

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

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.

10th Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR B 9th June 2024

Reflection on Mark 3: 20-35 (10th Sunday Ordinary Time – Liturgical Year B)

In today's gospel passage we see some of the frustrations Jesus had to contend with. Jesus had to contend with the constant opposition from his enemies and sometimes even misunderstanding from his own family.

A nine year old asks his father, "Dad, how do wars start?" "Well, son," his father began, "take World War 1. That war started when Germany invaded Belgium..." "Just a minute," his wife interrupted. "It began when Arch-duke Francis Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist." "Well, dear, that was the spark that ignited the fighting, but the political and economic factors leading to the war had been in place for some time." "Yes. I know honey, but our son asked how the war began and every history book says that the World War 1 began with the murder of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria." Drawing himself up with an air of superiority, the husband snapped, "Are you answering the question, or am I?" The wife turned her back on him in a huff, stalked out of the room and slammed the door behind her. When the dishes stopped rattling, an uneasy silence followed. The nine-year old then broke the silence: "Dad, you do not have to say any more about how wars start. I understand now."

Wars begin long before the first shot is fired; houses collapse well before the first crack in the foundation; families fall apart long before the first slammed door. When our own needs come before the common good, when we cannot see or refuse to see things from the perspective of the other person, when the accumulation of wealth and the pursuit of status take the place of the things of God, "war" is certain to destroy the family's unity, the circle of friendship.

Such hardness of heart and self-centeredness fuel the conflict in today's Gospel. Jesus provokes two reactions from his hearers that are direct opposite to what he has said and done to this point. First, Jesus who calls his disciples to be a united "house" is dismissed by his own "house" as "out of his mind." His family was concerned about his physical and mental health, but Jesus was more concerned about the spiritual health of the people he was dealing with.

Second, Jesus who has cast out demons and cured the sick is charged with being possessed himself. The scribes cannot grasp the single-minded dedication of Jesus to the will of God without the "filters" of their interpretations and traditions; hence, he must be an agent of Satan.

Jesus comes to be a vehicle of unity among God's people, to reconcile humanity to God and to one another, to instil a deeper understanding of our sacred dignity as being made in God's image, to restore a renewed commitment to relations and belonging with one another. Christ destroys the barriers created by race, tribe, wealth, and social status. He speaks of a new, united human family - the family of God. We are called, as the Church of the new covenant, to seek in every person the humanity we all share that comes from God, the Father of all and the Giver of everything that is good.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life: whom shall I dread?
 When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring

Responsorial Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer: my God is my saving strength

GOSPEL

Jesus came home with his disciples.
 Again the crowd gathered,
 making it impossible for them even to eat.
 When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him,
 for they said, "He is out of his mind."
 The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said,
 "He is possessed by Beelzebul,"
 and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."



Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables,
 "How can Satan drive out Satan?
 If a kingdom is divided against itself,
 that kingdom cannot stand.
 And if a house is divided against itself,
 that house will not be able to stand.
 And if Satan has risen up against himself
 and is divided, he cannot stand;
 that is the end of him.
 But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property
 unless he first ties up the strong man.
 Then he can plunder the house.
 Amen, I say to you,
 all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be
 forgiven them.
 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
 will never have forgiveness,
 but is guilty of an everlasting sin."
 For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."
 His mother and his brothers arrived.
 Standing outside they sent word to him and called him.
 A crowd seated around him told him,
 "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters
 are outside asking for you."
 But he said to them in reply,
 "Who are my mother and my brothers?"
 And looking around at those seated in the circle he said,
 "Here are my mother and my brothers.
 For whoever does the will of God
 is my brother and sister and mother."

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MINISTRY TO THE SICK IN HOSPITAL

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note: you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au by 15 June 2024.

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace." - Pope Francis

TIME CHANGES

Please note the following time changes effective

Immediately

* Saturday Reconciliation 5:00 -5:30pm

* Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00 - 5:30pm

(NOTE CORRECTED DAY)**Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities**

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for **Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry**
- Tuesday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for **Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.**

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

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.

**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL
for CATHOLIC CARES PROJECT ELIZABETH**

8th & 9th June 2024

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal
Thankyou for your continuing generous support

VINNIES PANTRY



During the month of June, you are invited to donate one bottle of shampoo or conditioner.

This enables St Vincent de Paul with their assistance to the needy

We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

CYP LIFTED Retreats

Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups and providing opportunities for community, prayer and formation!

- 5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.
- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville. Free of charge.
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! For more details, please head to parracatholic.org/events

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving envelopes are **now available** on the bench at the back of the Church. Some of the numbers have been changed this year, as we ordered less boxes of envelopes.

If you have decided to use Tap & Go instead of your Planned Giving Envelopes, please let the parish office know.

Thank you for your continued support.



**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS
2024**

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament *Holy Spirit, Open their hearts and minds as they prepare for Confirmation. Help them to know that you are confirming all the goodness that they are and all the goodness that they will become. Increase their desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart. Amen.*

**FAMILIES AND COMUNITIES ARE
INFORMED AND INVOLVED**

As you would be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping our children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment.

The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe .

(<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>).

Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and whom to talk to when they don't feel safe.

It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!

Age Specific Information -

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Personal Safety -

<https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/>

Online Safety - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

SENIORS MEETING

The next seniors meeting will be held on Thursday 13th June, 9.45am

To all members wishing to go on the next bus trip, please bring \$10

All welcome



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. These 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

Are you 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
5.00 - 5.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8.30am - 9.15am
Wednesday 6.30pm
Sat: 5.00pm - 5.30pm

BAPTISMS

At 11.30am by appointment only (Sundays).
A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism
for parents and godparents.
This will be 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, on the 4th Tuesday of
the month.

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By Appointment - Please contact the Parish Office for details.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Fr. John Goulding, Sarah Davenport, Maria Mihic, Maureen Wood, Judy Phillips, David Smythe, Thelma Islip, Jim Buckley, Wendy Hord, Sam Cassar, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Dean McDonald, Tycho Walsh, Angie Delara, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Garth Warne, Gerard Leslie, Joseph Leslie, Gwen Gunderson, Julie Daly, Mick Toomey, Bruce Fleming, Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, Brendan Doran, Kieren Maloney, Glenn Mowbray, Paul Mowbray, Trish Mowbray
Please keep members of our parish in your prayers

For our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Murali Katari, Virginia Vardy, Jenny Wright

Deceased: Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Alois Mihic, Abigail B. Devega, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, Irene Dundas, James Giffney, Laura Vecchiet, Lino Delulia, Maria Micelotta, Elipidia Morcilla Lauzon, Ailsia & Bruce McDonald, Joan & Stanley Bartle, Garrick Family.
Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Anniversary: Leon Watson, Dominic Surdich, Surdich Family, Ceferino D. Bautista, Anacleto S.Cordero, Benjamin Y Bautista, Angel de Vega,

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: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th & 16th June, 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Vaz Bianca Whittaker		Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Lachlan Money
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martirez	John Mordini	Reymund Rillera
Minister of the Word	Tina Uri Bernadette Nolan (c)	Matthew Kenyon Sue Gilmore Alex De Vega (c)	Jem Dalay Karina Marafioti Josephine Baracz (c)
Eucharistic Minister	Ella Martirez	Catherine Peregrina	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Louise Bruni	Cindy Astillo
Music	Couples for Christ	Cd's Sue Gilmore	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicki Sant		
Counters	Kevin, Agnelo, Clive		
Projector Operator			
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson, Sue Gilmore, Saydie Chakty		