

# 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.

**31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**30 OCTOBER 2022**

### UP A TREE!

### Gospel in Life

There's a column in a magazine that explores case studies of marriages in trouble. It asks the question, "Can this marriage be saved?" This week Luke tells us about a man who seems to have been a scoundrel and asks, "Can this man be saved?"

Zacchaeus, the alleged low-life in question, was a small man who became a big shot, extorting money from his fellow Israelites and cosying up to the enemy, the Romans, who were occupying the land.

Not only was he a tax collector, an undesirable occupation, but he was damned good at it and earned a pile of dough in the process. And yet when Jesus came to town, Zacchaeus paid attention. He even climbed a tree to get a better look.

There must have been something about Jesus and his message that gave Zacchaeus something all his money and power couldn't supply.

In spite of all he had, deep in his heart Zacchaeus wanted what Jesus was offering. Which meant that he could of course be saved.

Redemption is a matter of the heart. Zacchaeus' heart was in the right place.

The Pharisees who objected to Jesus spending time with Zacchaeus, never knew what was going on in their own hearts.

They worried about appearances, how they looked to others and how others weren't making the grade. And so rather than up a tree, they were really up a creek.

(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:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God!

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

**Today's Readings:**

*Wisdom 11: 22 - 12:2*      *God's loving patience*  
*2 Thessalonians 1: 11 - 2:2*      *God makes us worthy*  
*Luke 19: 1-10*      *Jesus' saving mission*

**Next Week:**

*God of the living*  
*2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16*  
*2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3:5; Luke 20:27,34-38*

**GOSPEL**

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

This text should be contrasted with the story of the rich official who is a righteous man that comes just before it (Luke 18:18-23) but that is not included in the Lectionary readings for this year. In that text, Jesus challenges the rich man to sell all he has and to distribute the proceeds to the poor, but the rich man is unable to give up his wealth. Here, Zacchaeus—also a rich man but considered a sinner—spontaneously offers to give half his wealth away and to make generous restitution to those he has cheated. The response to Jesus of these two characters is in stark contrast. In his undignified climbing of the tree, Zacchaeus is prepared to make himself look ridiculous in order to know Jesus. He has humbled himself in the eyes of the crowd just as the tax collector humbled himself in the temple in last week's gospel. Jesus not only tells parables but lives them in reality. He has searched out the lost, and the encounter leads to conversion and salvation.

- Have you experienced an element of personal embarrassment because of your decision to approach Jesus through the catechumenate?
- How might a sense of being accepted by God bring about change in your life?

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Greetings with the love and peace of Jesus Christ!

Amidst this pandemic, we see a lot of changes happening in our world – globally, in our country, at work and even in our personal lives. We don't have to look far—in our parish this year, you experienced a change of pastoral leadership. Fr Andrew's retirement and my arrival in the parish as your parish administrator. While this was not brought about by the pandemic, change is indeed part of our human existence. As Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, famously said "change is the only constant in life."



There have been many such revisions in our parish, as a response to unprecedented needs of keeping our community safe with physical distancing in this pandemic and accommodating the growing community of our faithful here at St Bernadette's. One of which is having our daily Mass at the main altar in our Church, and no longer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Therefore the table that served as an altar for many years in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel now has a new home, as the altar in the Presbytery Chapel, where prayers and the sacrifice of the Mass is offered by priests, both in residence and visiting priests.

Consequently, the Tabernacle also is now focused on the Blessed Sacrament, the promise of God's presence. The reminder that if we make God a sanctuary in our own lives, He will dwell in it.

Embracing change can sometimes be challenging as we prefer to do things the way we are used to. Rest assured, in my capacity, I will do my utmost to cater to the needs of souls entrusted to me. It is my prerogative to implement changes to facilitate our purpose here to know, love and serve God, so we can continue our work for the salvation of souls.

If you have any concerns with any changes that have been implemented in our parish, please feel free to talk to me. You can also raise suggestions and issues with any member of the PPC if you are reluctant to personally 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.

## 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.



## FRIENDS OF MARY

The next Friends of Mary meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 2nd November at 9:45AM. Please bring lunch to share. All welcome.

## ALL SAINTS DAY

**Tuesday 1st November**

Adoration & Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.15am

## ALL SOULS DAY

**Wednesday 2nd November**

Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette)  
6.30pm

Mass 7.30pm

## 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 family member.

**Saint Paul in writing to the young Bishop Timothy under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit says:**

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults and giving instruction for right living so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed"*- Timothy 3:16-17.

**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)

## 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 sessions on October 31 and November 7 from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

To register for one of these sessions, 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/>

## TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE INC

TLC is thankful for your generous support last weekend to our free legal service to disadvantaged and vulnerable persons in Western Sydney.

TLC is looking for volunteers who are keen to help the community. No need for legal qualification. If interested please email: [admin@tlc.asn.au](mailto:admin@tlc.asn.au)

## 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.

## 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)

**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:

## 5th & 6th OF OCTOBER 2022

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Liam Agius
Minister at the Altar	Rey Baterna	Jose (Mari) Tomas	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	David Smyth © 1 Matthew Kenyon © 2 Kim McDonald ©	Carmen Bonello © 1 Ana Vlatko © 2 Judith Smith ©	Eva Narajos © 1 Reginald Vibar © 2 Perla Billedo ©
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Catherine Peregrina	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Agius Family	Wendy Walsh	Cindy Astillo
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		