

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.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

27 AUGUST 2023

Peter, the rock!

St. Peter can be rated as one of the most interesting characters in the gospel. In many ways it's amazing that Christ selected him as the leader of the church because his contemporaries would not be impressed by his personality. By human reckoning he was a disastrous choice and should never have been appointed. While he was brave, on many occasions he showed complete cowardice.

Yet on the road to Caesarea Philippi Jesus appointed him as leader of the Christian community. His call to lead was a most important step in the development of the church. Christ had confidence in him with a mission which was crucial for the continuation of his work. His choice of Peter as head of the church is an example of the power of God at work - using the weak things of this world to confound the strong. Before his encounter with Christ, Peter's life had little meaning.

It is a source of great comfort that God has invited us to be members of his church built upon the rock of Peter. People of every age listen attentively to the leaders of the church because of the promise Jesus made to Peter - the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. There's a very human aspect to Peter's life story to which we can easily relate. His weakness and betrayal are commonplace in our own lives. However, his deep-seated trust in the person of Christ more than compensates for any failure as will a similar trust on our part.

The response of Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God is an inspiring declaration of faith. The question of Jesus as to 'who do you say I am?' confronts us daily. Being Christian commits us to live in a particular manner and involves having moral standards which differ from so many in society. One thing is certain - a neutral stance to Christ's vision of life is not possible, because to follow him is to live decisively and to take an active responsibility for our behaviour.

With Peace in God's mission

Fr. Clifford msfs

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: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Upcoming Feast Days

28th August - St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

29th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist

3rd September - St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Fr Ed's Pilgrimage

Fr Ed will be going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy from Tuesday 5th September.

We wish him a safe and blessed journey and look forward to his safe return on 23rd September.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS AND MASS

Please note that, beginning September, there will be a slight change with the Wednesday devotions which begin at **6:30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Rosary and the novena prayers to St Bernadette, and Holy Mass thereafter at **7pm** and not 7:30pm.

Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information:

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

Catholic Foundation Father's Day Appeal

NEXT WEEKEND, our parish is proud to support the Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Your gifts will support our retired clergy and those who are in ill-health.

Your donations will enable our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team to provide our ageing clergy with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Ongoing assistance includes independent retirement living, aged care, or nursing home accommodation for frail priests; meals, transport and medical care as needed.

Please care for those who have cared for you and give generously via the giving envelopes and place them in the **third collection basket** for the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, Let us keep our retired priests in our prayers, just as they keep us in theirs. Thank you.



VINNIES PANTRY

During the month of September, you are invited to donate **1 of the following: Coffee, Biscuits, or Breakfast Cereal** to help with food parcels for the needy.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

SREs Needed

If you are interested in joining this Ministry in our Parish, please feel free to 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.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, *'Let Justice and Peace Flow'*. It starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact our Peace, Justice and Ecology team via met@parracatholic.org

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/>

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.

Nominations open for Papal, Civil and Diocesan Awards

From today until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit parracatholic.org/awards. The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

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

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.

World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration: 16 September

You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm – 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Rydalmere Parish Perpetual Adoration Chapel now open

Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, has a new Adoration Chapel that is open to the public 24/7 located at 4 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere. Fr Chadi welcomes everyone to the Chapel. For after-hours access please contact the Parish Office or Blake on (02) 9684 1541 or admin@holymary.org.au

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 @ 7:00pm

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:

Gerard Leslie, Mick Toomey, Dean McDonald, 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, 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:

Anniversary: Lila Heard, Antonio & Dinko Desanti, Dominic Zec

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:

2nd & 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz	Jess Barbin	Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison
Minister at the Altar	Rey Baterna	Alexander De Vega	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Lissa Carter @ 1 Michael Muranty @ 2 Ella Martinez @	Michele Brohier @ 1 Alex De Vega @ 2 Lynne Tolhurst @	Karina Marafioti @ 1 Jenny Agius @ 2 Jem Dalay @
Eucharistic Minister	Jessica Anderson	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Wendy Walsh	Rosa Watson
Music	Mordini Family	Parish Choir	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Michelle Brohier		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Bing Money / Ricardo Serrado / Michael Muranty		