

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 10th November 2024, 32nd in Ordinary Time - YEAR B

Reflection, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Sharing Generously

We have all heard the saying 'It's the thought that counts, it's the self-giving in the gift that expresses love'- and this is what Jesus is telling us in the story of the widow's mite. What makes her gift valuable is not the size, but the heart and the sacrifice behind it. After throwing in the last two coins in the box, she is able to say: 'This is the best I can do for it's all that I have got.' What wins her the Lord's favour and earns his commendation, is the fact that she holds nothing back for herself. In a way she is making an offering of her total life to God.

This little incident draws our attention to how Jesus weighs us up in a totally different way. His searching eyes penetrate our inner most being to reveal the inner motives and hidden intentions behind our actions. The hidden value of the widow's offering teaches us that material goods are not the most important factor in the world. What God is looking for is our hearts and not our possessions. So often our giving and contributions are more out of abundance, and it can be our excuse to avoid our personal involvement to the poor and the needy. What is hardest is to give ourselves in love and concern because it costs more than reaching for our purses.

This gospel story invites us to live in a way that we give till it hurts and without counting the cost, for it is in giving that we receive. We need to trust in the generosity and providence of God.

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

Gospel Mark 12 : 38-44



In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds,
"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the market-places, seats of honour in synagogues, and places of honour at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Pope's Intention;

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:7-10

Praise the Lord my soul!.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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

*** VINNIES PANTRY ***

During this month please donate the following:
Christmas lollies, nuts, biscuits, mince pies, chips and pretzels.

This enables St Vincent de Paul with their Christmas Hampers

Thankyou all so much for the great response of items requested each month

SENIORS MEETING

The next seniors meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November, 9.45am, in the parish hall. All outstanding money for the Christmas lunch is to be paid at this meeting.

RECONCILIATION

Please keep our children in your prayers as they make their journey towards their First Reconciliation.

Come Holy Spirit, into their souls. Enlighten their minds that they may know the sins to confess, and grant them your grace to confess them fully, humbly, and with a contrite heart. Help them to firmly resolve not to commit them again.

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, Jim Buckley

For our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Waddad Hourani-Honeineh el-Samra

Deceased: Rocco Fania, Carina Magat, Samuel Cassar, 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.

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.

**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.