

## 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.

## PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B

**24 MARCH 2024**

### Reflection on Passion (Palm) Sunday – Liturgical Year B



In Gospel times, to wave palm branches was considered a political statement, not religious act. The palm was the symbol of Roman victory: to take up palm branches was to have conquered your enemy. In waving palm branches to welcome Jesus, the crowds were in effect welcoming Jesus not as the Messiah but as their nation's king: this was a gesture of defiance against their Roman rulers and occupiers. Their hope was that this renowned rabbi and wonder-worker would save them from the tyranny of the Roman establishment and restore their land to nationhood and economic and political power.

But the palm wavers would be horribly disappointed before the week was over. These palms are not symbols of triumph but of human folly, the illusion of what passes for victory and success in the world. Christ enters the Jerusalem of our lives not to restore nations but to reclaim hearts, not to realize ambitions but to raise up spirits. The palms we wave are not signs of the triumph of a political king but the suffering of the God's Messiah, whose final victory over death transcends the vagaries of our materialistic dreams and the impermanence of our brief time on earth.

These palms confront us with what our baptisms into the death and resurrection of Jesus demand of us. The Boxer Rebellion took place in China in the year 1900. It was an uprising largely against foreigners and Chinese Christians. The revolutionaries captured a mission school. They blocked all the gates but one. On the ground in front of that gate they laid a cross. Anyone who trampled on that cross could go free. Anyone who walked around it would be shot to death. The first seven students trampled on the cross and went free. The eighth, a girl in her early teens, knelt before the cross, walked respectfully around it, and was killed immediately. All the rest of the hundred students followed her example. All were shot. Over thirty thousand Chinese Christians chose death in 1900 rather than deny their Lord. In many other mission lands millions have died for their faith in Christ. The courageous loyalty of that little Chinese girl and of thousands like her gives us inspiration for this coming Holy Week. This week we celebrate the high point of Christ's love for us. This week is the time to renew our loyalty to the One who went all the way for love of every one of us.

As we embrace the Gospel of the Jesus of love, may we also embrace the Jesus of justice, of humility, of selflessness? As we try to imitate Jesus' compassion, may we also be willing to imitate his limitless reconciliation and unconditional forgiveness.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

### 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:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

## GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

*The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem*



When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

**GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 15:1-39

*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

## 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 Lord's 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

## Young Adult Faith Formation

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Rev Dr Paschal Corby** who will talk about and lead discussion on '**The bioethics of IVF and contraception**'. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477004687.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Come and celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, 326 High St. Penrith at 2.30 pm on 7 April 2024.

### 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.

## ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish is willing to advertise any local business in our bulletin. For more details kindly contact Fr. Clifford.

### VINNIES PANTRY

During the month of March, you are invited to donate **1 packet of biscuits of your choice**. Thank you.

### 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.

### Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 29 March



Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique

responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes in your parish or donate directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or [holyland@franciscans.org.au](mailto:holyland@franciscans.org.au).

### Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Parents are reminded that registration forms for Confirmation, Communion & Reconciliation need to be submitted to the Parish Office ASAP.



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

**Ronita** from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

**Leaia** and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

**Memory** completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Easter | Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Easter | Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practise silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep', a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via [catholicoutlook.org/magazine](http://catholicoutlook.org/magazine)

### 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.

Kate Warner-Smith, Carmel Moloney, Judy Phillips, Virginia Vardy, 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, 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:** Sandra McShane, Gladys Connor, Josefina S Bergonio

**Anniversary:** Rey Astillo, Patrick Daly, Lorraine Ring, Gaetano (Guy) Mordini, Ray Smith

**Deceased:** Abigail B. Devega, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, 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:

**30th & 31st MARCH 2024**

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Flora Madeni Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Bianca Whittaker	Noah Bonello Charlotte Bonello	Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Please see Holy Week Roster	Please see Holy Week Roster	Please see Holy Week Roster
Minister of the Word	Please see Holy Week Roster	Please see Holy Week Roster	Please see Holy Week Roster
Eucharistic Minister		Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required
Welcomer	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required
Music	Parish Choir		Mordini Family
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson / Margaret Smith		