

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16th February 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection, 6th Sunday in ordinary time

"The beatitudes" are technically known as "macarisms", or blessings (from the Greek *makarios*, meaning "blessed" or "happy."). Makarios describes that joy which has its secret within itself, that joy which is serene and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and the changes of life.

Christ faced people with a radical choice: to live by the values of this world (pursuit of money, pleasure, popularity, power, prestige,), or to live by the values of the kingdom (poverty of spirit, cleanness of heart, capacity to show mercy, ability to suffer in the cause of right...)

The main takeaway for all of us from this Sunday's readings is that we need to respond to the challenge of the beatitudes in our daily life - men, women and children who go without food, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. That is why we are told that we will be judged on the basis of our acts of mercy and charity.

Pope Francis said that living the Beatitudes means "going against the flow" of the world. Francis urges us to let the Lord's words "unsettle us, challenge us and demand a real change in the way we live."

"In the Beatitudes," he says, "we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives."

The world finds security in wealth, but Francis warns, "once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life."

St Mary Mackillop, St Teresa of Calcutta, and many others around the world have accepted this challenge and demonstrate that we can "live the beatitudes" in the modern world. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the beatitudes here and now.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his Disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for their ancestors treated the false
prophets in this way."



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: Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for
the sake of your name.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those
who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord
gave them; they were not disappointed in what they
craved.

PILGRIMAGE 2025

The Saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy—Fatima,
Avila, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and
Rome. Beginning 31 August—through to 19 September.

For more information please contact Fr. Clifford

2025 JUBILEE

Major events are happening in Rome, including jubilee gatherings
with liturgies, speakers and papal audiences to celebrate different
groups within the church. The first is the Jubilee of the World of
Communications Jan. 24-26, followed by the Jubilee of the Armed
Forces, Police and Security Personnel Feb. 8-9. The jubilee also
includes gatherings for artists (Feb. 15-18), deacons (Feb. 21-23)
and even marching bands (May 10-11). Some of these special
gatherings will coincide with major canonizations, such as the
canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Jubilee of
Teenagers April 25-27, and the canonization of Blessed Pier
Giorgio Frassati during the Jubilee of Young People July 28-
August 3.

Expect some events to highlight the 1,700th anniversary of the
Council of Nicaea, from which Christians received the Nicene
Creed. This year, despite different liturgical calendars, the dates
for celebrating Easter align in the Catholic Church and the
Orthodox Church, leading some, including Pope Francis, to call for
a “decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for
Easter,” which was discussed in 325 at the Council of Nicaea.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Father Ed Kenny, Bill Calabria, Sal Russo, 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

Anniversaries: Francesco Marafioti.**For our recently deceased brothers and sisters:**

Deceased: 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

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.

Dear Parishioners of St Bernadette's Parish

Many thanks for all your good wishes and prayers for my
recovery. I am doing many exercises in the gym. This is
boring.

Your greetings and gifts are most welcome. I shall think of you
all as I am doing boring exercises in the gymnasium.

I am due for location - change to the Holy Family Nursing
Home, Marayong, soon.

Thank you for thinking of me and for your prayers for my
recovery and your cards and flowers and your signatures.

I will pray for you all.

Kindest regards

Fr Ed Kenny.