

## 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.

## 18th Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR B August 4th 2024

### Reflection on John 6: 24-35 (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – Liturgical Year B)

In this Sunday's pericope from John's "bread of life" discourse Jesus is apparently speaking to two groups – those who witnessed the miracle of the loaves (last Sunday's Gospel) and those who did not see the miracle but have heard about it and demand to see a similar sign. To the former- those are the ones who saw the feeding miracle as an end in itself, rather than as the sign it was meant to be, something that pointed them to faith in the living God and in the Son whom God had sent. Jesus tells them that there is something much deeper in this event than "perishable food" being multiplied; the real "food" is the word of God proclaimed, its power and authority manifested in the miracles of the loaves.

To the latter group who seek a sign as the Israelites sought a sign from Moses, Jesus reminds them that it was not Moses himself but God working through Moses that provided their "grumbling" Exodus ancestors with bread in the desert. Jesus gives them a lesson in interpreting the Bible.

The subject of the sentence he says, is not Moses, but God. The ambiguous explication in verse thirty-two, "*it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven*" is resolved in verse thirty-five, "*I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*"

"The reactions of the Israelites are often our own when we are faced with new challenges and unknown situations. We prefer to retreat; we prefer our addictions and habits even though they may have kept us in bondage. Instead of surrendering to God, we let our desires and the past control our lives.

God has given his people new bread for the new covenant – the Risen Christ.

The most difficult challenge of our time is to accomplish the "work" of God while "working" to establish and succeed in our careers, to make a place in our homes and hearts for the "bread" that is Christ amid the "fast food" being shoved in our faces from every direction. May God give us the wisdom to live lives grounded in the "food that endures" beyond the fleeting and perishable, the "bread" of God that feeds and nurtures us for our own "great adventure" to the dwelling place of the Father.

In the Eucharist we celebrate, we will share the bread of life – we practice an economy of sharing which hopefully will overflow towards our daily lives.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel



**Pope's Intention for July;** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O God, come to my assistance;  
 O Lord, make haste to help me!  
 You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
 I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4: 17,20-24  
 Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 No one lives on bread alone,  
 But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
 Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:**  
 You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
 endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**GOSPEL**

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**VALE BISHOP KEVIN MANNING**

On Friday 2 August, the Diocese of Parramatta bid a fond farewell to Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, during a moving service at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Visit [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) for stories, images and video from Bishop Manning's funeral. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

**VINNIES PANTRY**

During the month of August you are invited to donate the following, a **1 PAIR OF MENS SOCKS, OR MENS TOILETRY ITEMS**. This enables St Vincent de Paul with their assistance to the needy.

**We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.**

**BEING PEACEFUL CHANGE**

Br Barry Donaghue has extensive knowledge, study and teaching experience. His courses assist people to consider how they are 'leaning into life,' which is another way of talking about spirituality, and how they might develop that in a way suitable for living in this time and place and culture;  
 Sat 17th August 2024, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 \$15 including Morning Tea  
 Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre  
 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745  
 02 4773 5555 [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

**St MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY****Feast day celebration, 8th August 2024**

You are invited to a day of celebration for St Mary Mackillop at Mary Mackillop Place, 80 William St, North Sydney.

The 10am mass will be live streamed,  
[www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)

LINK <https://youtube.com/embed/lppmamzmOb0>

Mass times, 8am and 6pm in the Chapel

10am, and 1pm on Glen Roy Green (bring a hat)

Come and pray at the tomb of St Mary Mackillop, write prayers of petition, reflect in the chapel. You can also spend time in Alma Cottage, her place of death.

**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.

## 2024 CATHHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 10th & 11th August

This World Mission Month we are called to “invite everyone to the Banquet” (Matthew 22:9) and reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a place we sometimes call the ‘lucky country’. We invite you to support the Church in Mongolia and provide critical assistance to our brothers and sisters in need. You can support this work next weekend by using the appeal envelope or going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia),

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### YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm.

The speaker is **Fr John Rizzo** who will talk about, and lead discussions on **The Eucharist**. 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 0477 004 678.

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### TAP & GO DONATION UPDATE

**Please note:** The 3G network is scheduled to be phased out soon. The existing Quest (the tap & go) donation devices, which rely on 3G SIM cards to process donations, have been replaced with Smart devices.

There are two Smart devices installed in the Church and ready for use. These terminals allow parishioners to tap a donation or payment using their Master or Visa card. It comes with a Donation App which allows three pre-set amounts ( \$ 5, 10, 20). There is also an ‘Other Amount’ button allowing the donor to donate an amount of their own choice.

Please select the amount you wish to donate and then tap your Master or Visa Card to complete the process. Only two steps – it is that simple. In case you need assistance, our Parish Priest (or Deacon) will be on hand.

Should you wish to obtain a receipt for the donation, the App allows you to key in your email address to which the receipt will be sent. Thank you for your on-going support to the parish and the clergy of the diocese. Thankyou, Fr. Clifford

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### SENIORS GROUP

The next seniors meeting will be held on Thursday 8th August, in the parish hall at 9.45am.

All are welcome, we’d love to see you there!

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7.00pm vigil mass on the 14th August

9.15am mass on the 15th August



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### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- 5th Aug Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major  
6th Aug Transfiguration of the Lord  
7th Aug St Sixtus 11 & companions, St Cajetan  
8th Aug St Mary of the Cross MacKillop virgin  
9th Aug St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
10th Aug St Lawrence

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### Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only 1 week away, on Saturday 10 August.

The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. For more information, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

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### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS 2024

Parents, please ensure you have submitted your registration form, for children wanting to receive their First Holy Communion. The children should be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation.

The first Meeting for Parents **ONLY** will take place on Thursday, August 15 at 9:15 am **OR** 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room (under the Parish Office).



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### 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.

## MARRIAGE PREPERATION COURSE ON 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation) 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 [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or call Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## 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](http://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing [james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.atanasious@parracatholic.org)

### For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Fr. John Goulding, Andrew Twoey, Dennis Tracey, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, Melanie Sant, Sarah Davenport, Maria Mihic, Maureen Wood, Dean McDonald, Judy Phillips, David Smythe, Thelma Islip, Jim Buckley, Wendy Hord, Sam Cassar, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Tycho Walsh, Angie Delara, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly,

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

**Deceased:** Abigail B Devega, Benigno Zamora Jr, Jimmy Morgan, Benjamin Mikilic, Joyce McQueen, Francis Vassallo, Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Alois Mihic, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, 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:** William Gunderson, John Keen, Marcia Keen, Ivan Zec, Emily Zec, George Muranty, Irene Peters, Zabeth Family, Dabbous, Jawish, Kinaw, Sabagh, Macartney, Darley Families, Angel de Vega, Ceferino D. Bautista, Anacleto S.Cordero, Benjamin Y Bautista,

We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who are sick, or have died.  
May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.



## 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

### 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.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th & 11th August, 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Bianca Whittaker Rachel Vaz		Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Lachlan Money
Minister at the Altar	Francis Sultana	Mario Spiteri	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Michael Muranty © 1 Lissa Carter © 2 Tina Uri ©	Matthew Kenyon © 1 Sue Gilmore © 2 Lynne Tollhurst ©	Josephine Baracz © 1 Christel Martin © 2 Jem Dalay ©
Eucharistic Minister	Ella Martinez	Catherine Peregrina	Volunteer required
Welcomer	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Cindy Astillo
Music	CD's Tony Walsh	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Kevin, Agnelo, Clive		
Projector Operator			
Church Cleaners	Couple for Christ, Nick Soon,		

