

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.

25th Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR B September 22nd 2024



Servant Leadership

Listening is a gift that if utilised well results in amazing outcomes such as building genuine relationships based on love and sacrifice. When Jesus shares his coming passion and death with his disciples, they are not even listening. Instead, they are immersed in a quarrel, squabbling over who is the greatest among them. They do not register a single thing of what Jesus is sharing. Somehow, we would expect better from his close followers. When asked by Christ what they were arguing about, they were anything but proud of their discussion. In fact, they were clearly embarrassed and remained silent. Jesus uses this occasion to put them right and to point out what constitutes true greatness in God's eyes.

True greatness, he says, does not come from having power and influence over people but consists in humble service. He tells his ambitious disciples that everyone is important, and that greatness comes from being available to all people even down to little children. Children are close to the heart of Jesus because they are innocent, wear no masks and are uncontaminated by the selfish ways of the world. This is a very basic instruction on the kind of followers Jesus wants us all to be and challenges us to turn our worldly value system upside down. Isn't it true, that like the apostles, we are full of selfish ambition; always putting ourselves first, wanting the best of everything, that what we have is completely ours, no thanks to anyone else. We fail to remember that we are stewards of the many precious gifts God entrusts us with and which he intends to be used in his service. Our cheerful availability means being present in many ways. People need to be listened to, understood and appreciated.

Christ's teaching is certainly no formula for worldly success as it involves unselfishness and gratitude. This was the pattern of service Jesus set for us when he washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper. In imitating Jesus, life gives us opportunities to serve those around. A mother is at her loving best and pleasing to God when she is raising up her children in the best possible manner, as is a home-help who puts her heart and soul into caring for an elderly person. To be a disciple means to be open to what God may ask of us at any given moment, even is very small things which may be seen as insignificant. If the lifestyle of the Christian is suffering service in the footsteps of Jesus, then the service that counts is the service that cost.

With peace in God's mission Fr. Clifford msfs

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:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I
will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 53:3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a
spirit of peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept: may
my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Gospel**Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a
journey through Galilee,
but he did not wish anyone to know about it.

He was teaching his disciples and telling them,
“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”
But they did not understand the saying,
and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,
“What were you arguing about on the way?”
But they remained silent.

They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.
Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessings and congratulations to 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

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

We would like to acknowledge
and congratulate Bill Gregory on
reaching 100 years of age on
21st September 2024.



He has given so much of his time
as a volunteer to our parish for many years,
Thank you Bill for everything.

**YOUTH IN MISSION 2025 in the
PHILLIPPINES**

St Paul the Apostle Parish and Filipino Chaplaincy -
Diocese of Parramatta, are inviting young and
passionate individuals to join this mission to Cebu
and Manila, Philippines to help those in need. The
target group are young adults aged 18 to 30.

This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in
a new culture while contributing to meaningful pro-
jects that make a real impact where your efforts will
directly benefit communities in need. You can make
a tangible difference by working on projects that
address critical needs and support local
development, grow and develop personally in
gaining invaluable life skills and even build lasting
friendships.

This experience isn't just about giving; it's also
about growing and learning. You'll return home
with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper
understanding of global issues.

For more details, please contact Fr. John Paul on
0420 310 771
or johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org

2025 DAILY MASS BOOK

This is now available to be ordered. If you would
like a copy to be ordered for you at a cost of \$26,
please record your details on the clip board located
at the back of the Chapel (on weekdays), or the
Piety Store (on weekends).

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

23rd Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina (padre Pio)
26th Sept St Cosmas & Damian
27th Sept St Vincent de Paul

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** for Reconciliation 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.

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 Mary's 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 clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

* 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

* 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 Contact the parish office.

MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE, SPRING 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

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

“The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan.

Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart, trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts ‘Behold, I am with you always’ – Matthew 28:20.”

(Pg. 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). Download your copy of the Plan at www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

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: Samuel Cassar, Nita Newham

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: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th / 29th Sept, 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Rachel Bianca		Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Leonides Martirez	Mario Spiteri	Aidan Villadolid
Minister of the Word	Kim McDonald @ 1 Michael Hord @ 2 Michael Muranty @	Sue Gilmore @ 1 Alex de Vega @ 2 Matthew Kenyon @	Jem Dalay @ 1 Jem Dalay @ 2 Josephine Baracz @
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Sue Gilmore	Sarah Key
Welcomer	Lorraine	Wendy Walsh	Gabrielle Chakty
Music	CD's Tony Walsh	CDs Amale Hourani	CD's'Eva Narajos
Flowers	Vicky Sant		
Counters	Tom, Epay, Orlando		
Projector Operator			
Church Cleaners	Rey, Rea, Gillian		

