

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.

24th Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR B September 15th 2024



Reflection for 24th Sunday, Year B

In this Sunday's Gospel, Mark pictures a scene that takes place some considerable time after Jesus and his disciples have begun their relationship with each other. Jesus begins this moment in their life together by asking the disciples what they have heard people say about him. People obviously have been talking about him. Then Jesus moves to the critical question. *"But who do YOU say that I am?"* Just visualise the small band of disciples standing in front of the temple dedicated to Augustus. Jesus confrontationally asks his disciples around him – who do you say I am? Why confrontationally? Some of the claims made on behalf of Augustus were: that he was conceived by the god Apollo in the womb of his mother Atia; he was given title such as "son of god", "saviour of the world", 'bringer of peace on earth', etc.; all these titles were to be found on coins, temple inscriptions and public monuments.

So, against the background of these temples and all that it symbolises, Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" Now, if the citizens of the Roman Empire were asked, "who was divinely conceived? Who is son of God? They would say, well! Caesar of course!

Thus, we can see how provocative this question is? The Gospel is claiming, there is one who is all of this, but it is NOT Caesar. Implicit in the question; **"To whom do we owe our ultimate allegiance?"** Let us consider what is important in our life: My family, work / business, social network, study, sports, holidays, minding grand children, housework, and prayer and worship. It is possible for us to allow any one of these to take over our lives to dominate our agenda at the expense of some pressing needs – looking after sick; helping a neighbour, and often Sunday Holy Mass becomes the first casualty of our busy lives. Our Lord asks the same question of us: "Who do you think I am?"

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living!

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 38:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets."

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,

and be killed, and rise after three days.

He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan.

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessings and congratulations on our children receiving their first Holy Communion this weekend.

O God, we ask you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, to bless our children. That they may eat and drink in remembrance of the body and blood of your Son, and witness to you, O God

Amen

**POSITIONS VACANT****Positions Vacant:**

- Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
- Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 25 September**
- Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over **\$X** to provide much needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve during their retirement. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

*** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ***

We are in need of more volunteers in our Parish. Readers, Altar servers, senior servers, cleaners. Are you able to spare some time to help?

Please contact the parish office for more information

**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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

16th Sept Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
20th Sept Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong
Ha-sang & companions
21st Sept St Matthew

RECONCILIATION

Parents who wish to present their children for Reconciliation, should contact the parish office as soon as possible. Your child should be Baptised and in year 3 or higher (8 years or older). Preparation for Reconciliation will begin in term 4.

The **Parent Only Meeting** will be on October 31st, 9.15am or 7.30pm
Madge Miranda
Sacramental Coordinator.

ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The annual HSC exams are just around the corner! We invite you to attend your local HSC Mass, where you will join other students from across the Diocese in prayer for those undertaking their final exams. Masses will be held during the weekend of 5-6 October 2024. During the Mass, you will receive a blessing along with a small gift. Keep an eye on your parish bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to both Tim Hodge and Gordan Allan, former students of St Bernadette's and Patrician Brothers who competed, and won medals, at the Paralympics 2024.



FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028 Behold, I Am With You Always

"Our journey has only just begun. As we move forward, we endeavor to institutionalise best practice in communal discernment, decision making and governance, which would enhance the authority of the ordained and the rightful participation of the faithful..." – Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv (Pg. 4, 'Behold, I am with you always' Pastoral Plan).
Read more and share in our diocesan vision at parracatholic.org/synodality

* VINNIES PANTRY *

During the month of September you are invited to donate the following: **Any breakfast cereal, porridge, a 1kg pkt sugar or 1L long life orange juice.**

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

We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During *Include A Charity Week*, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our parish or a Catholic ministry in our Diocese.

Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope, and charity for future generations. **For information on remembering our Church in your Will:**

parracatholic.org/giftsinWills

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 28 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout September and October. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by Going to the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE, SPRIN TIME CREATIVE RETREAT, 11 – 13 October

There will be a weekend retreat for men and women from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 Oct, Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God. Please book before 27 September, visit <http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN>. For enquiries, contact Judy - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

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.

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our 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 16 months.

To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality

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.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

David Smythe, Catrina McGhee, 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, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly,

For our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Nita Newham, Bishop Kevin Manning.

Deceased: Nela Calenica, Vicente Gallegos, 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: Domenico Zec, Antonia & Dinka Desanti & Family, David Walsh



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.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st / 22nd Sept, 2024

| Ministry | 6.00pm | 8.30am | 10.00am |
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| Altar Servers | Rachel Bianca | Noah Charlotte | Anthony Joshua Lachlan |
| Minister at the Altar | Zaldy Pamintuan | Rey Baterna | Joe Formosa |
| Minister of the Word | Jessie Pranadjaja @ 1 Alison Vaz @ 2 Raia Uri @ | Carmen Bonello @ 1 Michele Brohier @ 2 Lynne Tolhurst @ | Christel Martin @ 1 Ana Vlatko @ 2 Perla Billedo @ |
| Eucharistic Minister | Joanne Digwood | | |
| Welcomer | Bridget | Louise Bruni | Cindy Astillo |
| Music | Magnificat Choir | CD's Judith Pineda | Parish Choir |
| Flowers | Myrna Baterna | | |
| Counters | Kevin, Agnelo, Clive | | |
| Projector Operator | | | |
| Church Cleaners | Rosa Watson, Ria Rillera | | |

