

## ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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### PARISH BULLETIN

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Parish Deacon: Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

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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.

**13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**02 JULY 2023**

### Welcoming Christ

It is said that the world is a global village where most people know each other. One would think that there it would be easy to live in peace and harmony. However, the irony of the scenario is that people and communities are growing further apart and there is greater need for friendliness than before and the traditional value of hospitality needs to be rediscovered once more. Far from being an optional extra, hospitality is regarded as a sacred duty and the equivalent of welcoming the Lord himself. The delightful story of the couple who made the prophet Elisha welcome under their roof and as a result they were rewarded with the gift of a son, is an indication of how precious hospitality is in the eyes of God. (2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16). The gospel (Mt.10:37-42) reminds us that all small ways of giving and caring which we avail of, even a trivial act of kindness, like giving a cup of cold water to a stranger on our doorstep will win God's favour and result in a great blessing.

The world we live in is crying out for small acts of kindness, which cost little but are sadly missing, like a smile, a word of appreciation or a phone-call. In our welcome, we are imitating Christ, where he invites us to put him first and above all and everyone else. It is a demanding task which will involve reshaping our attitudes. Christ comes to our doors in many disguises and is not always recognizable. Unless we make a conscious decision to reach out to those in want, we run the risk of neglecting a genuine needy person.

Hospitality means showing a generosity of disposition to an act of kindness because it is not what is given that counts but the heart with which it is given. The least we can do for Christ is to receive one another with open arms. In this way we respond to his invitation to discipleship and allow his word to take hold of us.

With Peace in God's Mission  
Clifford msfs

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.



'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

## 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 on Sunday July 16 at the 1:00am 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.

There is a sheet at the back of the church if you would like to put your name and how many attending and what food you might be bringing to share on the day.

Many thanks

## 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.

## Toongabbie Legal Centre Raffle Tickets



Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets next weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 15 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets.

## WELCOME

We especially welcome to our Christian faith community: Liam Simonian and Willa Beach. They will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families.  
May you have a joyous and blessed day.

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## VINNIES PANTRY

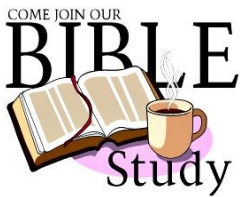
During the month of July, you are invited to donate **any Toiletry item of your choice** to help Vinnies with their parcels for the needy due to extra demand.



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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## 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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## Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

Courses are available for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Communion to the Sick and Dying. Although these courses are not until September, they fill quickly. If you are interested please contact the parish office for an enrolment form on (02) 9672 4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

## Young Adult Faith Formation: 2 July

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 2 July at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Steven Buhagiar will talk about and lead discussion on "Male" and "Female" - a social construct? Why our bodies matter. 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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## 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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## 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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## 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, David Williams, Nathan Weaver. Maria Posa, Angelo Posa.

**For our deceased brothers and sisters:**

**Recently deceased:** Sr. Janet Cummings RSJ ( Former Principal of St Bernadette's School) Brian Sloane, Fr Anthony King S.M.

**Anniversary:**

**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.

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**8th & 9th JULY 2023**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri Zoe Kenyon	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Liam Agius
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martirez	Mario Spiteri	Reymund Rillera
Minister of the Word	Tina Uri @ 1 Michael Muranty @ 2 Minda Vuleta @	Alex De Vega @ 1 Matthew Kenyon @ 2 Lynne Tolhurst @	Karina Marafioti @ 1 Jenny Agius @ 2 Jem Dalay @
Eucharistic Minister	Kim McDonald	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Agius Family	Jan Weaver	Cindy Astillo
Music	Magnificat Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Couples for Christ / Nick Soon		