

# 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.

## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2nd March 2025 - YEAR C

### Reflection, 8th Sunday in ordinary time

A person speaks from what is in his heart  
( Luke 6: 39-45)

Socrates once said that nature has given us two eyes, two ears and only one tongue so that we should hear more than we speak. Our words and conversation, the fruit of our tongues are a true indication of our spiritual health and our Christian life. When we open our lips we should be intent on praising God and refrain from hurting our neighbour. We are asked to search as carefully for our own faults as we do for the faults of others because focusing our attention on getting rid of our big blotches in our personal life will leave little time to comment on the failures of others. Being aware of one's own weaknesses and striving to overcome them will slow us down to judge others and give them the benefit of the doubt.

The appealing thing about fault finding in others is that it takes the attention of our own deficiencies and helps us to feel ever so self-righteous. How miserable it all becomes when it spills over into spiteful personal gossip. All this business of passing false rumours and scandalous tales about people, does untold damage as it results in tearing reputations to shreds. All who have been victims of wagging tongues know the pain inflicted. If we cannot say something good about another person, then it is better to remain silent. Isn't it lovely when occasionally we meet someone who isn't interested in people's failing but only in their good points.

The lesson on how it is dangerous to pass judgement on others stands at the heart of this Sunday's gospel (Lk 6: 39-45). Jesus used words to heal, restore and to bring back life, joy and hope. Let us stem out judgemental attitudes and produce the fruits of good living.

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable,  
"Can a blind person guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall into a pit?  
No disciple is superior to the teacher;  
but when fully trained,  
every disciple will be like his teacher.  
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?  
How can you say to your brother,  
'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,'  
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?  
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;  
then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.  
For every tree is known by its own fruit.  
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,  
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.  
A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;  
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

### **'SHARE A CUPPA WITH SENIORS**

The Parish is hosting a Morning Tea for Seniors and for those in ministries who offer support to the Elderly. The Office for Safeguarding Diocese of Parramatta is keen to hear our ideas and thoughts through listening and Dialogue on how we can develop strategies to meet the needs of the elderly in our community. Please join us to share a cuppa and ideas on:  
Date: 13 March 2025 at 10.00am  
at: The Parish Hall  
Please RSVP with any dietary needs to the Parish Office by:  
7 March 2025 or Jan Weaver

### **Pope's Intention:**

#### **For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

#### 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: Cf Psalm 17:19-20**

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7**

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 12:6**

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High

**POPE FRANCIS**

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he recovers in hospital from pneumonia.

**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

**PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Thank you to all those who have contributed to towards the cost of hall repairs which is approx. \$55,000.  
*Any further donations are welcome.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

Please join us for mass on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, at either 9.15am, or 7pm.

**LENT**

Each Friday in Lent, Station of the Cross at 8.30am before mass

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Unite against poverty this lent ... please collect your Project compassion box from the back of the church this weekend.

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

Pope Francis, 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, Wendy Hord, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Tycho Walsh, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley

**Recently Deceased:** Thelma Islip, Matthew Holohan, Deacon Rodrigo (Rudy) Rupac.

**Anniversary:** Gaetano Mordini

**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

**SACREMENTS OF INITIAN PROCESS**

The Sacramental Process of Initiation for 2025 is due to begin in St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park.

Baptised Catholic children need to be in Year 3 or higher to receive Reconciliation, in Year 4 or higher to receive First Communion and in Year 5 and higher to receive Confirmation.

Details of Registration and the Sacramental Process are set out in a package that your children may collect from their Teachers and SREs.

Parents of children attending schools other than St Bernadette's Lalor Park, Lynwood Park State School, Lalor Park State School and Seven Hills West State School who wish to register their children in the

Sacraments Of initiation Process will need to collect the package from the Church over the weekends all through March. Chantal Weir at the Vigil Mass and Rosa Watson at the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses will help you with collecting your appropriate Registration Package.

Completed Registration Forms will be collected ONLY AT THE PARISH CENTRE (14 Wheeler Street) from March 24 to March 28, or dropped into the Parish Centre Letter box.

Enquiries may be made at the Parish Centre on 9672 4037.  
Thank You, Mrs Madge Miranda Sacrament Co- Ordinator

**Parish Youth Group:** Our next youth group meet-up will be Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March from 7.30pm-8.30pm in the parish hall. If you're between 11 and 14 (Years 6-8) please come along and enjoy some games, music, and food. Please bring a snack or drink to share. Contact Leanne Mordini on 0413047373