

# 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*

## 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.

## 2nd Sunday in Lent, 16th March 2025 - YEAR C

### Reflection, 2nd Sunday in Lent

#### **The Transfiguration**

The purpose of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mt. Tabor was to make the disciples aware of the divine presence in the man with whom they walked and talked to establish beyond all doubt in their minds that Jesus was the Son of God and to give them a taste of future glory but not without any suffering and death. Now, they discovered that it would involve huge sacrifices. Christ was inviting them to crawl up the hill of Calvary and carve their names on the foot of the cross.

Experience teaches us that nothing worthwhile in life is ever simple or straight-forward. The message of the transfiguration is that there is a connection between suffering and death and the resurrection and glory. A reminder that there is no short cut to glory as real happiness and peace of mind only come after Calvary.

Transfiguration speaks of the gradual process of change, when like the apostles, we accompany Christ on the road to Calvary. Lent affords an opportunity, through prayer and fasting, to get into spiritual shape. By rooting out prejudice, selfishness and hatred, we are better able to understand people with compassion.

A deep relationship with Jesus can transform our hearts. The transfiguration is about letting the glory of God shine through us so that others can catch a glimpse of that glory.

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Please note that the vigil mass time will change to **5.30pm** instead of 6pm beginning on the **5<sup>th</sup> of April**.

### Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.



While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

### Pope's Intention for March;

#### *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 26:8-9**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26:1,7-9,13-14**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading: Phillippians 3:17-4:1**

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**WELCOME** We especially welcome to our faith community: Roan Lawrence and Isabella Falanga. They will be baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and families and may you have a joyous and blessed day.

**THANKYOU**

A huge thankyou to Jan Weaver for her years of service to our Seniors Group as the president Her value to our group is very much appreciated.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 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 Parents of children attending schools other than St Bernadette's Lalor Park, who wish to register their children in the Sacraments of Initiation Process will need to collect from the Church over the weekends all through March. Chantal at the Vigil Mass and Rosa 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

**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, John el-Samra, 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, Tycho Walsh, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonisoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley

**Deceased:** Thelma Islip, Matthew Holohan, Deacon Rodrigo (Rudy) Rupac, Johnson Francis, 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 (On Fridays in Lent, Stations of the Cross 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 COLLECTION**

During the month of March, you are invited to donate **1 small box of laundry washing powder** for St Vincent de Paul. *Thankyou for your generous donations.*

**LENT**

Stations of the Cross will be at 8.30am, each Friday in Lent.

**THANKYOU**

Thankyou to these amazing ladies in their retirement, for their dedication in teaching students in four local state schools. God Bless you

- Julie Daly 36 years
- Vicky Sant 36 years
- Deanna Griffiths 33 years
- Wendy Walsh 26 years
- Jenny Agius 12 years

**SAFEGUARDING FACE TO FACE TRAINING**

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 24 March at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill for Cycle 2 (Modules 4 and 5). More training opportunities will be available soon. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by going to the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)