

## 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.

**12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**25 JUNE 2023**

### Scripture Commentary

Jeremiah is the innocent victim of slander, entrapment and vengeance. Still he is confident, for God is on his side as a mighty champion who will fight for him. This military imagery calls to mind the cosmic war that God victoriously waged against evil (see Ps 24:9-11). Jeremiah believes that God will turn upside down the plans of his assailants. They watched for him to mis-step, but God will cause them to stumble; they hoped to prevail over him, but they will not triumph; they tried to take vengeance on Jeremiah, but God will take vengeance on them. They will be put to shame and confusion, a fate sometimes worse than death.

Elements of a lament can be detected in the psalm: the cry of lament (vv.14, 17); reasons for the lament (vv.8-10); expressions of confidence (vv.33-34); and praise for having been heard (v.35). We may not be accustomed to complain to God, but a lament is a statement of profound faith. Acknowledging that God has power over the circumstances of life, it is an expression of humble faith that God will come to the aid of those who cry out. This passage contains covenant vocabulary: lovingkindness; truth; salvation; and passionate love. The psalmist brings the strength and the personal dimension of the covenant to the plea for deliverance.

Paul proclaims the incomparable nature of God's salvific grace by contrasting the actions of Adam and Christ. Though the contrast appears to be between Adam and Christ, it is really between the epochs that each inaugurated. Adam brought in the era of sin and death; Christ established the eschatological era of acquittal and life. Paul points to the first offence (Gen 3:6) and the common experience of all people to explain the pervasive presence of sin and death in the world. All die, therefore all must have sinned. However, as death for all entered the world through the sin of one – Adam, so grace was won for all through the gift of one – Christ.

Jesus exhorts: Fear no one! Neither those who resist the gospel, nor those who might put you to death. Rather fear total destruction in Gehenna and rejection by God. It is now time for the gospel to be proclaimed openly and boldly. The doors have been flung open:

what was concealed, must be revealed;  
what was secret, must be made known;  
what was said in darkness, must be spoken in light;  
what was whispered, must be shouted.

Jesus encourages the disciples to trust in God despite hardships. Suffering is not proof that God is disinterested. Rather, if God cares for the insignificant sparrows, how much more will God care for them? If God can count the hairs on their heads; how much more does God know their needs?

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.



'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [winstonhills@parracatholic.org](mailto:winstonhills@parracatholic.org) to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

## INSTALLATION OF OUR PARISH PRIEST

Bishop Vincent Long will install Fr Clifford D'Souza as Parish Priest of St Bernadette's Parish or (Church) on Sunday July 16 at the 10:00am Mass.



A cuppa in the Hall after the Mass would enable us to celebrate the occasion, wish and welcome our new Parish Priest and meet Bishop Vincent. You are invited to bring along a small plate of finger food to share.

**THANK YOU** Fr Clifford with The Sacramental Team would like to congratulate the children who were confirmed on Wednesday July 22 by Very Rev Fr Peter Williams AM VG thereby completing their Process of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Church. May the fulness of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit enable the children to live out more fully their Christian mission. The Team would also like to thank Fr Peter for confirming the Sacrament on the children and Deacon Jerome for his participation in the Mass of Confirmation. Thank You to the Parents and Parishioners for their prayerful support and encouragement of the children.

Madge Miranda Sacramental Coordinator.

### 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.

## 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.

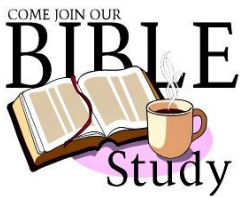
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## St Bernadette's Primary School

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](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.catholic.edu.au)

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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 church's 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. So why not bring a friend or a family member.

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

**TIME: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

**WHEN: Monday Night on 3 July 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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## 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.



## 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.

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## 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/>.

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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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## 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 such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495), or contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).

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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.

**CYP LIFTED RETREAT 'Behold':  
7 – 9 July**

Young people aged 18 to 25 are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED Retreat: Behold. Get away from the busyness of life for a weekend of prayer, sacraments, and community. The retreat will be held from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 July at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Cost: \$125 per person including accommodation for two nights and all meals. Register at: <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

**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](mailto: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**

Tuesday, 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**

Tues, 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

**Anniversary:** Ignacio Hizo, Betty Toomey

**Deceased:** 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:**

**1st & 2nd JULY 2023**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Noah Bonello	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri Jess Barbin	Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Liam Agius
Minister at the Altar	Zaldy Pamintuan	Rey Baterna	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	David Smyth @ 1 Ella Martirez @ 2 Lissa Carter @	Sue Gilmore @ 1 Ana Vlatko @ 2 Carmen Bonello @	Josephine Baracz @ 1 Kate Fardouly @ 2 Eva Narajos @
Eucharistic Minister	Jessica Anderson	Catherine Peregrina	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Rosa Watson
Music	Mordini Family	Parish Choir	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Michele Brohier		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Rose Townsend		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Bing Money / Ricardo Serrado		