

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.

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

18 JUNE 2023

Scripture Commentary

The words of the Lord spoken to Moses preserved in the first reading for today describe events that transpired in the lives of those being addressed ('You have seen for yourselves'). Second, if this passage was part of Israel's covenant renewal ceremony, as many commentators believe it was, it is a liturgical remembering that makes present for a new generation the past events being remembered. Although God's goodness appears to be unconditional, covenant membership is not. 'If' God's voice is heeded, and 'if' the people comply with the covenant responsibilities, they will enjoy the privilege of covenant partnership. Although the covenant includes obligations, there is still a dimension of freedom present here. The people are free to choose partnership with God or not.

The few verses in the responsorial psalm come from a hymn of praise that calls Israel to worship its God. It calls the people to serve, to come before, and to know God. In the psalm God is characterised as creator and shepherd (v.3). The first image highlights the sovereignty of God; the second portrays the tender provident care of God. The response concludes with a description of God that consists of attributes associated with the covenant: goodness, loving kindness, faithfulness. It is only right that we praise a God who is characterised as creator and shepherd and described as forever good, kind and faithful.

Paul teaches that justification was won through the blood of Christ. Human beings can only be righteous if they are in right relationship with God and share in God's righteousness. The transformation that takes place in the human-divine relationship is called reconciliation. This reconciliation/transformation has been won for believers by the Lord Jesus Christ, and he won this when they were still sinners. His dying made them righteous, saved them from ultimate peril, reconciled them with God. Paul ends his teaching by claiming that if such wondrous things can be accomplished through Christ's death, how much more will believers be blessed through his resurrected life!

In the scene described in today's gospel reading, the sight of the crowds moves Jesus profoundly. He does not merely feel sorry for the crowds; his compassion springs from his profound love for them. Their great need and the urgency of the moment prompt his words and actions. Though there is no mention of judgment in this passage, reference to the harvest certainly suggests this theme. The apostles are sent out having been given authority to cast out demons or unclean spirits and the ability to heal diseases. The ancients believed that when the reign of God was established, the reign of evil would come to an end. Therefore, they viewed exorcisms and healings as evidence that God's reign was taking hold in the world. The apostles are told to proclaim the arrival of this reign and to demonstrate its presence through wondrous acts.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,
I am the new guy in town, the new kid on the block. Permit me to introduce myself. I am Clifford D'souza. A priest belonging to the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, (msfs) - A Fransalian (not a Salesian). Born in India, in the city of Mumbai to my late parents Cyril and Matilda D'souza. I have two siblings.

I was ordained a priest on the 4th of May 1991. After a decade in the missions and teaching in schools in India, I was requested by my provincial superior to serve the diocese of Parramatta in 2000. Ever since I have been assisting in various parishes in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, the last one being at Windsor.

Currently, we are 17 members of the Order in Australia, assisting the archdiocese of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide and the Diocese of Toowoomba (QLD) and Broken Bay and Parramatta.

Bishop Vincent has appointed me to join your parish community. So, I will be with you very shortly. In the days to come, we will get to know each other and thus continue to build on the parish faith community.

With Peace in God's mission

Fr. Clifford Msfs

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules 1-3 throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

Tuesday 4 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Monday 10 July (6.30pm-8.30pm) for Modules 1 and 3

Tuesday 11 July (6.30pm-8.00pm) for Module 2

Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at its All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses are subsidized by the New South Wales Government. Please register to participate in the program by contacting 0477 952 024. You can also contact Nepean Community College on (02) 4724 9000.

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.

Morning Mass Day Change

Beginning this **Monday 19th June**, morning Mass will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There will be no morning Mass on Mondays as this will be Fr Clifford's day off. Morning Mass times will remain the same.

St Bernadette's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary School is now enrolling for K-6 for 2024. To enrol, or to enquire about enrolling, please call 8869 6400 or visit www.stbernadetteslalorpark.catholic.edu.au

THANK YOU

A message of thanks to the Parishioners who made the farewell "CUPPA" on Wednesday a fitting tribute of love and appreciation for Fr John Paul's ministry to us in the last 18 months. To the large number at the Mass, those who shopped, set up and decorated the hall, contributed abundant and delicious food., cleaned up the hall, took home the rubbish and volunteered to wash and iron the used tablecloths, to all of you A very sincere Thank You.

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

Mass available for the South Sudanese Catholic Community

The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown 2148. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on (02) 9622 1125 or John.Cinya@parracatholic.org



WELCOME

We especially welcome to our Christian faith community : Finnighan Weir, Oliver Rees & Mason Rees. They will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families. May you have a joyous and blessed day

VINNIES PANTRY



During the month of June, you are invited to donate **any Toiletry item of your choice** to help Vinnies with their parcels for the needy.

The St Vincent De Paul Society is also in need of any used and clean blankets. If you are able to help, please place blankets in the Vinnies Pantry Box at the back of the church.

Thank you for your continued support.

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/>.

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

Simon Carrington Presents: 'How to Date with Passion and Purpose'

Are you tired of the way you have been approaching relationships, or of the way potential relationships have been approaching you? Are you sick of lying to yourself about what you want, or lowering your standards just so you can say you went on a date?

Join Mary, Queen of the Family Youth on Thursday 29th June as Simon Carrington presents: 'How to Date with Passion and Purpose,' a practical guide to Catholic dating and relationships. The event is targeted towards Teenagers & Young Adults (12-34), but all families are welcome. The event will be held at St Patrick's Church, 51-53 Allawah St, Blacktown. There will be food & fellowship from 6:30pm, with the talk beginning at 7:30pm.

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.

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 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

MET Worship RCIA Teams Formation Seminars: Beginning 3 August

MET Worship's Formation Seminar for RCIA Teams will be commencing on Thursday 3 August throughout August from 7pm to 9pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. New topics will be covered each week throughout the Seminar including Using Rituals, Mystagogia and more! To RSVP and to learn more about the seminar topics, please contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

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:

Rachel Surdich, Laura Vecchiet, 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: Clare Sheridan, Cettina Cuschieri

Anniversary: Ignacio Hizo, Betty Toomey, Anacleto Cordero

Deceased: Tony Zec, Ailsia McDonald, Bruce McDonald, Fr Emile Zabeth, Mother Mary Dabbous, deceased relatives in Zabeth, Dabbous, and Jawish families, Michael Dabbous, Kinawi family, Mary and Attalla Sabbagh and family, MacCartney family.

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:

25th & 26th JUNE 2023

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	Fernando Gallegos	Alexander De Vega	Reymund Rillera
Minister of the Word	Raia Uri @ 1 Jessie Pranadjaja @ 2 Joel Agius @	Ana Vlatko @ 1 Carmen Bonello @ 2 Alex De Vega @	Perla Billedo @ 1 Thelma Islip @ 2 Karina Marafioti @
Eucharistic Minister	Bernadette Nolan	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Youth Ministry	Volunteer Required	Cindy Astillo
Music	Lawrence Del Prado Group	CDs - Sue Gilmore	Parish Choir
Flowers	Myrna Baterna		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Dennis & Helen Gonzales / Ria Rillera		