

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.

Sunday 20th October 2024, 29th in Ordinary Time - YEAR B

Reflection, 29th Sunday, Mission Sunday

What's in it for me?

Society, at any stage can never get away from the problems posed by status and rank. It was no different in the time of Jesus. The old controversy about who was the greatest surfaces once again amongst the apostles. The brothers James and John's requests for a favoured treatment from Jesus (aiming at being part of his inner circle of sitting at his right and left hand in glory) was no small honour while overlooking the suffering involved in his passion and death.

After calming the indignation of the other apostles, Jesus clearly spells out a new standard of greatness and status, success in his kingdom is not measured by worldly standards. There is no place in his community for ambitious power-hungry people who are motivated solely by self-interest. Those who have authority need to see it as a service of those under their guidance. Christ at the last supper, highlighted in dramatic form the importance of service by stooping to wash the feet of his disciples. In doing so he is calling on his followers to share in spreading his gospel by giving themselves completely to his way of life.

As adults we are involved in the exercise of authority in some shape or form, whether at home or at work. There is to be no lording it over those in our care because authority is not for controlling of people but for the proper guidance of the community. It is of great importance never to lose sight of service and availability.

In warning his disciples not to set up worldly power-structures within the Christian community, Jesus was very much aware of our human failings. We are all inclined to be selfish and to live for ourselves without showing much concern for others. The attitude 'what is in it for me?' runs deep in all our hearts. The status of greatness is measured by the standard of the cross. That is why we must not lose sight of the character of service.

Pope's Intention; For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people

Gospel Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him,

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.

Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

They said to him, "We can."

Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

Jesus summoned them and said to them,

"You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt.

But it shall not be so among you.

Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;

whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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.

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call: for you will surely heed me, O God:
 Turn your ear to me: hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 In the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and
 have long life.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in
 you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The son of man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom
 for all. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
 Who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from
 death, to keep them alive in famine

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DE- PARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

Masses will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd November, at
 9.15am. During November, masses will be offered for
 the departed souls.

*NOTE - no individual mass will be offered on the
 weekend as it is the Day of the Lord's resurrection.
 November Mass Intention envelopes are placed at the
 entrance to the church. Please place them at the altar.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Daily Reflections 2024

Embark on a spiritual journey from the beginning of
 Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord.

The Light is a guide prepared by the diocese of
 Wollongong. Reflection books cost 5.00. The group can
 meet on Thursday at 10am for an hour, beginning
 29th November. Please sign up on the sheet provided at
 the back of the Church by **3 November 2024**.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

David Smythe, Catrina McGhee, Melanie Sant, Sarah Davenport, Maria Mihic, Maureen Wood, Dean McDonald, Judy Phillips,
 Thelma Islip, Wendy Hord, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Tycho Walsh, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo,
 Julie Daly

For our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Rocco Fania, Carina Magat, Samuel Cassar,

Deceased: Phillip-Richard Key, Nita Newnham, 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: Dominica Zec, Consuelo Y. Bautista, Fred Lagman

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 -7.30pm in the Parish Centre, on the
 4th Tuesday of the month.

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By Appointment - Please contact the Parish Office for details

Holy Spirit bless our HSC students with calm
 hearts, and clear minds. May they be confident in
 their efforts and know that You are with them

*** VINNIES PANTRY ***

During this month please donate the following: **Soft
 drink, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding or long
 life custard**

This enables St Vincent de Paul with their Christmas
 Hampers

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

If you wish to present your children for
 Reconciliation, please contact the Parish office as
 soon as possible. Your child should be Baptised,
 and in year 3 or above (8 years plus). Preparation
 for reconciliation will begin in term 4.

The **Parent only** Meeting will be held on
 31st October, 9.15am, or 7.30pm.

Madge Miranda. Sacramental Coordinator

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.