

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.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

14 JANUARY 2024

Come and See

The story of God calling Samuel by name is almost magical. There is a magical picture of the boy lying asleep in the dark behind the sanctuary, where only one light remains glowing. He is awakened by a mysterious voice calling him by name. It is Eli the priest who understands that it is the voice of the Lord, he is hearing and directs him how to reply. With a simplicity of a child and in an unquestionable obedience and total willingness to serve, Samuel replies, 'speak Lord your servant is listening.'

The story of Samuel is our story too. He stands for all of us- people with little significance, the small print of life. We may not be important in the eyes of society but none of us is ever ignored by God. We are always in his mind and forever in his care. God is constantly calling us into a relationship with him. When we were baptized, our ears were symbolically opened to hear his call. In our noisy ranting world, there is a danger of God's voice being drowned out and not heard. That is why it is important to have a quiet and peaceful corner to develop pockets of silence, to be alone with God and listen to his voice, calling us and directing us along his pathway. We tend to talk too much and listen too little.

The gospel (John 1:35-42) is about the call of Andrew and how the disciples stood and stared as Christ passed by. Jesus is forever passing by and his invitation is straightforward and open-ended. He is constantly asking of us what we want out of life. If we wish to discover where he lives, he throws his life open for inspection under many different disguises. He invites us to come and see him, homeless and hungry sleeping on pavements and bus shelters, in the wet and cold and in hospitals.

God's call is an on-going affair and often reaches us through the plight of our neighbour. It takes courage to open our hearts and answer the call. Let us heed his invitation 'Come and See' and humbly say 'Here I am Lord, I come to do your will'.

With Peace in God's mission
Fr Clifford msfs

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said, was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

For our deceased brothers and sisters:

Bruce Flemming, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Dean McDonald, Baby Walsh, Gerard Leslie, Mick Toomey, Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, 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.

Recently deceased: Baby Maximilian Epondulan

Anniversary: Caina Russell, Malcolm Speers

Deceased: Norman Hanson, 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.

Mass Times:

Weekday Masses until 27th January - 8:15am with 7:30am Exposition
No Mass on Mondays or Wednesday Evenings

Please Note:

The Parish Office will reopen this Wednesday 17th January.

Upcoming Feast Days

17th January - St Anthony, Abbot

20th January - St Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr

21st January - St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

20th & 21st JANUARY 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Flora Madeni		Jess Barbin Alyssa Barbin
Minister at the Altar	Joel Agius	Rey Baterna	Reymund Rillera
Minister of the Word	Wendy Hord @ 1 Minda Vuleta @ 2 Michael Hord ©	Lynne Tolhurst @ 1 Michele Brohier @ 2 Matthew Kenyon ©	Jem Dalay @ 1 Karina Marafioti @ 2 Josephine Baracz ©
Eucharistic Minister	Bernadette Nolan	Catherine Peregrina	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Rosa Watson
Music	Couples for Christ	CDs - Sue Gilmore	CDs - Eva Narajos
Flowers	Amabel Keelty		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Jenny Agius / Sue Gilmore / Saydie Chakty / Margaret Smith		