

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 OF LENT - YEAR B

3 MARCH 2024

Worship the Living God

We live in an age of freedom with laws thrown to the wind and people deciding for themselves what is right and wrong, and we may ask ourselves, what has happened to the ten commandments. Do they really matter any more or are they a bit old fashioned? For the Jews, obeying the ten commandments was to respond in love to the wisdom of God shared with them as a gift- an invitation to behave like God and not just a test of their obedience. These ten commandments are the very roots of our faith and the very foundation of a stable society.

In clearing the Temple, by driving out the buyers and sellers, (Jn 2:15-21), Jesus shows great reverence for the House of the Lord and passionately leaves us an example of how we should look upon our places of worship as sanctuaries of genuine prayer. We see Jesus re-asserting fiercely reverence for God's name and for God's house because the whole transaction had become an empty ritual, which blocked the true function of the temple.

As a community we gather here each Sunday to celebrate the eucharist, to thank God for the past week and deepen our relationship in faith. Are we closer to God by being at church this morning or has our Sunday worship degenerated into an empty ritual, a social outing or something we do because it's expected of us? The Sabbath should make us appreciate the God above us, the world he has given us and the people around us. All too often our belief is taken down from the shelf, given as it were a Sunday morning dusting but put up again by half past twelve. God wants and desires us to worship him with more than words and external behaviour. Worship and the way we live are not meant to be cut off from one another. As well as going to church on Sunday, we are called to be the church in our society during the week.

With Peace in God's mission

Fr Clifford msfs

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH - For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17
The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

SUNDAY 24 MARCH - Palm Sunday
Blessing of the Palms - Saturday 6pm Mass
Sunday 8.30am & 10am Masses

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - Chrism Mass
Parramatta Cathedral.

NO EVENING MASS

THURSDAY 28 MARCH - Mass of the
Lords Supper 7.30pm Mass

NO MORNING MASS

GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH - Stations of
the Cross 10am
Passion of the Lord 3pm

SATURDAY 30 MARCH - Easter Vigil
Mass 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31 March - 8.30am &
10am Masses

RECONCILIATION TIMES

TUESDAY 26 MARCH 9.45am – 10.30am
FRIDAY 29 MARCH - 11am - 12 noon

Filipino Chaplaincy's Feast of St Joseph – 16 March

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to come and join the Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Saturday, 16 March at 10:30AM at St Patrick's church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown NSW 2148.

There will be Novena Masses in preparation for the Feast from March 6 to 14 at 7:30PM (except Mar 6 and 13 at 8:00PM) at St Michael's church, 58 Orwell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.

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 March, you are invited to donate 1 packet of biscuits of your choice. Thank you.

CAR FOR SALE

Anyone interested in purchasing a car, please contact Fr Clifford.

Light to the Nations (LTTN) Easter Youth Pilgrimage: 28 – 31 March

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. The event will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville from 28 – 31 March 2024. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact rego@ltnn.org.au or ring Therese MGL on 0432 228 250.

Projector Operators

We are currently looking for some projector operators, particularly for the 6pm Vigil Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Father Clifford or contact the Parish Office.

Music for Easter Triduum Workshop: 12 March

Join us for another Music Workshop led by Eric Grella to learn more about Music for the Easter Triduum. This event will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on 12 March from 7-9pm. This workshop is for all who are involved in the music ministry of their parish and anyone interested in diving deeper into the world of liturgical music! RSVP to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 by 8 March.

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

Positions Vacant:

Parish Cook (part-time) - St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close 4 March**

Administration Assistant (part-time) - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South and Permanent Diaconate community – **Applications close 10pm Monday 11 March**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

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.

Wendy Hord, Thelma Islip, John El-Samra, Glory Ivanfy, Dean McDonald, Sam Cassar, 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: Anthony C. Javier, Bruce McDonald, Fay Roch

Deceased: Irene Dundas James Giffney, Laura Vecchiet Lino Delulia, Maria Micelotta, Elipidia Morcilla Lauzon, Ailsia & 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:

9th & 10th MARCH 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Bianca Whittaker		Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martirez	Rey Baterna	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Minda Vuleta @ 1 Tina Uri @ 2 Bernadette Nolan @	Matthew Kenyon @ 1 Sue Gilmore @ 2 Alex De Vega @	Jem Dalay @ 1 Karina Marafioti @ 2 Josephine Baracz @
Eucharistic Minister	Ella Martirez	Catherine Peregrina	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Wendy Walsh	Cindy Astillo
Music	CDs - Tony Walsh	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		
Counters	Kevin Sloane		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Couples for Christ / Nick Soon		