

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.

11th Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR B 16th June 2024

Parable of the Mustard Seed

As we travel in the countryside, we see miracles of growth taking place in flowers, plants and shrubs. Words cannot capture the magnificence of the scene as the cycle of nature blossoms forth in all its beauty. We don't have to be professional gardeners to appreciate that growth is a gradual process. It has its origin in the tiny seeds being buried in the earth and demands time, tender care and patience for it to blossom and produce fruit.

The readings this weekend (Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Mark 4:26-34) are concerned with growth - spiritual growth. They speak of the importance of us coming to God in prayer and good works to grow in God's favour and friendship. God is at work in every age and in each of our lives. The seeds of his word were first planted in our hearts at baptism. Our task is to water and tenderly care for them so that it can work powerfully within us. As most of us were baptised as infants, parents have a vital role in nurturing the seed of God's word in their children. The example they set by prayer and good Christian living in the home will go a long way in determining their children's attitude to life and to God.

The mustard tree (parable from the gospel) reminds us of an important truth- God's life within us grows slowly and invisibly. We cannot rush to grow God's word in our hearts. There is nothing we can do to hurry it. Because our path to perfection seems so frustratingly slow, we often lose heart. Many of us have this uneasy feeling that after years of struggling with our spirituality and Christian life, we are no nearer to God. Patient endurance and unbounded hope are virtues we need to develop. How often we forget that God rewards our efforts, our ability to keep trying and not our excellence. We fail to realise that his grace can work through human weaknesses and limitations and can accomplish what is beyond our dreams.

There is no age in which we cannot grow in God's grace. So, let us allow God to sow his love in our hearts and nurture it with his tender and compassionate mercy and grace.

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs



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:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my saviour!

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are
intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL**Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit,
first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the
ear.

And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,
for the harvest has come.”

He said,

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the
ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the
largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables
he spoke the word to them as they were able to
understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them,
but to his own disciples he explained everything in
private.

**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](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.

MORNING TEA Sunday 30th June

To celebrate Deacon Jerome's birthday and to show our appreciation of his ministry in our parish, please join us after 8.30 Mass for morning tea. Please bring a small plate of food and any cakes need to be cut up

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.

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.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S Papua New Guinea LANDSLIDE DISASTER SUPPORT

Hundreds of people are displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed **now**. You can donate online at www.caritas.org.au/png or phone 1800 024 413

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.

WELCOME

We especially welcome to our faith community Penelope Johnston, who will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and family. May you have a joyous and blessed day.



FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES 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>

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

19th June St Romuald
21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga
22nd June St John Fisher
St Thomas More



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

Stamps Wanted used stamps wanted for the Josephite Mission in Peru . Please place in the box at the Piety store.

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

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Melanie Sant, 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: Raul Mangona, 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: Mario Zec, Zec Family, 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: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd & 23rd June, 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Flora Madeni	Jess Barbin	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Francis Sultana	Mario Spiteri	Joe Formosa
Minister of the Word	Jessie Pranadjaja Joshua Vaz Raia Uri ☺	Carmen Bonello Ana Vlatko Lynne Tolhurst ☺	Eva Narajos Eva Narajos Josephine Baracz ☺
Eucharistic Minister	Bernadette Nolan	Helen Gonzales	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Louise Bruni	Cindy Astillo
Music	Magnificat Choir	CD's Amale Hourani	Parish Choir
Flowers	Myrna Baterna		
Counters	Tom, Epay, Orlando		
Projector Operator	Katherine		
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson, Ria Rillera, Margaret Smith		

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.