

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.

29th June 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection; St. Peter and St. Paul

The significant moments in the life of Jesus were told and retold in the early Church. Peter's recognition of Jesus' messiahship proved to be one of those significant moments. Jesus asks his disciples as to who do they say he is?

Peter makes his complete confession of faith: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. Matthew has elaborated on Luke's simpler 'the Christ of God' (see Lk 9:20) and in doing so Jesus is presented as the Son of Man, the Christ and the Son of God (vv. 13-16). It is on this belief that the Church is founded, but a belief made visible in Peter. Faith is not an idea. It is lived by people; it forms a Church.

Peter is the rock upon which the Church is built (v. 18). His faith is the basis of a journey through a long history and many cultures. Peter is also the teacher, the one who holds the keys, binding and loosing, interpreting authoritatively God's ways in the world (v. 19).

But none of this is because of Peter himself. The fact that there was a Peter, and that today we still have a Peter, in the person of the Pope, is a gift of God. It was neither ordinary human experience nor the human intellect which inspired Peter. It was not his flesh and blood: 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven' (v. 17). It was the Father of Jesus who gifted him in this unique way. By telling Peter that he is a 'happy man' Jesus tells him that he has been specially favoured. He did not merit or earn such blessings.

St. Paul who considers himself as the least of the apostles, has won for himself the crown of righteousness through his deep-seated faith in the risen Lord and proclaiming his message fearlessly and tirelessly to all the communities he visited. Through his teaching and preaching, he brought many people closer to God and one another, thus strengthening the church. The Church will always be tempted to counter the political power structures of the world by responding in kind. This must not happen. Our faith is a gift of God, our Church is a gift of God, our leadership is a gift of God. Let us keep these truths clearly in mind lest we think the great gifts of our faith, our Church and its leadership can be manipulated into yet another power structure, following the ways of flesh and blood.

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-19](#)

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

PETER'S PENCE

Peter's Pence is the financial support offered by the faithful from around the world to the Holy Father. With this, the Holy Father can respond financially to those suffering because of war, oppression, natural disasters and disease. Thank you for your generous support, and please pray for our brothers and sisters facing adversity and hardship.

The collection will take place this weekend 28th & 29th June.

Pope's Intention for June:

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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.

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

CONFIRMATION THANKYOU

Father Clifford and the sacramental team would like to congratulate the children who were confirmed on Tuesday, by The very Reverend Fr Luis Fernando Montano Rodriguez. The team would also like to thank the parents, staff at St Bernadette's school, SRE's, Uplifted and the parishioners for their prayerful and practical support of the children. Let us pray the children hear the Holy Spirit inspiring them to make a difference in their world each and every day.

Happy Birthday

Wishing Deacon Jerome a very happy birthday for Monday. May God continue to bless him abundantly.

VINNIES COLLECTION

During July, you are invited to donate 1 of the following: **1 packet of sweet or savoury biscuits** for our St Vincent de Paul collection. *Thank you for your generous donations.*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes, for the next six months, are available outside the church, they are in alphabetical order. The new envelopes are **GREEN**.

Please do not use the old red ones as numbers have changed for some people. Using the old red ones causes discrepancies in the recording of your donations.

Please remember to collect them before or after Mass.

Thankyou for your continued offering to the Lord each week

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 & 5.00-5.30pm

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 on Sunday (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, fsgadolph@gmail.com. Home schooling and learning Disabilities also available.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS MAURICIO LÓPEZ: 23 JULY

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on Wednesday 23 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

WELCOME

We especially welcome to our faith community:
Kirby Rose Zaw, Willow and Oliver Ereifij.
They will be baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents and family and may you have a joyous and blessed day.

ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS

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

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Kylie Baffico, Jodie McClellan, Bernard Wallace, 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, Rachel Surdich, Tycho Walsh, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly, Jim Buckley.

Recently Deceased: Allan Burgess.

Deceased: Maria Thi Nguyen, The Most Holy Father Pope Francis, Claire Dobbie, Gwen Gunderson, Craig Tonissoo, Ortheo Manketi, Tina Saketano, Dennis Jodson, Frank & Elizabeth Calabria, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Friar Fabian Adkins O.F.M, Lorraine Buckley, Thelma Islip, Rocco Fania, Samuel Cassar, Nita Newnham, Vicente Gallegos, Abigail B. DeVega, Francis Vassallo, Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Alois Mihic, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, Lino Delulia, 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.