

## 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.

## Sunday 27th October 2024, 30th in Ordinary Time - YEAR B

### Reflection, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The journey from Galilee to Jerusalem was not just a physical journey, but has been an inner journey, and three times during the journey Jesus tells his disciples what awaits him in Jerusalem, but the disciples have been slow learners, for they could not comprehend his prediction on how the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, who will condemn him to death, and after three days he will rise again. The disciples were blind to the notion of a "suffering Messiah", and in fairness to disciples no Jews would have entertained the thought of a suffering Messiah. Bartimaeus in the Gospel passage is being contrasted to the disciples. He is physically blind, but he sees; disciples are blind in terms of understanding what Jesus has been saying and teaching them about the powerlessness of authentic discipleship, but they do not see. The blind man is not dissuaded by the rebukes of the insider group. He persists until his shouts are recognised. The persistence of Bartimaeus sets in motion a wave of mercy, blessing and change. Jesus calls for him. His response to the call of Jesus was immediate and eager. Many of us hear the call of Jesus, but we say in effect, 'Wait until I have done this or that.....'

Let us direct our thoughts on the crowd that was following Jesus – there is one group of people (including the disciples), who wanted to silence the man's cry. These groups of people appear to claim exclusive right of access to Jesus. They attempt to shut the door on people who are seeking Jesus Christ. They often made it difficult for others to get close. There is another group of people who are oblivious to the situation around them but following Jesus out of curiosity. These people see (but do not see), hear (but do not hear) the cry of the blind man. Even today we have people who do not hear the cry of many who want to seek Jesus Christ. They are self-centred, and do not want to know about the plight of the poor old man or woman living next door. They are indifferent to the cry of the poor and vulnerable; indifferent to the evil that is infiltrating many communities in recent years. Then we see another group of passersby who say to Bartimaeus, "Get up, he is calling you." They are ready to lend a helping hand. "They see and they hear" and paving the way for Bartimaeus to SEE and HEAR. This is the group of Christians who live out and they believe in. It is the group of people helping others who are asking for grace, for spiritual health of their soul, to get close to Jesus.

Let us ask ourselves, where we fit in the group of people who are following Jesus.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

### Gospel Mark 10: 46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,

Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.

On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say,

"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.

But he kept calling out all the more,

"Son of David, have pity on me."

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called the blind man, saying to him,

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

### 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

#### 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.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face..

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

### COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (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 in the box at the foot of the altar.

#### \* 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 .**

**Parish Youth Group:** a monthly parish youth group for 11-14 year olds (or Yr 6 - 8 at school). Our first get together will be on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November from 7-8pm in the Parish Hall. There'll be music, games, some time for sharing, and food! Please contact Leanne Mordini on 0413047373

**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 Tonisssoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley

**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:** Stephen Baxter, Patricia Clayton.

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

### YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The YAFF sessions continue on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz** who will talk about, and lead discussion, on **The Holy Souls and Purgatory**. 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.

### 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.**

**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.