

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)

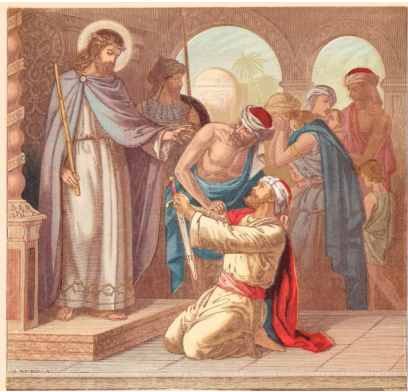
ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

11 FEBRUARY 2024

Jesus the Healer



The gospel story of this weekend is about Jesus who moved with compassion, heals a leper. He is not afraid to reach out and touch the infected man. This is only one of the many personal encounters between Jesus and the sick people, where his compassion is so evident. It says something profound about the healer, as a font of mercy, and gives us an insight into God's caring approach to physical and spiritual sickness. Spiritual leprosy is a reality in every age. It's a sickness of the soul which cuts us off from God and is

much more serious because it remains invisible and goes unnoticed for a much longer time. However, the good news is that Jesus also stretches out his healing hand to bind up the wounds of all our sins.

It's a day to be mindful in our prayers for the people who are victims of diseases especially infectious in nature. Such people can be forgotten and ignored and left aside. What is often forgotten is that they are still people. Anyone who makes self-righteous statements such as 'serves them right' does not have the heart and mind of Christ.

By the very nature of our discipleship, the Lord sends us out to heal, reconcile and love unconditionally. God's power is in its kindness which reaches hearts in ways beyond explaining. While we might feel the pangs of moral outrage at the treatment received by lepers in the time of Christ, if the need arose could we be counted upon to bring healing and compassion to those struck by a dreaded disease?

With Peace in God's mission

Fr Clifford msfs

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY - For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Upcoming Feast Days

14th February - Ash Wednesday

17th February - Commemoration of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

on the 60th Wedding Anniversary
of Brennen and Lorraine Muller
this Sunday 11th February.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown this coming February.

Monday 12 February (10am – 1.30pm) –
Modules 4-5: Renewal Safeguarding
Training is for those in Parish Ministry who commenced Cycle 1 Training two years ago.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 25 February

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, on Sunday 25 February for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Laura on laura@stbernadette.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 Happy New Year to All!

During the month of February you are asked to donate 1 of the following: **School Snacks (PLEASE NO STATIONERY ITEMS)** or **a small jar of Coffee or a Packet of Breakfast Cereal**. Thank you.

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.

Non-members are invited to attend.

All welcome.

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=faithlife> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

NEW Diocesan website launched

The new 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!

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 as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and/or 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 enrol: www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February
Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project\[1\]compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project[1]compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

LENT 2024

Lent commences on Feb 14 with Ash Wednesday Blessing and imposition of Ashes at the 9:15 am and 7:00pm Masses. It is a day of prayer and fasting.

Celebrating Holy Week: Formation for Ministers of the Altar: 9 March

The Office for Worship presents 'Celebrating Holy Week' – a workshop for current Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar presented by Chris Ohlsen. It will be held on Saturday 9 March from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To register or for more information, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call (02) 8838 3456 by 5 March 2024.

MET The FaithFeed: 15 March

Interested in live music + curious conversations + life & faith stories from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday 15 March 2024 – Doors open 7PM w/ live music for 7:30PM. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

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 sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Jim Buckley, Garth Warne, Bruce Flemming, Joe B, Joshua Sessions, 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: Fr Kevin Bates SM, David Kitney

Anniversary: Fr. Tim Crowley, Bruce McDonald, Fay Roch

Deceased: Lino Delulia, Maria Micelotta, Elipidia Morcilla Lauzon, Ailsia 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:

17th & 18th FEBRUARY 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Flora Madeni		Jess Barbin Alyssa Barbin
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martinez	Rey Baterna	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Michael Hord @ 1 Wendy Hord @ 2 Kim McDonald @	Lynne Tolhurst @ 1 Alex De Vega @ 2 Sue Gilmore @	Karina Marafioti @ 1 Perla Billedo @ 2 Volunteer Required @
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Simpson	Helen Gonzales	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Wendy Walsh	Volunteer Required
Music	Couples for Christ	CDs - Judith Pineda	Parish Choir
Flowers	Amabel Keelty		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Jenny Agius / Sue Gilmore / Margaret Smith		