

# 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.

### 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 06 NOVEMBER 2022

#### DON'T CLOSE YOUR MIND TO GOD!

#### Gospel in Life

I wrote a regular newspaper column at university. I usually knew for sure I was right about an issue and attacked opposing arguments by making fun of them. My mind was closed, just like the Sadducees' in this week's Gospel.

The Sadducees were members of a religious group whose beliefs differed from Jesus' teachings. For example, they didn't believe in the Resurrection or in angels. But in this week's Gospel they didn't listen to him and rethink their positions; instead, they made an argument that mocked his beliefs.

That's too common in our society. People don't listen to one another; instead they attack or belittle one another. It's an easy style to adopt. You don't have to think if you can shout down or mock your opponent. But that's how you miss God's wisdom. This week's Gospel reminds us that sometimes God challenges our positions on things like religion, school and family.

That challenge will likely come through friends, pastors, teachers, work colleagues and family members. The Spirit calls us to keep our minds open, especially to people with whom we disagree.

Here are some tips:

When you disagree with someone, avoid the temptation to close your mind or respond with sarcasm or personal attacks. Think. Ask God to help you consider opposing opinions closely. Don't let pride get in the way. God calls us to full life, but we miss out - like the Sadducees did - when we're not open to the spiritual and intellectual changes that life brings.

**What makes it tough for you to keep your mind open when you disagree with someone?**

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

## PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

<p><b>Administration</b> Office Counters Cleaners Grounds/Gardeners</p> <p><b>Faith Formation</b> Baptism Preparation Children's Church R.C.I.A. Sacramental Team SRE Teachers Faith Reflection Days Parish Retreats Men's Group</p> <p><b>Finance Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Family Life &amp; Social</b> Senior's Group Netball Club Playgroup Parish School Band Craft Group</p> <p><b>Spirituality</b> Friends of Mary Immaculate Schoenstatt Mothers Assoc. of the Srs. of St Joseph Lenten Groups Bible Study Piety Stall Parish Lending Library</p>	<p><b>Liturgy</b> 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><b>Young Adults Program</b></p> <p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p>	<p><b>Pastoral Outreach</b> Pastoral Care of the Sick St Vincent de Paul Society Vinnie's Pantry Home Visitation</p> <p><b>Parish School</b> 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 <a href="http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au">www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</a></p>
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**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full!

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:**

2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14     *Relying on God*  
 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3:5     *Sure hope*  
 Luke 20: 27-38     *God of the living*

**Next Week:**

*Endurance will triumph*  
*Malachi 3: 19-20; Psalm 97*  
*2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19*

**GOSPEL**

Some Sadducees—those who say that there is no resurrection—approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

Now that Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and his ministry is centred at the temple, he encounters the Sadducees, who dominate temple worship. The question posed by the Sadducees in this text was not asked to elicit his teaching on this point but rather in an attempt to ridicule Jesus and disconcert him. But Jesus turns the tide and gives two answers to their question. First, he points out that they have completely misunderstood what resurrection is. The transformation of life brought by death is incomprehensible to them because they are not open to the power of God. Second, he points out that even though Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have died, Moses is conscious that they must remain alive in a sense because Yahweh continues to be their God—a God of the living. Death is not the end of the story and Christian faith is marked by a joy and hope that ultimately resting in God will bring. This is the destiny of the human person.

- Explore the continuity between life as we know it now and life after death.
- How do the catechumens understand ‘life after death’?

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Greetings with the love and peace of Jesus Christ!



We are now approaching the end of the year. But before we think of the Christmas season, we need to faithfully observe first the importance of the month of November.

The month of November is traditionally a time in which we, the Catholic community, remember those who have died. We are invited to pray for our deceased loved ones and visit them in the cemetery or locations where they were laid to rest. This is also a time to pray for all the souls in purgatory who have not yet attained the joys of heaven.

As we remember and pray for the dead, let us use this end of the year period as a time to reflect on the end of our earthly life. We think of the end of all things and the great hope of our earthly end is transition into a new life in God’s heavenly reality. We give thanks to God for those who have gone before us. We pray and hope for their new life in heaven. And we look forward in our desire to join them there one day.

Let us also include in our prayers the prayer intention of Pope Francis for this month of November, which is for “all children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war’.

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: Alessandra Hrdavec & Dante Hrdavec. They will be baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families and may you have a joyous and blessed day.

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### JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

The next Josephite Companions Meeting will be Friday **11th November** at 101m in the Parish Centre meeting room.

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### VINNIES PANTRY



During the month of November, you are invited to donate 1 of either **Christmas Cake, Pudding, Long Life Custard, Mince Pies or Tinned Fruit** to help with Christmas Hampers for the poor and

needy.

Thank you for your continued support.

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### SENIORS MEETING

The next Seniors meeting will be held on Thursday **10th November** at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall. \$15.00 for bus for Christmas Lunch is due if not yet paid. All welcome.

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### MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

**WHERE:** St Bernadette's Parish Centre,  
14 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park

**TIME:** 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

**WHEN:** Monday Night on 7 November 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)

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### SCRIPTURE END OF YEAR LITURGY

The End of Year Liturgy for Scripture students and their families will be held on Thursday November 10 in the Parish. All students who have been attending Scripture classes at the four state schools are invited to attend with their parents and families.

If you are interested in becoming a Scripture teacher or helper, we would love to have you on board. Please speak to Joel, contact the Parish office on 9672 4037, or email:

Joel.Agius@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au



## Office for Safeguarding Spring Training Opportunities

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

- Weekly training session on November 7 from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

To register for the session, 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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### NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. 'From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beautiful vision of God.'

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032)

November Mass Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for your use. All Masses during November will be offered in union with the living and the dead.

November gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on the communion between the living and the dead. All Mass Intention Envelopes will be placed in a Special Remembrance Box and placed in front of the Altar for ALL November Masses.

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### ST BERNADETTE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET



A Christmas Market organised by the St Bernadette's Parents and Families Group will be taking place on Friday 18th November from 3:30pm - 8:00pm at 18 Wheeler St, Lalor Park (parish carpark). There will be a variety of stalls, as well as a BBQ and a raffle. All are welcome to attend.

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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.

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## 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 @ 9.15am  
(Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 8.30am)  
Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 9.45 - 10.15am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8.30am—9.15am  
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, Nathan Weaver.

### For our deceased brothers and sisters:

**Recently deceased:** Vincenta Vitocruz, Ester Rufina Da Silva, Msgr Adelito Abella

**Anniversary:** Fr Renato Paras,

**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:

12th & 13th OF NOVEMBER 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	Zaldy Pamintuan	Mario Spiteri/Francis Sultana	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Michael Muranty © 1 Minda Vuleta © 2 Bernadette Nolan ©	Judith Smith © 1 Rolaine Vibar © 2 Va Amosa ©	Karina Marafioti © 1 Thelma Islip © 2 Kate Fardouly ©
Eucharistic Minister	Jessica Anderson	Sue Gilmore	Rosa Watson
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Louise Bruni	Agius Family
Music	Magnificat Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicki Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane, Bill Gregory & Tom Lara (Fortnightly)		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Couples for Christ / Nick Soon		