

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.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15 OCTOBER 2023

Invitation to the Heavenly Banquet

I am sure we have been invited to a wedding banquet. There is a great atmosphere of speeches and toasts, music and dancing, food and drinks. We interact with the hosts and other guests. The message of the parable of the wedding guests in the gospel of Mathew 22: 1-14, speaks of eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. While God opens wide the doors of heaven and invites everyone, yet entrance is by no means automatic and should not be taken for granted. It is not easy as that, for we have got to work our passage and prove ourselves worthy of the invitation. Furthermore, there is no room for complacency because membership of the church does not guarantee salvation.

Our invitation to God's kingdom was issued for the first time as we wore our christening robe as the priest announced that we were clothed in Christ. Yet baptism was only the beginning of that call to spend our lives like Christ. We are invited everyday to follow the Lord more closely and our response is the work of a lifetime. We will be mistaken if we think that because we are baptized and are regular church goers that we have done enough. As we go about our daily struggle of making ends meet it is so easy to leave God out of the picture.

This gospel parable should cause us to pause and think about the wonderful promising future that is within our reach. Let us then put on the robe of integrity, faithfulness, care, and compassion at all times and disrobe ourselves of pride, selfishness, hatred and anger. In this way we are always ready to walk into the halls of the heavenly banquet when we are invited and savor the goodness of the Lord.

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.

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 to 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 initiating them into the teaching and practices of the Catholic church. Fr. Clifford.

Upcoming Feast Days

16th October - St Hedwig, Religious and St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

18th October - St Luke, Evangelist

19th October - Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs and St Paul of the Cross, Priest

22nd October - St John Paul II, Pope

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This is due to the fact that on October 7th the Church also celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary". This feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7th of that year. Prior to the decisive battle, St. Pius V requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

We are all encouraged to pray the Rosary this month as Our Blessed Mother requested of us in her apparitions to the children of Fatima in 1917.



Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:



‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have

been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.

Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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: Siya Rashid-Ring. She will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and family.

May you have a joyous and blessed day.

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.

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.



Diocesan Synod: Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, during the time of the Diocesan Synod (13 to 15 October) – devoutly visit the church in which the Synod is being held, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and there recite one Our Father and the Creed (Nicene or Apostles'). In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met. For more information about plenary indulgences, please visit <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgw.php>

Positions Vacant:

Communications Manager – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

FAREWELL MRS STEVENS

Mrs Val Stevens, former Office Secretary of St Bernadette's Primary School passed away on Sunday October 8. Mrs Stevens had been the Office Secretary of St Bernadette's Primary School Office for over 25 years resigning in 2014. Her funeral will be held at OLOR Kellyville on Thursday October 19 at 11am



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

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

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.

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 or emailing 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

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: Val Stevens, 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:

21st & 22nd OCTOBER 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald	Noah Bonello	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo
Minister at the Altar	Francis Sultana	Jose (Mari) Tomas	Fernando Gallegos
Minister of the Word	Joel Agius @ 1 Raia Uri @ 2 Jessie Pranadjaja @	Matthew Kenyon @ 1 Carmen Bonello @ 2 Ana Vlatko @	Jem Dalay @ 1 Josephine Baracz @ 2 Kate Fardouly @
Eucharistic Minister	Bernadette Nolan	Catherine Peregrina	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Agius Family	Jan Weaver	Cindy Astillo
Music	Magnificat Choir	CDs - Eva Narajos	Parish Choir
Flowers	Myrna Baterna		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Jenny Agius / Sue Gilmore / Saydie Chakty		