

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.

19th Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR B August 11th 2024

Reflection

The Eucharist Challenges Us

We know what Elijah is talking about when he says: 'Lord, I've had enough.' Broken and dispirited on his journey in the wilderness, he has reached the end of his life. At his lowest ebb, an angel of God comes to his rescue and feeds him with miraculous food. His dwindling hope is restored by this bread from heaven, and he continues his journey to the holy mountain of Horeb, where he receives a new vision of God in the form of a gentle breeze.

This gives him renewed courage and faith to march on and face the challenge of another day. Many a time in our bleak moments we feel like saying with Elijah, "Lord, we've had enough." Christian life is no plain sailing, and we often find ourselves broken and crushed by the circumstances of life. Left to resources we can find no light at the end of the tunnel. The gospel points out that we have help in Jesus who is the bread of life.

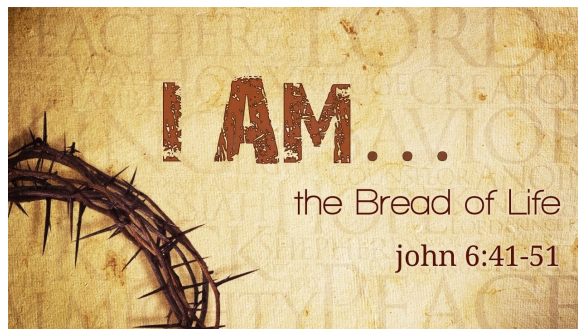
To sustain us on our pilgrim journey, Jesus is the heavenly bread, medicine for the sick soul, nourishment for the wounded spirit, light and strength for the weary, the source of new and eternal life.

We ask ourselves if we are hungering for Christ who is the Bread of life? Coming to Christ requires far more than a weekly walk up to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If Jesus makes himself available to us, then we must make ourselves present to him. To approach the altar complaining, or with a heart full of bitterness, is not a true sharing in the Eucharist.

In our daily round we are asked to be forgiving, to overcome faults, to understand the failure of friends, and not to close our hearts when we are offended.

In the Eucharist we meet the bigness of God who has forgiven us and who asks us in our turn to give freely as we have received. The Eucharist is an opportunity for reconciliation, for wounds and old sores to be bound up and forgiveness shown. For God to love us we must try and be loving also.

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs



Pope's Intention for August;

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord.
 And forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
 And forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
 Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
 Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

GOSPEL John 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,
 "I am the bread that came down from heaven, "
 and they said,
 "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?
 Do we not know his father and mother?
 Then how can he say,
 'I have come down from heaven'?"



Jesus answered and said to them,
 "Stop murmuring among yourselves.
 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
 draw him,
 and I will raise him on the last day.
 It is written in the prophets:
They shall all be taught by God.
 Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him
 comes to me.
 Not that anyone has seen the Father
 except the one who is from God;
 he has seen the Father.
 Amen, amen, I say to you,
 whoever believes has eternal life.
 I am the bread of life.
 Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;
 this is the bread that comes down from heaven
 so that one may eat it and not die.
 I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
 whoever eats this bread will live forever;
 and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
 world."

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7.00pm vigil mass on the 14th August

9.15am mass on the 15th August

**2024 CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

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.

This weekend, you can support by using the appeal envelope, or going online to catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia

*** VINNIES PANTRY ***

During the month of August you are invited to donate the following: **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.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS

Parents, please ensure you have submitted your registration form, for children wanting to receive their First Holy Communion.

The children should already be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation.

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

Please note: August 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy day of obligation, when we are required to attend mass. There will be a vigil mass on Wednesday August 14, 7.00pm, which you can attend if you had planned to come to the 9.15am meeting and cannot make it to the 7.30pm meeting.

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.

DIOCESAN AWARDS

On Wednesday August 7th Bishop Vincent Long presented awards to Mrs Janice Weaver, Mrs Lorraine Stirton & Mrs Rosa Watson for their deep faith and committed service to our Parish of St Bernadette's.

We appreciate and celebrate **Jan Weaver** who has been a parishioner of St Bernadette's for over 60 years. For 20 years she was an active member of St Vincent de Paul and for many years the treasurer. Jan has been president of the Parish Seniors Group and despite not driving has for many years distributed Holy Communion to the housebound.

We appreciate and celebrate **Lorraine Stirton** for her continuing presence and service to our parish for over 50 years. As a member of the Parish Seniors Group, she has served as secretary at some times. She assisted the local St Vincent de Paul Conference for over 12 years with visitations and food collections. Lorraine is a welcomer at the Sunday morning Mass and assists with church cleaning and the craft stall.

We appreciate and celebrate **Rosa Watson** for her consistent volunteer presence in the parish office at St Bernadette's. She assists in the office by printing the parish bulletin, and preparing the Planned Giving envelopes yearly. She is also a welcomer and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Most particularly Rosa has been a voluntary member of the Sacramental Team for over 15 years, a SRE teacher of kindergarten at Kings Langley Public School. On one occasion Rosa was sweeping the driveway of the church and commented "that's the least I can do to honour God!"

As a Parish we acknowledge, celebrate and congratulate Jan, Lorraine and Rosa



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

12th Aug	St Jane Frances de Chantal
13th Aug	St Pontian & Hippolytus
14th Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe
15th Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16th Aug	St Stephen of Hungary
17th Aug	Blessed Virgin Mary

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024 FORMATION DAY: 24 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

* 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

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 PREPARATION COURSE ON 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.
Visit 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 or call Marisa on 0412 280 017.

SAFEGUARDING Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 17 August at St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst, for Modules 4-5. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. 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

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Andrew Twoey, Dennis Tracey, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, Melanie Sant, Sarah Davenport, Maria Mihic, Maureen Wood, Dean McDonald, Judy Phillips, 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: Bishop Kevin Manning.

Deceased: Abigail B Devega, Benigno Zamora Jr, Jimmy Morgan, Benjamin Mikilic, 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: Lilian and Antonio LaFuente, Margaret Walsh, William Gunderson, John Keen, Marcia Keen, Ivan Zec, Emily Zec, George Muranty,

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: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th & 18th August, 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle Lucie Flora	Noah Charlotte Patrick	Cate Zara Madeline
Minister at the Altar	Zaldy Pamintuan	Alexander De Vega	Michael Webster
Minister of the Word	Michael Muranty @ 1 Bernadette Nolan @ 2 Ella Martinez @	Michelle Brohier @ 1 Carmen Bonello @ 2 Ana Vlatko @	Jem Dalay @ 1 Minda Vuleta @ 2 Eva Narajos @
Eucharistic Minister	Bernadette Nolan	Volunteer Required	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Lorraine Stirton	Wendy Walsh	Rosa Watson
Music	Couples for Christ	CD's Rodrigo Medina	CD's Sue Gilmore
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Ray, Mark		
Projector Operator	Katherine K		
Church Cleaners	Sue Gilmore, Saydie Chakty		

