

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.

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22 OCTOBER 2023

God and Caesar

In our conversation circles we say that two things cannot be avoided ie taxes and death. When Jesus says, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God', he challenges his critics to take their responsibility to God as seriously as their obligations to the state. While God and Caesar each have claim over us, neither allegiance should cancel out the other. The gospel reminds us that we are members of God's kingdom and citizens of a country, with obligations to both. As Christians we are not only members of the church but also members of society. Tensions can exist between our loyalty to God and our duty to our country especially when political questions touch upon faith and morality.

It is said that religion and politics should not be mixed but when crucial issues of conscience occasionally emerge, they seem to overlap. In these instances, we must put God and his laws first even if it brings us into conflict with the state. Abortion and care unto the end of life are examples. We are obliged to bring the gospel of Jesus into every aspect of our life. Loyalty to the general laws of the country need not contradict our obedience to God. A good Christian, by keeping his thoughts on heaven while having his feet firmly planted on earth, can love God and country and be faithful to both. Every person must show a proper interest in the well-being of society.

Every Christian is called to be a prophetic voice in an imperfect world. We need to respect the laws of the land and play our part in creating peace and concord in society and at the same time to be mindful of the commandments of God and act according to his will.

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: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21



The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

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. This is the final week for you to put your name down for one of these books. 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

23rd October - St John of Capistrano, Priest

24th October - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

28th October - Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

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.

All Souls Day

All Souls’ Day, also called *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed on 2 November. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate the poor souls in purgatory and gain them indulgences.

Masses will be celebrated for your dearly departed on 2 November at 9.15 and 7 pm. November Mass Offering envelopes are placed in the church. You may place the Mass offerings in a box which will be placed in front of the altar and celebrated through the month.

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.

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Come and pray and spend quiet time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament before mass on weekdays and on Saturday before the vigil mass. Please note, every Saturday beginning Saturday 4th Nov. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the chapel from 4.30 until 5.30pm.



Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 29 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: 17 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

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.agnus@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

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace

Pope Francis has announced that Friday 27th October will be a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Israel. On this day all Catholics are invited to join in by praying, doing penance, and/or fasting. It is not a day of obligation, but you are welcome to take part in some way, even if it is just a prayer for the war and violence to end. You may even like to pray the Rosary for this intention.

Please keep the people affected by the war in your prayers.

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

Anniversary: Stephen Baxter

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:

28th & 29th OCTOBER 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz		Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Jess Barbin
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martinez	Mario Spiteri	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Wendy Hord @ 1 Minda Vuleta @ 2 Michael Hord @	Alex De Vega @ 1 Michelle Brohier @ 2 Lynne Tolhurst @	Thelma Islip @ 1 Karina Marafioti @ 2 Jenny Agius @
Eucharistic Minister	Jessica Anderson	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Volunteer Required
Music	CDs - Rodrigo Medina	CDs - Judith Pineda	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Dennis & Helen Gonzales / Ria Rillera / Chloe Stevens		