

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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9th February 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection, 5th Sunday in ordinary time

Listening to God's voice..... a miracle of plentiful ! Imagine an amateur telling a professional fisherman how to fish? Yet something in Jesus must have struck a chord in Simon's heart which prompted him, against his better judgement to obey. The outcome surpassed his wildest dreams when his faith was rewarded with a bumper catch. Realising what had happened, Peter was ashamed and overcome by a deep sense of his own unworthiness. It dawned on him that he was in the presence of the almighty Lord, who alone could rescue him from his sinfulness. He fell on his knees and said: 'Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.'

When we recognise our own sinfulness the power of Christ becomes available to enrich us. The discovery of our spiritual poverty opens our soul to receive what God is offering us and awakens us to an awareness of his call. God speaks to us in ordinary situations, in the humdrum of everyday. We are more likely to hear his call in our pain than in our plenty.

The challenge facing all of us is to detect the voice of God in our lives and have the courage and generosity to answer promptly. Peter offers us an inspiring example in leaving his nets to become a fisher of men. Up to this time, he was engrossed in his own work. Launching out into the deep meant putting his faith and trust in Jesus who was directing him on a new pathway in life. Jesus invites us to go through life with our hand in his hand. There will be times when we are called to take a new direction and face the unknown. Our response should be no less generous than that of Peter's if we are to meet the challenge of the vocation to which we are called.

When we discover the hand of God at work in our lives, the impossible becomes possible.

With Peace in God's Mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.

Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

Simon said in reply,

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Pope's Intention:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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: Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Here I am! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137:1-5,7-8
In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: Corinthians 15:1-11
I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 106:8-9
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things..

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

To Brian and Judy Phillips for the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. On this wonderful milestone, and forever, may you always be surrounded by love.

WELCOME

We welcome to our faith community, Savannah Antaky and Oliver Sandow. They will be baptised into our community this weekend. Blessings and congratulations to their parents, and families. May you have a joyous day.

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

VINNIES PANTRY

During the month of February, you are invited to donate 1 packet of nappies. They can be unisex, girls or boys, in sizes 4, 5 or 6. Alternatively, you can donate 1 packet of baby wipes. Thankyou for your generosity.

SENIORS MEETING

The next meeting (AGM) will be held next Thursday 13th February, at 9.45am in the parish hall.

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 Tonisoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley

Anniversary: Father Timothy Crowley, Former Parish Priest of St Bernadette's

For our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Janice Jones, Ellen Crone, Amalia Pereira, Francis Johnson, 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.
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.

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
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

FaithLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org

2025 JUBILEE

Expect an influx of pilgrims in the Eternal City. Italy's National Tourist Research Institute projects 35 million visitors in 2025, nearly triple of its 13 million visitors in 2023. Pilgrimage is a "fundamental" part of jubilee events, Pope Francis said in "Spes Non Confundit." "Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life," he wrote. He noted that jubilee pilgrims are likely to visit Rome's Christian catacombs and its seven pilgrim churches—the basilicas of St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence, Holy Cross and St. Sebastian—destinations St. Philip Neri popularized in the 16th century with a 15-mile walk. Twelve other Roman churches, including the Sanctuary of Divine Love in southeast Rome, are designated "jubilee churches" intended as gathering spots for pilgrims during the jubilee.