

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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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.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 27th April 2025 - YEAR C

Everybody Loved Pope Francis,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, has reached the end of his earthly pilgrimage after battling with illness. As the Catholics and Christians mourn the loss, tributes will be flowing from around the world.

Pope Francis was a great pastor who spoke from the heart and with tender affection. From the very first day of his papacy when a senior cardinal whispered to him, 'never forget the poor', the Pope kept them very close to his heart. In simple language his words and teaching would burn their way into people's heart. He showed great love for God's creation and invited all of us to care for the earth which is our common home. He had an infectious smile which reflected the joy in his heart that stemmed from the gospel. Pope Francis' papacy was marked by two master themes: mercy and evangelization. In an interview, he famously remarked that the Church is a field hospital to those wounded by our postmodern, relativistic society. It must, first and foremost, heal the wounds.

Pope Francis had a keen awareness of the destructiveness of sin, and he encouraged the Church to show the world the merciful face of Christ. He also emphasized the importance of our personal witness to the light of faith, drawing others to the life-giving joy of the Gospel. Even from his hospital bed, his thoughts went out to the people of Gaza.

His life reflected the mercy and compassion of God, and he demonstrated it to the very end blessing people and even little ones. As we celebrate Pope Francis' life and legacy, please join me in praying for the repose of his soul. "Well done good and faithful servant, come blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the beginning of the world" (Mt. 25: 34)

With peace in God's mission
Father Clifford D'Souza msfs



Gospel: [John 20:19-31](#)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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: 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia !

Communion Antiphon: Cf. John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

POPE FRANCIS

Let us pray for our Most Holy Father, Pope Francis. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WINTER STALL

Our parish craft group will hold their winter stall after each mass next weekend, 3rd and 4th May. Please come along , and have your money to support them. They will have lots of special hand made goods.

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

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

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: The Most Holy Father Pope Francis, Gwen Gunderson

Anniversary: Bill McQueen, Alan Leong

Deceased: Craig Tonissoo, Ortheo Manketi, Tina Saketano, Dennis Jodson, 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.

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, fgadolphe@gmail.com. (We also tutor students with Learning Disabilities and on homeschooling too).

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

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. Madge Miranda - Sacrament Coordinator

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.