

## 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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

**28 MAY 2023**

### *Gospel Reflection*

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

### *Historical Context – Pentecost*

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

### *Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit*

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Veni Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

### Vigil Mass

John 7:37-39



On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out: 'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me! Let the man come and drink who believes in me!' As scripture says: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water. He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

### Sunday Mass

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.  
Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Dear parishioners:

I hope and pray that you and your family are well.

As announced last weekend, I will be away for the next three weekends (from Saturday, 27 May to Sunday, 11 June) to attend an Intensive Course on *Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project* at the University of Leuven in Belgium.

I will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at our parish on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 at 7:00pm. There will be Adoration and Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette at 6:30pm. After the Mass, there will be a light supper at the parish hall. You are all very welcome to come and join me in thanking God for the time I served you as your parish administrator.

Let us welcome Fr Diosdado 'Dado' Haber and Fr Benedict Mackenzie FSF to our parish this weekend. We thank them for the generosity of their time to celebrate this weekend's Holy Masses.

Fr Diosdado 'Dado' Haber is rostered to celebrate the 6:00pm Vigil Mass. He has been the chaplain at Blacktown Hospital since 2013. He is a Religious priest and belongs to the Order of St. Camillus or known as the Order of the Ministers of the Sick.

Fr Benedict Mackenzie FSF is rostered to celebrate the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses. He is the Assistant Priest at St Bernadette's Parish in Dundas Valley. He is a member of Friars of St Francis.

Fr Ed Kenny will celebrate the weekday Masses on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9:15am and Wednesday at 7:30PM. There will be no Adoration and Confession on Saturday afternoon on 27 May, 3 June and 10 June. But Fr Ed will offer the Sacrament of Confession after the Saturday morning Masses on those dates.

St Bernadette, pray for us.  
May God bless us always.

Fr John Paul



## VINNIES PANTRY

During the month of May, you are invited to donate **1 Litre of Long Life Full Cream Milk** to help Vinnies with their parcels for the needy. Thank you for your continued support.

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### Monday Night Bible Study

Come and join us on our Monthly Monday night 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 Patrick or Cyril, for information and let either one of them know of your interest to join the friendly group. All are Welcome.

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

**TIME: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

**WHEN: Monday Night on 5 June 2023**

For further information, contact either:

PATRICK on 0416 240 298

([Patrick.cagney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Patrick.cagney@optusnet.com.au))

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### Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am - 2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.

Please register for this mandatory training at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

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### Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops. More information to come soon.

## Diocesan Synod

Submissions for the Diocesan Synod are now open. If you would like to make a submission and have your say, you can do so by going to <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>.

You are also invited to register to attend our Deanery Consultation, which will be taking place on Saturday 17th June from 6:30pm-9:30pm at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School Hall, Marayong. It would be ideal to have at least 20-30 parishioners from the Parish attend this Consultation if possible. If you would like to attend, you can register here: [https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\\_deaneryreg/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_deaneryreg/).

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### Craft Stall



Our craft stall was a great success. We raised over \$750 which will be donated to our church. Thank you to all the parishioners who bought items. Thank you to all the ladies in our craft group for their help and contributions: Anne, Anne, Jan, Jessica, Lorraine, Lorna, Jenny, Rosa & Mirianna. If you would like to come join the group, we are at the St Joseph Centre every Wednesday from 10am-12pm. No craft experience necessary. Meet new friends and have a cuppa. Bridget.

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### Save Calvary Hospital

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au)

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### Young Adult Faith Formation: 4 June

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 4 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury at 7pm. Fr Jeff Miller SDB from St Marys Parish will talk about and lead discussion on discernment and vocation. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.



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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.

## **MET Natural Fertility Zoom Session: 8 June**

Have you ever wondered what Natural Family Planning (NFP) is? In this session we will explore how it's different to contraception and why the Catholic Church encourages us to use it! You are warmly invited to attend a session on Thursday 8 June from 7-8pm via Zoom. To register and receive the link, please contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## **National Reconciliation Week – Be A Voice for Generations**

Following National Sorry Day on 26 May, we observe National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May – 3 June; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation. This year's theme, *Be a Voice for Generations*, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us. At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Visit the ACBC Justice, Ecology and Peace website for resources: [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## **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:**

Tony Walsh, Victoria Herzig, Sandra McShane, Gwen Gunderson, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, 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, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Sue James, Myra Sessions, David Ward, Brian Sloane, David Williams, Nathan Weaver. Maria Posa, Angelo Posa.

## **For our deceased brothers and sisters:**

### **Recently deceased:**

### **Anniversary:**

**Deceased:** Ailsia McDonald, Bruce McDonald

Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who have died.

May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**3rd & 4th JUNE 2023**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Altar Servers	Zoe Kenyon Rachel Vaz	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri Jess Barbin	Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Liam Agius
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martinez	Rey Baterna	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Lissa Carter @ 1 Albert Agius @ 2 Ella Martinez @	Sue Gilmore @ 1 Alex De Vega @ 2 Reginald Vibar @	Karina Marafioti @ 1 Josephine Baracz @ 2 Perla Billedo @
Eucharistic Minister	Joanne Digwood	Catherine Peregrina	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Rosa Watson
Music	Mordini Family	Parish Choir	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Michelle Brohier		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Rose Townsend		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Bing Money / Ricardo Serrado		