

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.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

10 SEPTEMBER 2023

Builders of Peace

There is no living together without misunderstandings, differences of opinions, actions, and behaviours. The gospel brings us the delicate question of counselling those adults in the community who do wrong and go astray. Yes, correction is seldom welcome and those who need it most always like it the least. This is a matter in which great caution must be exercised because a wrong word or undue interference can cause far more damage than the original fault. Correction is never easy and can be embarrassing as it may carry with it the risk of losing a long-established friendship.

Normally, silence is golden but there are occasions when failure to speak out is to condone an evil practice. Like it or not, situations arise where failure to get involved is not an act of love but cowardice or indifference. At those specific moments, what we should say should be expressed in a spirit of charity and not to find fault or belittling or humiliating the other. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. If we are to convey a genuine concern, a little honest dialogue can often clear the air and change the situation for the better. It is worth remembering that none of us is perfect, so when we point out the faults of others, we should be prepared to hear about our own. It is wise to settle the matter and be reconciled. Harsh words and an aggressive attitude have no place in a Christian community.

Christ himself emphasized the importance of being reconciled with our brothers and sisters when he suggests that we need to recall that we need to make peace with our neighbour first, before offering our gifts at the altar. The challenge is how many of us take these words of Jesus to heart?

With Peace in God's mission

Fr. Clifford msfs

Pope's Intention for the Month of September

For those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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

Dear Parishioners,
Thank you so much for your generous support of our Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. 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.

For those who haven't had a chance to support our retired clergy, please complete the giving envelope and place your gift in the receptacle provided at the back of the Church. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and will be receipted.

Your generous gift provides personalised and compassionate care when our priests need it most. Thank you.

Upcoming Feast Days

12th September - The Most Holy Name of Mary

13th September - St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

14th September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

16th September - Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

17th September - St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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: Clark Cresswell, Mac Zaw, and Anna & Lara McClintock. 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 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.

Seniors Meeting

The next Seniors Meeting will be held next Thursday 14th September at 9:45am in the Hall. We have a bus to NSW University on Thursday 28th September. Members wishing to go please bring \$20 in an envelope to the meeting.

All Welcome.

Saturday Evening Adoration

A reminder that each Saturday evening from 4:30pm-5:30pm our Parish provides the opportunity for you to come and spend time with Jesus in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith in which Jesus Christ is Truly Present. We should do our best to give up even a little of our time to adore Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist so that we can make every effort to deepen our faith. It would be great to see more people attending Adoration, especially on Saturday afternoons.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available at this time. I encourage everyone to foster a great devotion to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in their lives.

Soul Sisters

The Soul Sisters women's group will be meeting again for coffee and a chat on Monday 18th September at 8pm. Kindly hosted by Jenny Agius, at 13 Andaman Street, Kings Park. All women over 18 are very welcome to join us!

SREs Needed

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

We currently teach for half-hour periods on the following days:

Tuesdays at Lynwood Park Public School and Kings Langley Public School

Wednesdays at Lalor Park Public School

Thursdays at Seven Hills West Public School

Training is provided for all new SREs.

For more information or 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

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



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:

Dean McDonald, Baby Walsh, Gerard Leslie, Mick Toomey, 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: Maureen Reed, Nora Bateman, Peter Sultana.

Anniversary: Livia & Sam Kaider

Deceased: Abigail DeVega, Frank & Maria, 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:

16th & 17th SEPTEMBER

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz		Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Jess Barbin
Minister at the Altar	Zaldy Pamintuan	Fernando Gallegos	Rey Rillera
Minister of the Word	Albert Agius @ 1 David Smyth @ 2 Kim McDonald @	Matthew Kenyon @ 1 Lynne Tolhurst @ 2 Sue Gilmore @	Volunteer Required @ 1 Perla Billedo @ 2 Josephine Baracz @
Eucharistic Minister	Bev Baxter	Helen Gonzales	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Louise Bruni	Rosa Watson
Music	Couples for Christ	St Francis Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Amabel Keelty		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Jenny Agius / Sue Gilmore / Saydie Chakty		