

## 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.

## 4th Sunday of Easter, 11th May 2025 - YEAR C

### Reflection: 4th Sunday of Easter

#### Vocation Sunday

There is such a need for priestly and religious vocations in the church that has created a need to set aside this Sunday as a World Day of Prayer that the Lord of the harvest may send labourers into his harvest.

Through our baptismal calling, we all have a mission in life. The gospel picks up the idea of Christ the good shepherd calling each of us by name as we journey through life by different ways. Youth is a time of great generosity, idealism and hope. Evidence of this is in the way young people give of their time and talents to deprived groups in society, example, the local soup kitchen. In these loud and frantic days, it may be more difficult for them to hear the voice of the Lord calling. There are enormous riches within the hearts of youth- riches that are there to spend lavishly during life. By opening their hearts in prayerful service, we hope and pray that they may be aware of their giftedness and draw on their talents, willing to take the risk of faith. The special calling facing them is to be Christ to others in times of need, to be healers in times of sorrow, towers of strength in times of distress and a shoulder to lean on when support is needed.

The duty of fostering vocations is the concern of the whole believing community. Parents, vocations come from families like your own where faith is nurtured and encouragement is given through prayer in the local church and the family. God does not knock at every door or sends text messages, but if there is an inkling of a calling, particularly to young people, take the plunge, talk to someone who can guide you to discern and be generous enough to heed Christ's invitation.

How otherwise will the needs of the flock in the next generation be met? We can be a little bit of Christ in our own homes and do our best to co-operate with his invitation to 'come, follow me.'

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

### Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,

and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

### 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.

## HABEMUS PAPAM ! VIVA PAPA LEO

We rejoice with prayer and thanksgiving for our newly elected Pope Leo XIV. We pray that the Holy Spirit who guided our Cardinals in his election, bless him with strength, wisdom and fortitude as he, the 267th Successor of St Peter, begins his Pontificate.



### 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 32:5-6**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

**First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52**

We are now turning to the gentiles.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99:1-3,5**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17**

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia !

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, Alleluia

**MOTHERS DAY BLESSING**

Lord, we ask your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace and fulfilment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in your eyes and ours, in Jesus' name, Amen.

**VINNIES COLLECTION**

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

*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 begin the process. This is scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 9:15 am or 7:30pm. 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),

**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](mailto:fsgadolphe@gmail.com). (We also tutor students with Learning Disabilities and on homeschooling too).

**CRAFT STALL**

A huge thankyou to our amazing craft group's generosity. Last week they held their annual winter stall, and raised \$817 for our Parish. If you would like to join the group, please don't hesitate to reach out - there is a flyer on the glass door at the back of the church with details.

**ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS**

**EFT details:** BSB 067 950      **Account number:** 00000404  
Lalor Park Catholic Church, **Reference:** Your full name

**PILGRIMAGE**

Father Clifford will be leading a pilgrimage, beginning August 31, to September 19. Following the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy, Fatima, Avila, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. Please see the flyer at the back of church, or speak with Father Clifford for more information.