

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.

Easter Sunday, 20th April 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection, Easter Sunday

Easter- A Way Forward Out of Darkness

There is no day to compare with Easter Day. It stands out from the conflicts and turmoil of our broken world, lifts our minds and enlivens our hearts with joy and love so complete that it conquers death. Early in the morning a mighty act of God took place - Christ rose from the dead, altered the past and shaped the future.

Nothing can be the same again. All our hopes and happiness stem from that event. Easter announces that transformation is possible, and change can take place in our lives.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead affirms that death is not the end of us. Human life is no longer limited by the cycle of birth and death. The gospel tells us that on the first Easter morning the stone at the entrance of the tomb was rolled back. The question we all must face is: have we risen to new life with Christ, or are there boulders weighing us down and keeping us imprisoned in our tombs? The Good News is that by God's power, what holds us back and locks us buried can be rolled back and we can be set free.

God is in charge. Christ has shared the gift of his life with us and his resurrection from the dead points to the resurrection of all peoples.

The best way we can give thanks to God for the gift of life within us this Easter, is by opening our hearts to the risen Jesus and allowing ourselves to be sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ love.

On behalf of the parish team, I wish you all the peace and joys of the Risen Lord. Happy Easter!

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

Gospel: John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.



Pope's Intention for April:

For the use of the new technologies.
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times

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 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia !

Communion Antiphon: 1 Corinthians 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

VINNIES APRIL COLLECTION

You are invited to donate 1 of the following; 1 kilo packet of sugar, 1 carton of long life milk (any), or 1 bottle of pasta sauce of your choice for St Vincent de Paul. *Thankyou for your generous donations.*

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Please note that the vigil mass time has now changed to **5.30pm**

WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING / SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your weekly contributions to the Second collection which looks after the maintenance of our parish. Some of you are on the weekly planned giving with a designated number on your envelope.

May I kindly encourage and request you to consider other options such as Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), credit card, cash or Tap n Go facilities that are available. This will eliminate the cost of printing envelopes.

Please note, you may continue to have a set of the weekly planned giving envelopes if you so wish, from June 2025.

Please let the parish office know if you are opting out of the envelope giving and considering other options. Any queries, please contact Bev at the office. Thank you.

Fr. Clifford

MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm,
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 & 4.30pm - 5.00pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8.30am—9.15am
Wednesday 6.30pm
(Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette)

BAPTISMS

At 11.30am by appointment only.
A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism for parents and godparents at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By Appointment—Please contact 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).

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Parents who wish to present their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Holy Communion or Reconciliation and have collected their Registration Forms may now drop off the same, duly filled in, at the Parish Office or into the Parish Office Letter box. If you know any Parents who might wish to present their children for Reconciliation, please make them aware of the registration form which they need to pick up at the Parish Office between 9:00am and 4:00pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. Thank you to all the Parents who have submitted their forms. Happy Easter!
Madge Miranda - Sacrament Coordinator

ANZAC DAY

You are invited to join us for mass on ANZAC day, (25th April) 9.15am followed by morning tea.
Please bring a plate to share.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Pope Francis, Adam Calabria, 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: Craig Tonissoo, Ortheo Manketi, Tina Saketano, Dennis Jodson

Anniversary: Jim Boys

Deceased: Frank & Elizabeth Calabria, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Friar Fabian Adkins O.F.M., Lorraine Buckley, 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.

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.