

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.

3rd Sunday of Easter, 4th May 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection; 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks Simon Peter three times – Do you love me? Simon, son of John, do you love me? What a strange question to ask: 'Do you love me?' Had not he proved beyond any shadow of doubt that he did not love him? Yet this is the question Jesus asked Peter. And Peter said, 'Lord, you know that I love you.' He sincerely meant those words. What is more – they were true.

He really did love Jesus. Jesus knew that there was another and better side to Peter. Strength and weakness can co-exist in the same person. Jesus asked Peter to declare his love in public, since his denial had also been in public. Jesus is now offering Peter three chances to redeem himself. Jesus kept no record of Peter's sins. But he did ask him to do something for him – to feed the sheep and lambs of his flock, that is, to love and serve his brothers and sisters in the community.

And he also learned a wonderful truth about Jesus. He learned that in spite of his denials, Jesus still loved him. It was that love that brought Peter back to life. It is an amazing experience to be loved in one's weakness and sinfulness. To be loved in one's goodness is no big deal. But to be loved in one's badness – that is tremendous. That is what grace is about.

Peter's story is one of calling, falling, and re-calling. It shows that Christ's call does not exclude falls. A vocation is not something one hears once and answers once. The call has to be heard many times and responded to many times. Each day a part of the chosen path opens up before us, a part we have not trodden before. As one goes on, the call gets deeper, and response becomes more interior and more personal.

Just as Peter recognises the risen Lord and leaps into the waters, so Christians profess their Faith in the risen Jesus and are baptized in water and the Spirit. Just as the first disciples share a meal with the risen Jesus, so we now regularly share the Eucharist with Him. And just as the risen Jesus commissions Peter to undertake a pastoral mission on his behalf, so the natural consequence of Baptism and the Eucharist for us is to share ourselves and our Faith with others.

All vocations are vocation to love – love of the Lord, and love of the lambs and sheep of his flock, who are our brothers and sisters in the community.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

We pray for our Cardinals in Conclave that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they seek to elect a new Pope for the Church, the 267th successor of St Peter.

Gospel John 21:1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way.

Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, ""I am going fishing.""

They said to him, ""We also will come with you.""

So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ""Children, have you caught anything to eat?"" They answered him, ""No.""

So he said to them, ""Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.""

So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ""It is the Lord.""

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.

Jesus said to them, ""Bring some of the fish you just caught.""

So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish.

Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, ""Come, have breakfast.""

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, ""Who are you?"" because they realized it was the Lord.

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

Pope's Intention for May:

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people! Alleluia !

Communion Antiphon: Cf. John 21:12-13

Jesus said to his disciples: come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, 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.

**HAPPY 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
FR. CLIFFORD**

May the Lord continue to bless you with strength and enthusiasm as you labour in his vineyard. Please join in wishing Fr Clifford a happy anniversary with a cuppa after 10am Mass.

SENIORS MEETING

You are invited to join our seniors meeting on Thursday, 8th May, at 9.45am. This will be held in the parish hall. The money for the outing is due (\$28), Thankyou .

WELCOME We especially welcome to our faith community:

Lachlan Thomas

He will be baptised into our community this Sunday.

Congratulations to his parents and family and may you have a joyous and blessed day

ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS

EFT details: BSB 067 950 Account number: 0000404
Lalor Park Catholic Church Reference: Your full name

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,

Deceased: Gwen Gunderson , 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.

We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who are sick, or have died.

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 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).

VINNIES COLLECTION

During May, you are invited to donate 1 of the following; 1 bottle of shampoo or conditioner for St Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your generous donations

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Parents who wish to present their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation, are reminded of the Meeting for Parents to start the process, is scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 9:15 am or 7:30 pm. Attendance at only one of the meetings is required.

Parents who wish to present their children for Holy Communion or Reconciliation and have not as yet submitted their Registration forms, are invited to still do so. Registration packs may be collected from the Office at the Parish Centre, 14 Wheeler St, Lalor Park, on Wednesdays (9:00-3:30), Thursdays or Fridays (9:00-4:00). Thank You
Madge Miranda - Sacrament Coordinator