

## 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.

**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**8 OCTOBER 2023**

### The Fruitless Vineyard

In our life experience we experience sadness when we have done everything, we possibly could to help our loved ones but met with nothing but ingratitude. In the parable of the master who leased his vineyard to other farmers but in return receives nothing but pain and rejection. (Mt.21: 23-33) The parable is trying to tell us how God feels towards his people. In spite of all the love he has shown them, all he gets in return is utter ingratitude.

Now what sort of fruits did God expect from his people? We are not talking about grapes! We are talking about right living. Which of us would make so bold as to claim that we had made a full and adequate response to God's love, shown in and through Christ? Though God is loving to the point of foolishness, he does want to see a response from us, not for his own sake, but for ours. He wants to see us make use of the gifts and opportunities he has given us so that we can grow as his children. Our response must be free and given out of love.

Now is the time to start making a response. There is no point in waiting till the harvest time. That will be too late. Our response must be summed up like this: God wants us to live as Jesus his Son lived. Just as it takes many vines and many branches to make a vineyard, so also is a Christian community. This is the vineyard that Christ planted and tended with such care that he gave his life for it. He looks to his vineyard to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. The vineyard can't be fruitful unless the individual vines are fruitful.

Someone has rightly said that the only thing in the long run is the meagre work of every day.

With Peace in God's mission  
Fr. Clifford msfs

### Pope's Intention for the Month of October

For the Synod - We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent



his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

## 2023 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

HEARTS ON FIRE ..... FEET ON THE MOVE



**This weekend** we invite you to contribute to the missionary movement, as Pope Francis has called us to, by accepting the invitation to partner with the Salesian Sisters and Church in Timor-Leste as they provide life-changing health care and foster autonomy for families in need in rural communities.

### No Morning Mass Next Saturday

Please note that, due to the Synod taking place from 12-15 October, there will be no morning Mass and Confessions next Saturday 14th October.

### Daily Mass Book 2024

If you would like a copy of the 2024 Daily Mass Book ordered on your behalf at a cost of \$26, please record your name and phone number on the clipboard located at the back of the church. For more information, please refer to the notice displayed at the back of the church."

### Exploring the Catholic Faith (RCIA)

Has anyone spoken to you or do you know of any non Christian or non Catholic who wants know the catholic faith and who lives within the local area? If so, please see me and we can further the interest of the person/s by inviting them to our parish community and initiate them into the teaching and practices of the Catholic church. Fr. Clifford.

### Upcoming Feast Days

9th October - St Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs and St John Leonardi, Priest

11th October - St John XXIII, Pope

14th October - St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

15th October - St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin 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](mailto: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.

## **VINNIES PANTRY**

During the month of October, you are invited to donate **1 of the following items: Christmas Biscuits, Sweets, Nuts, Christmas Cake or Pudding** to help St Vincent De Paul with their Christmas Hampers to help the needy. Thank you for your continued support.

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### **Seniors Meeting**

The next Seniors Meeting will be held next Thursday at 9:45am in the Parish Hall.  
All Welcome.

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### **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.

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### **World Rosary Hour**



Friday 13th October is the 106th Anniversary of The Miracle of The Sun, which occurred on this day in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

As per Our Lady of Fatima's request of prayer, penance and devotion to her Immaculate Heart, all are encouraged to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries at 3pm on this day. For more information, go to [worldrosaryhour.com](http://worldrosaryhour.com)

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### **A special Healing Mass with guest, Fr John Iacono C.S at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, Friday 13 October**

Everyone, of all ages, are welcome and invited to receive the healing power of God. There will be confession, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, a candlelight procession, documentary of the life of Fr. John, and the celebration of Holy Mass. Clergy who wish to concelebrate the Mass are asked to bring white vestments.

For attendance purposes, if you could kindly RSVP to [admin@holymary.org.au](mailto:admin@holymary.org.au), that would be greatly appreciated.

## **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](mailto:joel.agius@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

Pamphlets with further information are also available at the back of the Church.

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## **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](mailto:liturgy@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)



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### **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.

## Diocesan Food Drives

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at [parracatholic.org/fooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing [james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.atanasious@parracatholic.org)

## Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.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:

Mabel Green, 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:** Emmanuel Rafalo, Maureen Patrick

**Anniversary:** Raymond Saab

**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:

14th & 15th OCTOBER 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz		Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Jess Barbin
Minister at the Altar	Zaldy Pamintuan	Alexander De Vega	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Kim McDonald ☺ 1 Ella Martirez ☺ 2 David Smyth ☺	Lynne Tolhurst ☺ 1 Sue Gilmore ☺ 2 Michele Brohier ☺	Eva Narajos ☺ 1 Perla Billedo ☺ 2 Thelma Islip ☺
Eucharistic Minister	Ella Martirez	Helen Gonzales	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Wendy Walsh	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 / Couples for Christ / Nick Soon		