

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.

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

23 JULY 2023

Weeds Among The Wheat

The story told by Jesus about the farmer allowing the weeds to grow alongside the wheat until harvest time, gives us insight into the life of God whose power is displayed in leniency and endless patience. He is at all times concerned with the conversion of people but never with their destruction. With him no one is ever written off. His mercy is more urgent than his judgement and his nature is best revealed in his tolerance towards the wayward in our midst. God cares for everybody specially those whose lives are choked by sin. The Pharisees were highly critical of Jesus choosing to mingle with people whose weaknesses were highlighted. By passing judgement on the wrongdoers of our society, we can easily forget that it is God's world and not ours. God exercises patience and tolerance until his great gathering on judgement day.

In the meantime, as members of the church, we all share the task of revealing the patience of God by forgiving the faults of others. Many of us will find it challenging, as we may be harsh or judgmental by nature. It's all so easy to categorise people and label them forgetting how appearances are so often deceptive. It does not mean cultivating an attitude of indifference towards evil. While we must abhor sin, we must not stop loving the sinner.

Judging others before God does, is a very foolish and risky business. In God's eyes, we could be the 'weed' to be thrown and burnt. The good news is that it is never too late for a sinner to turn back to God and be accepted. Weeds can never become wheat but by the power of God a sinner can become a saint. For example, St. Paul. Let us all be thankful that on the last day we shall be judged by God and not one another.

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: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



THANK YOU

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your presence and prayers last weekend. I felt truly welcomed. I appreciate and thank all who helped with the preparation and participation at the Mass and the celebration in the parish hall thereafter. Thank you for your generosity of good wishes and blessings.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS

HOLY



COMMUNION

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.

Madge Miranda Sacramental Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Ed Kenny for celebrating 60 years of his Ordination to the Priesthood this Sunday 23rd July. We continue our prayers for him as he continues to offer his ministry to the parish and prayer groups. May God Bless him abundantly.

To celebrate Fr Ed's 60th Anniversary, we will be holding a morning tea after the 10am Mass this Sunday 23rd July. Fr Ed will also be celebrating the 10am Mass.

Upcoming Feast Days

24th July – St Sharbel Makhlof

25th July - Saint James, Apostle

26th July - Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

29th July - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

30th July - Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

FR CLIFFORD'S HOLIDAYS

Please note that I will be on leave beginning 24th July until 19th August. During this period, I thank Fr Ed Kenny for celebrating the weekday Masses and the Saturday Vigil Masses. I also thank Fr. Bob Anderson for kindly celebrating the Sunday Masses at 8.30am and 10am.

Please note August 15th, The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady is a Day of Obligation. There will be only **ONE** Mass at 9.15am here at St Bernadette's.

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

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.**

FR CARL ASHTON FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: 25 JULY

Fr Carl Ashton, Pastor Emeritus of Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South, died on Thursday 13 July 2023, aged 86. A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday 24 July at Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South, from 7pm, followed by a prayer vigil. The Requiem Mass for Fr Carl will be held on Tuesday 25 July at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by a committal at Pinegrove Memorial Park, Minchinbury. In your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Fr Carl and remember his family in your prayers.

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/

Follow our World Youth Day pilgrimage from home!

170 young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have officially taken off to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal for an experience of a lifetime. Our pilgrimage will travel through some of the most beautiful and sacred parts of Europe and you are invited to follow along from home. We will be posting videos, photos and articles throughout the trip, so you can see and hear what our pilgrims are experiencing. Sign up today by visiting catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News or scanning the QR code.

Volunteer for the House of Welcome

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au.

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.

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.

Rouse Hill Parish Family Fiesta: 6 August

The Annual Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta will be on Sunday 6 August at 1 Wellgate Avenue, North Kellyville. Celebrations commence with Mass at 11am followed by a procession. Rides, Entertainment, Petting Zoo and wonderful International Food will be available from 1pm and continue throughout the afternoon with a fireworks display to finish at 6pm. This is a wonderful event for all the family and we hope to see you there!

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: Fr. Carl Ashton, Robert Leopardi, Marie Adolphe, Renee L. Cruz

Anniversary: Dominic Surdich, Claude Joachim, Antonia Zec, Ana Perorich, Norberto Lachica.

Deceased: Nicola Deganti, 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:

29th & 30th JULY 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Noah Bonello	Zoe Kenyon	Joshua Davison
Minister at the Altar	Reymund Rillera	Mario Spiteri	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Kim McDonald © 1 David Smyth © 2 Michael Muranty ©	Michele Brohier © 1 Alex De Vega © 2 Matthew Kenyon ©	Thelma Islip © 1 Karina Marafioti © 2 Jenny Agius ©
Eucharistic Minister	Joel Agius	Sue Gilmore	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Agius Family	Jan Weaver	Volunteer Required
Music	CDs - Rodrigo Medina	CDs - Eva Narajos	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Rose Townsend		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson /		