

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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

6 AUGUST 2023

The Apostles had a powerful experience on that mountain in today's Gospel reading. Peter James and John accompany Jesus up the mountain after hearing the news of Jerusalem and Jesus' imminent death. It is only human that in their minds they play out the next few days and weeks. They began to look for alternatives, desperate for a second opinion, a way to stop him. They want to build a safe sanctuary away from the world, to be content in the moment, saving Jesus themselves from the heartache to come. They cannot, nor can we.

We glimpse that moment in a hospital room as we sit with two people who have just heard the worst news of their lives and watch the patient reach out to assure the companion, the healthy one, that all will be well. We glimpse that moment when the evening news reflects nothing but chaos, and then there is one story of a person's graceful act of healing a broken world by caring for another person the world would rather forget. These are the moments when people begin to understand that where there is suffering, there is Holy Ground. These are the moments when we realise God is present in suffering and sacrifice, just as God is present in the promise and potential of our lives.

This moment of transfiguration is just such a moment. On one hand, the transfiguration affirms Jesus' divinity; on the other, it begins to give the disciples eyes to see God's light in the chaos to come: death, loss, fear and resurrection. The challenge to the disciples is to live in a world without Jesus' bodily presence. The transfiguration anticipates this challenge, inviting us to live in "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ". As that light shines in our heart, the incarnate God is made real in our daily lives. God prepares people in the transcendent encounter of our lives to endure the world below, the world of the cross, the world that has the ability to break us and yet is never beyond God's redemption.

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Pope's Intention for the Month of August

For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.


RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

 Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Upcoming Feast Days

7th August - St Sixtus II, St Cajetan

8th August - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10th August - St Lawrence

11th August - St Clare

12th August - St Jane Frances de Chantal



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.

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 Holy Day of Obligation. There will be only **ONE** Mass at 9.15am here at St Bernadette's.

SRE MEETING

Our next meeting for SREs (Special Religious Educators) will be on Friday 11th August at 12:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. If you are interested in joining this Ministry in our Parish, please feel free to come along to this meeting or contact Joel either via the Parish Office or at joel.agius@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

This Ministry is in need of more volunteers. It is incredibly important and rewarding. We'd love to have you on board.

WELCOME

We especially welcome to our Christian faith community: Oscar Lawrence & Mac Zaw. They will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and family.

May you have a joyous and blessed day.

VINNIES PANTRY

During the month of August, you are invited to donate **one of either Men's Handkerchiefs, Socks or Shaving needs** to give the men who are struggling a small Father's Day gift.

Thank you for your continued support.

Seniors Meeting

The next Seniors Meeting will be held in the Hall next Thursday 10th of August at 9:45AM.

All welcome.

Volunteers Needed

Our Parish is looking for more volunteers. We currently need more volunteers in the following Ministries:

- Cleaners: Clean the Church on one Saturday of the month
- Readers to read at the Sunday morning Masses (We currently have enough Readers for the Saturday Vigil Mass)
- Altar Servers: Young people can join this Ministry after receiving their First Holy Communion. Training will be provided.
- Welcomers
- CD Operators for the Saturday Vigil Mass and 8:30am Sunday Mass

If you are interested in joining one of these Ministries, please contact the Parish Office on 9672 4037 or email liturgy@stbernadetteslalorpark.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.

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

THANK YOU

Many thanks to so many parishioners who signed a card of congratulations for my 60th Ordination Anniversary. Also for your gracious gift.

I don't feel any different.

Fr. Ed Kenny.

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/>

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.

Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5 September

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

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.

Castle Hill Parish an Evening of Sacred Music: 25 August

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25 August at 7:30pm. The event will be a night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJISM>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au

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: Vicko Perkov

Anniversary: Joseph McKenzie

Deceased: 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:

12th & 13th AUGUST

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz		Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison
Minister at the Altar	Fernando Gallegos	Alexander De Vega	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Ella Martinez © 1 Albert Agius © 2 Tina Uri ©	Matthew Kenyon © 1 Michele Brohier © 2 Sue Gilmore ©	Josephine Baracz © 1 Jem Dalay © 2 Thelma Islip ©
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Catherine Peregrina	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Wendy Walsh	Rosa Watson
Music	Magnificat Choir	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Couples for Christ / Nick Soon		