

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.

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

16 JULY 2023

The Good Soil

Jesus paints a very familiar picture from everyday agriculture life in Palestine and draws lesson from it. Jesus compares the word of God to seed which is intended to produce fruit in our lives. At baptism the delicate and demanding seed of the word of God is first planted in our hearts. If it doesn't get our whole-hearted attention by finding a home in our lives, it withers and dies. Often when the Lord comes knocking at our door, we fail to make him welcome because we are so preoccupied with the meaningless pursuit of the moment. To be a cultivator of goodness, we must dig deep within ourselves. God does not want part-time or half-hearted followers. His word never blossoms alongside greed and selfishness. Growth in the life of Christ is not always a smooth, gradual, and straightforward process. The different type of soil can well be the varied response we make to his word, depending on the twists and turns our fortunes may take. When we meet with setbacks and disappointments, obstacles such as these, can choke our good intentions and weaken our firm resolve. Moments like these call for deep faith. No matter what the situation, we must struggle to believe.

The word of God has immense and mysterious power to change us. The hard thorny patch that we currently experience, could be Christ's way of calling us to a deeper union with him. Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness depends on our openness to receive his word. So often, when God is sowing the seed of his love around us we are cold and too proud to allow ourselves to be won over. However, there is good soil in every human heart and given time and effort and a considerable degree of pain, the Spirit of the living God will put down deep roots in our lives, assuring us of varying degree of happiness and fulfilment in our lives.

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: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



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.



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS

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



COMMUNION 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.

Madge Miranda Sacramental Coordinator.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Raffle Tickets



Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) would like to thank the Parish for their support of the raffle ticket sale last week. All proceeds directly support their free legal clinic which provides free legal advice every Thursday 6pm – 9pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm to the disadvantaged and vulnerable members of Western Sydney.

Tickets will be drawn on 7 October 2023 at 11:00am St Anthony's Church Hall, 27 Aurelia St, Toongabbie.

For winners, see TLC website: tlc.asn.au

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.

WELCOME

We especially welcome to our Christian faith community: Jayden-Blake, Penelope & Octavius Locke. 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 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.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

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

Quakers Hill Parish Bingo Night: 5 August

Due to popular demand, BINGO will be held again on **5 August at Mary Immaculate Parish** (in the MPA). Doors open at **6:30pm for a 7pm start**. Please BYO Food and Drinks. Hot and cool beverages will be available on the night for a small fee. There will be more cash and prizes to be won! Please RSVP by phone or email by 3 August to book your seat(s) on (02) 9626 3326 or parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.

TAX RECEIPTS are available on the table outside the Church. Caritas and Catholic Foundation collections are tax deductible but **Planned Giving is not a tax deduction.**

Thank you for your generous giving in the last financial year.

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.

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.

Diocesan Synod

Submissions for the Diocesan Synod are closing on 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:

Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, 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: Marie Adolphe, Renee L. Cruz

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

Deceased: Nora Bateman, Caroline Tracey, 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:

22nd & 23rd JULY 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald	Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo
Minister at the Altar	Aidan Villadolid	Alexander De Vega	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Joel Agius @ 1 Raia Uri @ 2 Jessie Pranadjaja @	Lynne Tolhurst @ 1 Judith Smith @ 2 Carmen Bonello @	Jem Dalay @ 1 Josephine Baracz @ 2 Kate Fardouly @
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Simpson	Catherine Peregrina	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Wendy Walsh	Cindy Astillo
Music		CDs - Sue Gilmore	Parish Choir
Flowers	Myrna Baterna		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Dennis & Helen Gonzales / Ria Rillera		