

## 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.

**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**21 JANUARY 2024**

### The Call to Repentance

The prophet Jonah and Mathew in his first chapter, both highlight the theme of repentance. Jonah, a reluctant Jewish prophet, was sent to preach repentance to the Ninevites, the sworn enemies of Israel. He is not enthusiastic for the job, and he dislikes God for squandering his mercy on the non-Jews. He prefers to see the city of Nineveh destroyed rather than its people converted, but God thought otherwise. These people are important to him and worth calling to repentance. To Jonah's intense annoyance, when he preached, the people mended their ways, and their city was spared. God's call to repentance is based on love and respect for us. It's an affirmation of our basic worth and pre-supposes that we are valuable. Unless we are gripped by that feeling of being worthwhile of God's love, we miss the point of the gospel's call to repentance.

The apostles responded the call of Jesus because they realised that something better was on offer. They sensed that Jesus was inviting them to a higher way of life, and they saw themselves, not as they were, but as they could be. To such an invitation there could only be one response: to repent and believe the Good News. Repentance is not as easy as it appears. There is more to it than saying extra prayers, doing a stint of fasting and being sorry for past sins. The gospel gives us a picture of what is involved in the process. Leaving our nets and disentangling ourselves from worldly pursuits to follow Jesus is not a one-off decision. It is an ongoing battle and challenge of a lifetime. We must constantly reassess our behaviour in the light of the gospel, and if need be, make a fresh start. There are no half measures in following Christ.

We need to repent and change our ways like the Ninevites. The story of Jonah speaks to us of our own closed minds and hardened attitudes. Through repentance, hatred and prejudice can be rooted out and shows us the path of tolerance. Deep down we know that we are not yet the people God is calling us to be. The good news is that God's loving mercy is available to all who repent, whoever they are, wherever they live and whatever they have done. By choosing to repent we change our lives.

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:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
'The world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**  
Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20



After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at

hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

## Mass Times:

Weekday Masses until 27th January - 8:15am with 7:30am Exposition

## Australia Day



Mass will be held at 9:15am on Australia Day, Friday 26th January.

## Upcoming Feast Days

22nd January - St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

24th January - St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

25th January - The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

26th January - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

## Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6th February 2024 to [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

### 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.

## Seniors Group

St Bernadette's Seniors are holding 25 years Anniversary on Thursday 22nd February at Vanilla Cream Café, 233 Annangrove Rd, Amaroo Park. For more information, please contact Jan Weaver 0488 962 459, or Pat Bisby 0427 536 297.  
All welcome.

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## Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik: 12 February

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12 February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

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## Music for Lent Workshop: 12 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Monday 12 February 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) by 5 February 2024.

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## MET FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course: Tuesday Evenings 13, 20, 27 February

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Wanting expert guidance on interpreting Scripture for life & faith? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 13, 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=faihlife> OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## 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](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to enrol: [www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry](http://www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry)

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## Adult Faith Formation opportunities in 2024

- Preparing for marriage or know couples who are?
- Looking to learn more about the Bible, spirituality, theology or practical skills for ministry?

Searching for encouragement and growth by listening to life & faith stories from adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s?

View and share a copy of the 2024 adult faith formation calendar (link: <https://shorturl.at/grLV3>) OR get in touch with the team to learn about more formation opportunities via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

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## NEW Diocesan website launched

The new [parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org) website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

### 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](http://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing

[james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Bruce Flemming, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Dean McDonald, Baby Walsh, Gerard Leslie, Mick Toomey, Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, 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:** Laura Vecchiet

**Anniversary:** Dominic Surdich

**Deceased:** Jose Egidio Da Silva, Dominica Zec, Denny Reyes-Spichter, 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.

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

### 27th & 28th JANUARY 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Bianca Whittaker	Noah Bonello Charlotte Bonello Patrick Vlatko	Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Lachlan Money
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martinez	Alexander De Vega	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Joel Agius @ 1 Raia Uri @ 2 Jessie Pranadjaja @	Ana Vlatko @ 1 Michele Brohier @ 2 Carmen Bonello @	Perla Billedo @ 1 Eva Narajos @ 2 Volunteer Required @
Eucharistic Minister	Jessica Anderson	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Agius Family	Wendy Walsh	Volunteer Required
Music		CDs - Amale Hourani	
Flowers	Myrna Baterna		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Dennis & Helen Gonzales / Ria Rillera / Chloe Stevens		