

# 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 19th January 2025, 2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

Reflection, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Miracle of Abundance

There was more to the action of Jesus changing barrels of water into vats of wine than it appears at first sight after a little coaxing and gentle persuasion from his mother to save a wedding feast from embarrassment. In fact, Jesus is talking to each one of us about the shortages in our own lives. Could it be true that after a few years of marriage, gone are the dreams and couples no longer have any sparkle left, the love has dried up and the ideals lost. Bored and weary, we have settled for the humdrum routine in our lives. St. John is telling us that we need to be refreshed, to let Christ touch the water of our lives, and bring greater understanding and joy.

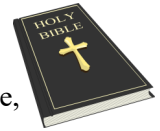
Christ came to change people and to make things new. His presence among us is an invitation to change our ways and a call to a new manner of life. At the beginning of the New Year which speaks of a fresh start and of new beginnings, we have ample opportunities to let in Christ and call on his help. Wherever Jesus is found, life is always changed for the better. He enriches the very ordinary, makes it precious and gives eternal value to the commonplace. Let us give Him the chance to be at work in the most unexpected of ways, transforming us, making us like himself.

With Mary's simple instruction, 'Do whatever he tells you.' as he brought joy into the lives of the newly-weds, let us also listen and follow this simple advice. It is only when we go to Jesus with open hearts and empty hands that he can touch us and make certain that the wine of love and joy will always be in abundance.

With Peace in God's Mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

Gospel: John 2, 1-11



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. and when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from, although the servers who had drawn the water knew, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



**Pope's Intention;**

**Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.**

#### 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:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing your name, O most high!

**First Reading:** Year C Isaiah 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,  
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 8.15am  
(Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 7.45am)  
Wednesday 6:30pm-Exposition & 7:00pm Mass.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 9.45-10.15am , 5.00 - 5.30pm

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity. In 1423, Pope Martin V opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. John Lateran—the Diocese of Rome’s cathedral—for the first time for a jubilee. For the Holy Year of 1500, Pope Alexander VI opened the Holy Doors at Rome’s four main basilicas.

The theme of the Holy Year is “Pilgrims of Hope.” The papal bull, issued May 9, that introduced the coming Jubilee Year is titled “Spes Non Confundit,” or “Hope does not disappoint,” drawn from Romans 5:5. “Everyone knows what it is to hope,” Pope Francis wrote. “In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.

“Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt,” he continued. “Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.”

**LITURGIAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES**

If you are interested in joining our liturgical ministry , please see Father Clifford for a form (to be submitted by 28th January 2025). We would love to have you join, Ministers of the word, extraordinary ministers of Communion, Ministers at the Altar

**ANOINTING MASS**

There will be a Mass of Anointing for the World Day of the Sick. Mass will be at 11am, on the 11th February 2025 at Mary Queen of Peace Family Parish, Blacktown

**AUSTRALIA DAY CUPPA**

Please bring a small plate to share after the 8.30am and 10.00am masses on the 26th January.  
Thankyou, from the Tea Ladies

**For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.**

Palmira Rourke, Lucia Vecchiet, Consuelo Fonseca, 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

**Anniversary:** Laura Vecchiet, Ross Pollard, Br Patrick Fetherston, David Wilks, Brother Ambrose Kyne, John Cremen,

**For our recently deceased brothers and sisters:** Janice Jones, Ellen Crone, Amalia Pereira, John Breed, Francis Johnson, Seanie Cronin, Margie Rose. Francesco Marafioti, Rocco Marafioti, Loreto Zec, Waddad Hourani-Honeineh el-Samra, Rocco Fania, Carina Magat, Samuel Cassar, Nita Newnham, Vicente Gallegos, Abigail B. DeVega, Francis Vassallo, Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Alois Mihic, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, 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.

**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.