

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.

3rd Sunday in Lent, 23rd March 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Lent- An invitation to be fruitful

We tend to think of Lent as a time for stepping up acts of personal devotion and piety without giving much thought to its real purpose, which is an invitation to repent, be converted and return to the Lord our God.

Jesus teaches us that we are expected to be fruitful and perform good works which are pleasing in God's sight. Often it is not what we do wrong but the things that we leave undone which prevent us from growing in the love of Christ. The real heartache is that we are guilty of sins of omission and neglect of which we are hardly even conscious. Our lack of concern for others clearly reveals this form of personal selfishness. The Lenten invitation to repentance is not merely a call to turn away from evil but a plea to produce fruits of good living. We can begin at home by being more aware of the needs of our spouse, sensitive to our children and other members of our family. Outside our family circle, by caring for the poor, the sick and the elderly and lonely, we can encounter God.

The warning about the unfruitful tree is not given to frighten us but to remind us that the time for doing good is limited and is fast running out. By putting off good works for tomorrow, we will be found wanting. Like the parable of the fig tree, let us hoe the ground around our hearts in the expectation that it will produce good fruit.

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 **5th of April**.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way

they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard,

and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener,

‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree

but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?’

He said to him in reply,

‘Sir, leave it for this year also,

and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.”

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. For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 83:4-5

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

All are welcome to attend the annual Office of Tenebrae at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Monday 14 April at 7:30pm. This is a Holy Week reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets and will feature the Cathedral Choir. As the Diocese and the global Church prepares for Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a reminder of the eternal light and hope brought into the world through Christ’s Resurrection. Catholics are invited to attend the Office of Tenebrae at least once in their life.

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

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Pope Francis, Father Ed Kenny, Owen O’Reilly, 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 Tonissoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley

Recently Deceased: Friar Fabian Adkins O.F.M., Lorraine Buckley

Deceased: Clemente Rillera, Thelma Islip, 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

TUTORING

Private Tutoring for Yr 1-Yr 12 students in English , Maths, French, Sciences by a team of tutors. Email Dr Gerry (ex Patrician Brothers College Teacher) for a free 30 minute meeting, fsgadolphe@gmail.com. (We also tutor students with Learning Disabilities and on homeschooling too).

LIVE IN CARER OPPORTUNITY

Our beautiful 96y.o. father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian descent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a FT or PT capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. This would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. For more information, please contact Jason on jason@jjmail.me or 0414987206

LENT

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

GOOD SAMARITAN

The Bishops Good Samaritan Appeal will take place next weekend 29/30th March.

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.