

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 24th November 2024, Feast of Christ the King, Ordinary Time - YEAR B

Reflection, Feast of Christ the King Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus expands on his messianic mission as the witness to the "Truth." In intellectual terms, we tend to think truth in terms of reliability and dependableness. In religious terms, it expands beyond this to an unwavering conformity with God's will so that we think in terms of reality and understanding. Truth can be transforming if we seek it through discerning obedience that asks us to look deeply into who we are and what we have become, to try to live into what we can and should be. As Saint John Paul said, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." By looking deeply, we must look at what is right and wrong in our actions and attitudes toward others and within ourselves. This means that we challenge ourselves to look beyond what we think to the truth found in God as represented by Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. The truth that Jesus represents is found in God, who is love and Grace. It is an essential element in helping us sort through the fog of life.

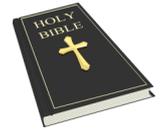
As we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, let us ask ourselves: where do we put our allegiance? The reign of Christ who testifies to the "Truth," or do we see Christianity as a religion of burden and choose our own way.

The great mathematician Blaise Pascal in his *Pensées*, talking about faith in Jesus Christ, concluded that the struggle to believe was worth it. He saw that if you believe in Christ or at least die trying, we will gain everything as God promised. But if we choose to say "no" without trying, we lose everything.

It is true that Christianity does not exist to make us happy. But it does exist to make us joyful. "Joy is more than happiness, just as happiness is more than pleasure. Pleasure is in the body. Happiness is in the mind and feelings. Joy is deep in the heart."

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

Gospel John 18: 33-37



Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?"
Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.

What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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:

How worthy was the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity,
And wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14
His Sovereignty is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92: 1-2,5
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8
The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 28: 10-11
The Lord sits as King forever
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

RECONCILIATION

Let us continue to pray for our children as they receive this precious sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this week. May they be continually guided in your love, and mercy. And know you love them totally and unconditionally.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sessions will continue on Sunday 1st December 2024 at **Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt, 7pm**. Our speaker is **Fr Sheldon Burke CRS** who will talk about and lead discussion on **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, followed by games and a social. 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

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

*Our **Christmas craft sale** will be on the 30th November/1st December, after each mass*
All proceeds will go to the repair of the hall roof.
Don't forget to bring your cash !

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.

Anniversary: Oscar Vecchiet

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

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL
for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes**

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, as well as a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at **par-racatholic.org/appeal** to give your gift of a new beginning today.

VINNIES PANTRY

During this month we ask for the following:
Christmas lollies, nuts, biscuits, mince pies, chips and pretzels.
This enables St Vincent de Paul with their Christmas Hampers
Thank you all so much for the great response to items requested each month

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS

The 2025 edition of the Daily reflection book is now available at the piety stall for \$20

**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.