

## 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.

## 3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 22 JANUARY 2023

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The prophet describes reversals of the fortunes of Israel. First the former times of hardship are contrasted with the present experience of salvation. The lands that had been lost were eventually returned to Israel, the hardships that accompanied defeat and occupation were lifted, and the darkness was dispelled. The words of the psalmist are next directed toward God. Salvation has embraced the people and through it they are granted a threefold joy. This joy is compared to the excitement of harvest time, to the headiness experienced when one has been victorious in battle, and to the relief experienced when freed from the yoke of military servitude, the pole of national discipline, and the rod of social oppression.

The psalm response is a prayer of profound confidence in God. In it God is characterised by means of three metaphors: light; salvation; and refuge. Darkness is not only a danger to safety, but it symbolises evil. Light dispels any kind of danger. Salvation, or deliverance, is granted out of the beneficence of another; one did not save oneself. God is the saviour. Finally, a refuge is a place of safety to which one in danger could flee for protection. All three metaphors characterise God as one holding unparalleled power and exercising this power on behalf of the psalmist, who was not only vulnerable but actually somehow besieged. Every aspect of this psalm response proclaims trust in God.

There seems to have been much pettiness and bickering in Corinth. Natural differences degenerated into rivalry. If left unchecked this rivalry could develop into serious divisions. As representative of Christ, Paul addresses the situation. His exhortation is threefold: agreement in matters of faith; unity, not schism; oneness in mind and purpose. Groups within the community claimed allegiance to various individuals. To this Paul poses rhetorical questions, which elicit only negative answers. No! Christ cannot be divided. No! Paul was not crucified for their salvation. No! They were not baptised in the name of Paul. He insists that neither the teachings nor the personal characteristics of a religious leader can be allowed to rival their allegiance to Christ.

The announcement of the arrest of John the Baptist, which signalled the end of John's ministry and the beginning of Jesus' ministry, prompts Jesus to leave the vicinity and journey to Galilee. Although Jesus preached the same message as did the Baptist (Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. [cf. Matt 3:2]), he did it in fulfilment of the prophecies rather than in anticipation of a future event. The first move he makes is to call some followers. These men were called; they did not initiate their own discipleship, as followers of rabbis normally did. The proclamation of the good news and the healing of the sick were believed to be signs of the advent of the age of fulfilment (cf. Isa 61:1; 35:5-7).

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23



Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

## LENTEN PROGRAM - YEAR A - 2023

The season of Lent provides an ideal time to focus again on the person who is at the heart of our Christian faith - Jesus. This Lenten season, St Bernadette's Parish is offering the opportunity to gather in groups informally as a faith community to:

- \* Pray
- \* Share personal insights into faith
- \* Grow in understanding of the Scriptures
- \* Relate faith to life through reflection in real life stories

This program, **TRIUMPH** provides many opportunities for individuals and groups to reflect on their mission to bring the Gospel values of peace, justice, forgiveness and love to our homes and communities.

If you are able to lead a Lenten group, please talk to Fr John Paul or contact the parish office. Copies will be available at the Piety Store for \$5.00 from Saturday 4th February.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities across the Diocese to complete your Safeguarding Training to kick off 2023. Please choose **one** of the following options and venues and register for your Safeguarding Modules.

### Weekday Training (All Modules)

Mary Immaculate Parish – 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill Monday 13th February: 9.30am - 2.30pm

### Weekday Morning Training

St Bernadette's Parish Lalor Park (Parish Meeting Room)

Module 1: Monday 20th February (10.15am-11.15am)

Module 2: Monday 27th February (10.15am-11.45am)

Module 3: Monday 6th March (10.15am-11.45am)

St Aidan's Parish – 9 Adelaide Street Rooty Hill

Module 1: Thursday 9th February (7.00pm-8.00pm)

Module 2: Thursday 16th February (7.00pm-8.30pm)

Module 3: Thursday 23rd February (7.00pm-8.30pm)

St Oliver Plunkett's Parish – 35 Wigram Street Harris Park

Module 1: Tuesday 21st February (7.00pm-8.00pm)

Module 2: Tuesday 28th February (7.00pm-8.30pm)

Module 3: Tuesday 7th March (7.00pm-8.30pm)

### Weekday Evening Training

St Finbar's Parish - 46-52 Levy Street Glenbrook

Module 1: Tuesday 7th February (7.30pm-8.30pm)

Module 2: Tuesday 14th March (7.30pm-9.00pm)

Module 3: Tuesday 9th May (7.30pm-9.00pm)

### Saturday Training (All Modules)

St Thomas Aquinas Parish – 168 Hawkesbury Road Springwood

Saturday 11th February (All Modules: 10am - 3pm)

St Joseph's Parish – 12 Richmond Road

Kingswood Saturday 25th February (All Modules: 10am - 3pm)

St Bernadette's Parish – 367 Old Northern Road Castle Hill Saturday 4th March (All Modules: 9am - 2pm)

Please register for **one** of these options (Parish and Date/s) by emailing:

[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

If you would like to complete the training online 'Sign Up' by clicking on this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at:

[maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

#### 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.

## SRE Ministry

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your faith with others? Do you have half an hour to spare once a week?

The SRE (Special Religious Education) Ministry is in need of more teachers and helpers to join us in taking the faith into our four state schools each week. We teach at the following schools:

- ♦ Lynwood Park Public School: Tuesday 12pm-1pm
- ♦ Kings Langley Public School: Tuesday 2pm-3pm
- ♦ Lalor Park Public School: Wednesday 1pm-1:30pm
- ♦ Seven Hills West Public School: Thursday 11:30am-12pm

Each new SRE will be provided with training and support to help you in this Ministry.

If you are interested, please contact Joel Agius on 0422 675 934

or email Joel.Agius@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au, or contact the Parish Office on 9672 4037.

We would love to have you on board.

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## Welcomers & Counters Ministries

Would you like to become a Welcomer or Counter at our Parish? The Welcomers & Counters Ministries are looking for more volunteers to help welcome parishioners to our Weekend Masses and count the collections on Mondays.

If you are interested in joining either of these Ministries, please contact the Parish Office on 9672 4037, or email

liturgy@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

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## Ordination to the Priesthood: 2 February

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi on Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to the Cathedral Parish team at [secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au) if you are able to attend.

## "Soul Sisters"

A new women's fellowship group for our parish. Monthly catch-ups for any women in the parish who wish to catch up for a coffee and a chat! First meetup will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 8pm at the Mordini's place, 2 Lawson Street Lalor Park. Please contact Leanne Mordini on 0413047373 for further details.

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## "Pathfinders"

A new parish Youth Group for Years 5 and 6 students. Initial meeting will be for **parents only** so that we can chat about how often the group will meet, who will volunteer etc – this meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January at 7.30pm. Please contact Leanne Mordini on 0413047373 for further information.

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## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

You are invited to Australia Day Mass on Thursday 26th January at 9:15am. There will be Adoration and Rosary from 8:30am.

Please bring a small plate of food e.g. sandwiches, lamingtons, slice to share with a cuppa after Australia Day Mass.

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## Sr Nathalie Becquart Sydney Public Forum and Lecture: 3 February

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the Vatican's most influential female, is coming to Australia for a whirlwind tour in February 2023. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday 3 February, presenting at a public forum at 4pm and a public lecture at 7pm, both held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Places are limited, so please register via

<https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.

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## Funeral Mass for Cardinal Pell

A Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal George Pell will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, February 2 at 11am, before a private burial in the cathedral's crypt.

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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.

## Toongabbie Parish Position Vacant

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the parish Secretary by 1 February 2023 to [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

## Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday, 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2023 to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@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 & FUNERALS

By Appointment—Please contact Parish Office for details.

## For the following sick parishioners, relatives and friends:

Victoria Herzig, Sandra McShane, Gwen Gunderson, Phoebe Mae Lasmarías, 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:** Benigno Zamora JR, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Ailsia McDonald

**Anniversary:** Edward James Townsend, Bruce McDonald

## 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:

28th & 29th JANUARY 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Joshua Vaz Rachel Vaz	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Jess Barbin Liam Agius
Minister at the Altar	Rey Baterna	Mario Spiteri Francis Sultana	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Lissa Carter @ 1 Ella Martirez @ 2 Tina Uri @	Lynne Tolhurst @ 1 Rolaine Vibar @ 2 Sue Gilmore @	Kate Fardouly @ 1 Josephine Baracz @ 2 Perla Billedo @
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Catherine Peregrina	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Louise Bruni	Agius Family
Music	CDs - Tony Walsh	CDs - Eva Narajos	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicki Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Dennis & Helen Gonzales		