to God cannot be organised according to human priority! It is in the ultimate humiliation of crucifixion that Jesus is exalted in resurrection and ascension.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRE COORDINATOR

Last Friday, St Bernadette's had the privilege of hosting the Annual SRE Regional Mass. SREs and Parish Coordinators from all over the Blacktown region attended to celebrate this important Ministry and those who work within it.

I want to express my gratitude to Fr John Paul for celebrating the Mass, and to Fr Kevin Medilo (St Andrew's Marayong) and Fr Galbert Albino (St Aidan's Rooty Hill) for coming out to concelebrate. I'd also like to thank our Regional Coordinators Connie Cassar and Jill Franco for their assistance in organising the Mass and the light lunch that followed.

I also wish to congratulate the members of our Parish who received awards, including Jenni Gallagher, who was recognised for completing the Level 1 training course, and Jenny Agius, who was recognised for 10 years of service as an SRE.

For those who are unfamiliar with this Ministry, Special Religious Education involves going to four state schools to teach children from Kindergarten to Year 6 about God and the Catholic faith. It is a very special and important Ministry which I have served in for almost 5 years now, and it is a privilege to be the SRE Coordinator for this Parish.

We are in need of more SRE teachers and helpers, so if you feel a calling to this Ministry or are interested in finding out more, please don't hesitate to have a chat with me or contact the Parish Office. I'd love to have you on board!

St Bernadette, pray for us!

May God Bless us always!

Joel Agius

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 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.

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

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.

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.loan@gmail.com) or

PATRICK on 0416 240 298

(Patrick.cagney@optusnet.com.au)

SAFEGUARDING

A reminder that 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/>

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. 0410 435 683, Romy/Ana Ingeco 0431 079 015, or Ely/Thelma Reyes 0402918258.

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.

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

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:

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:

3rd & 4th OF AUGUST 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	Rey Baterna	Jose (Mari) Tomas	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Minda Vuleta @ 1 David Smyth @ 2 Kim McDonald @	Va Amosa @ 1 Sue Gilmore @ 2 Luai Lauifi @	Perla Billedo @ 1 Karina Marafioti @ 2 Josephine Baracz @
Welcomer	Agius Family	Louise Bruni	Rosa Watson
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		