

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.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

24 DECEMBER 2023

Mary- the Handmaid of the Lord

Christmas is almost upon us, and, on this fourth Sunday of Advent, our thoughts turn to Mary, who is the model of listening and waiting for the Lord to come. As she pondered in her mind what the angel's greeting could mean she came only gradually to understand the message and mystery of Christmas. God not only wants to become one of us, but his reason in doing so is that he wants us to become like him.

In listening to the word of God, Mary shows us an aspect of our Christian life which is of special importance. To be a Christian is to be a person who keeps their ears open to what God is calling them to do and like Mary at the time of the Annunciation, answer that call. Let us ask Mary to help us have her attitude of listening and responding to God's call so that we can be ready and willing to bring Christ into our world as she was.

Mary brought Christ to birth in a stable and she want us to bring him to birth in our hearts. God did not keep Mary out of Christmas- neither must we.

With Peace in God's mission
Fr Clifford msfs

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disabilities.

We pray that people living with disabilities maybe at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December:

6pm Children's Mass

8:30pm

Sunday 25th December:

Midnight Mass (preceded by 11:30pm Carols)

9am

Weekday Mass Times After Christmas

Tuesday 26th December - No Mass

Wednesday 27th December - No Mass

Thursday 28th December through to Saturday 27th January - 8:15am with Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30am.

1st January - New Year's Day Mass at 9:15am.

Please note that the Wednesday Mass is in the morning at 8:15am instead of 7pm. There will be NO Mass on Mondays or Wednesday evenings.

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down from the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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:

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.

Please Note:

Monday 1st January - New Year's Day Mass at 9:15am

The Parish Office will be closed over Christmas. It will reopen on Wednesday 17th January 2024.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Thank You

I wish to thank and appreciate all the volunteers in the parish for your cheerful availability to the various ministries as you willingly share your time, talents, treasure and goodwill to reach out to the parish community. I also appreciate you dear parishioners for your constant support and participation to worship at mass on weekdays and weekends.

Amid the hustle and bustle of the festivities may you find the Baby Jesus, the Prince of Peace. To you a dear parishioner, and your families and dear ones, blessings of joy and peace. Have a great family time and enjoy the holidays season.

A Happy Christmas and all God's blessings in the New Year!

From the office staff, Fr. Ed Kenny and Fr. Clifford.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

30th & 31st JANUARY 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Flora Madeni	Noah Bonello Charlotte Bonello Patrick Vlatko	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Francis Sultana	Fernando Gallegos	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Lissa Carter © 1 Michael Hord © 2 Wendy Hord ©	Carmen Bonello © 1 Ana Vlatko © 2 Lynne Tolhurst ©	Josephine Baracz © 1 Kate Fardouly © 2 Eva Narajos ©
Eucharistic Minister	Joanne Digwood	Catherine Peregrina	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Louise Bruni	Cindy Astillo
Music	CDs - Tony Walsh	CDs - Eva Narajos	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Kevin Sloane & Frank Rowland		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson /		