

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.

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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Lean on Me and Learn from Me

From time to time, as the problems and worries of the moment overpower us, we all find life difficult and discouraging. As the signs of stress and tension become visible on our faces, let us sit up and listen to those reassuring and comforting words of Jesus 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.' Jesus presents himself as the friend and consoler of the weary and oppressed. In the middle of trying situations, he seems to invite us to come to him with our worries saying all will be well. This giving of our hearts to Christ implies complete trust and childlike dependence; qualities which are missing in our adult world.

We have lost our paradise of childhood innocence from a carefree setting, relying on the love of those who cared for us and exchanged it for reliance on material possession and as a result find it difficult to cast our cares upon the Lord with the confidence that he will sustain us. 'Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart'. Humility is important in our search for God. Sadly, it is not a prizes quality in our society where success is measured in ruthless ambition, muscle power and arrogance, the type of house we live in, the cars we drive and the company we keep. These are indicators of our esteem. The humble person does not have to complicate matters by projecting such false self-image or deceiving oneself with the mirage of grandeur. If we realise that without God, we are nothing, we can achieve inner peace by putting our hand in the hand of God. Humility enables us to know our true self, to let go of false ego and make space for God in whom we find our strength.

Christ meets us at our own level. As we offload our cares and worries unto him, he makes them into an acceptable offering to his heavenly Father. Jesus speaks to us of the tender personal love of the Father. The God of mercy and compassion invites us to turn to him for great comfort in times of distress. There is a great capacity for goodness in each of us, provided we walk in humility to build up our lives with Christ as our model.

With Peace in God's Mission

Clifford msfs

Pope's Intention for the Month of July

For a Eucharistic life - that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



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.

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.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS

Parents who have registered their children for First Holy Communion are reminded that the Process is due to take place in term three.

It will commence with a Meeting for Parents Only On Thursday August 10 at 9.15am OR 7.30pm. (You need to attend the AM or PM meeting) in the Parish Meeting Room.

Failure to attend this meeting would indicate your decision to withdraw from the Process.

God Bless you.

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 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.

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 and memorabilia items this weekend. 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.

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.

Seniors Meeting

The next Seniors Meeting will be held next **Thursday 13th July** at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall. This is the last day to pay money for Christmas in July. All welcome.

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

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.

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

Sea Sunday



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even

during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Diocesan Synod

Submissions for the Diocesan Synod are open until 31st July. If you would like to make a submission and have your say, you can do so by going to

<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>.

Membership applications for the Synod are also now open until 31st July. To apply to be a member of the Synod in October, please fill out the form at the following link: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_membership/

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

Positions Vacant:

Assets and Leasing Manager, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Wednesday 19 July**

Communications and Digital Manager, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm on Thursday 20 July**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

St Luke's Marsden Park Dinner Dance 22 July

St Luke's at Marsden Park is holding its first ever Dinner Dance on Saturday, July 22 from 7pm at St Luke's Catholic College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park. A 3-course Spanish-styled meal with sangria is on offer along with prizes. All profits will go towards funding the St Luke's Church building. Tickets are now on sale. Email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org to arrange your tickets.

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

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: Nora Bateman, Sr. Janet Cummings RSJ (Former Principal of St Bernadette's School)
Renee L. Cruz, Brian Sloane, Fr Anthony King S.M.

Anniversary: Claude Joachim, Antonia & Juor Zec, Norberto Lachica.

Deceased: Anton Blaznik, 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:

15th & 16th JULY 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Noah Bonello	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Joshua Davison Jess Barbin
Minister at the Altar	Francis Sultana	Fernando Gallegos	Jose (Mari) Tomas
Minister of the Word	Albert Agius @ 1 Michael Hord @ 2 Wendy Hord @	Carmen Bonello @ 1 Sue Gilmore @ 2 Michele Brohier @	Eva Narajos @ 1 Perla Billedo @ 2 Thelma Islip @
Eucharistic Minister	Bev Baxter	Helen Gonzales	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Rosa Watson
Music	Couples for Christ	St Francis Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Amabel Keelty		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Jenny Agius / Sue Gilmore / Sheila Magallanes		