

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - YEAR A

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

The feast of Christ the King brings the church's year to a close and with it comes a reminder that the cycle of our own lives on earth will also reach its completion. The end of the year is reviewing time and invites us with opportunities to take stock of our life as members of God's household. The gospel points out very forcibly that admission into our eternal home depends on the effort we make to aid and comfort the needy. We will be assured of a place in Christ's kingdom only if we treat others as Christ treats them. The gospel presents us with the stark choice of being for or against Christ. There is no in-between.

The church emphasizes that we turn our lives and hearts to Christ and his teachings otherwise we run the danger of being rejected. God is going to judge us on the works of mercy we perform in response to human need. One thing is certain that there will be no excuses accepted on the last day. Christ will not be deceived by appearances. He will look at nothing but the human heart, so all pretenses will be wiped away, all falsehood exposed and our real selves will be brought to light. In short, we will be recognized as his friends or disowned as strangers.

As stewards of God's creation, Christianity lays great stress on involvement in the community. Jesus still walks on this earth in the guise of our neighbour who is suffering and in need. Often a word of encouragement, a little recognition or a friendly smile can mean a lot more to the poor than food, clothing or shelter, as they carry the warmth of acceptance and make them feel valued. Christ becomes real to the people around us only in so far as we reach out and show concern for their welfare and commit ourselves to fostering their dignity. Whatever good or evil we do to others is done to him. Christ lives in our hearts and in the world around us when we give our time, energy and love in performing practical acts of charity.

With Peace in God's mission

Fr. Clifford msfs

Pope's Intention for the Month of November

For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



2024 Columban Calendar

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now on sale in the Piety Store at \$19 each.

INVITATION TO REUNION

Dear parents of children who were confirmed, received First Communion or made First Reconciliation,

We would be very happy to have your children all attend the 10:00am Mass together on Sunday December 3.

Light refreshments after Mass.

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

30th November - St Andrew, Apostle

3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest

November - Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This is traditionally a time when we remember those who have died. We are invited to pray for our deceased loved ones and visit them where they have been laid to rest. This is also a time when we pray especially for the souls in purgatory who have not yet attained the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and 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/>

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 November, you are invited to donate **any one of the following items: Long Life Custard, Chips, Nuts, Drinks or any other Christmas food item of your choice.**



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the St Vincent De Paul (Vinnies) through the Pantry or The Poor Box throughout the year.

St Vincent De Paul

The St Vincent De Paul wishes to acknowledge 3 generous donations in the Poor Box over the last few weeks and a very generous donation last weekend.
Thank you all.

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 November the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the chapel from 4.30 until 5.30pm.

Craft Stall

The Parish Craft Group will be having a craft stall at the School Market Day on Friday 1st December in front of the Hall on Wheeler St, starting at 3:30pm.



Come along and bring your cash and do your Christmas shopping. All beautiful handmade gifts by ladies from our Parish.

Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit

www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

60th Year of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Commemorative Mass: 4 December

Bishop Vincent invites all to join him in a commemorative Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to 0460 037 795 or Hannah Portelli hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend our Parish is proud to support the Bishop's Christmas Appeal raising funds for our Catholic Care chaplaincy services. Our 15 chaplains provide the gifts of presence, faith, and spiritual guidance to people facing their darkest days.

Your Christmas gift will help our chaplains to bring faith, hope, and comfort to people who are isolated and lonely in hospitals and prisons.

Your kindness will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people suffering and in distress. Please give generously via the giving envelopes and place them in the basket provided for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal next weekend.

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 the 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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

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:

Baby Maximilian Epondulan, Bruce Flemming, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Dean McDonald, Baby Walsh, Gerard Leslie, Mick Toomey, Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, Rachel Surdich, Laura Vecchiet, 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: John Inskip, Maureen Patrick

Anniversary:

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 DECEMBER 2023

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Flora Madeni	Jess Barbin Alyssa Barbin Patrick Vlatko	Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Lachlan Money
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martirez	Rey Baterna	Reymund Rillera
Minister of the Word	Minda Vuleta @ 1 Michael Muranty @ 2 Lissa Carter @	Michele Brohier @ 1 Carmen Bonello @ 2 Ana Vlatko @	Karina Marafioti @ 1 Jenny Agius @ 2 Jem Dalay @
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Sue Gilmore	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Agius Family	Jan Weaver	Rosa Watson
Music	Mordini Family	Parish Choir	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Michele Brohier		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Bing Money / Ricardo Serrado / Michael Muranty		