

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.

15th Sunday in ordinary time, 13th July 2025 - YEAR C

Reflection; 15th Sunday in Ordinary time

When a parable becomes a cliché, can it still function in the life of a community? A "good Samaritan" is often recognised as anyone who comes to the aid of another. But is this really what Jesus was getting at? Or was he just giving us a parable to make us feel guilty when we ignore a homeless person?

The parable of the "good Samaritan" goes well beyond the usual cliché. This is a story for people who recognise that they are on a journey; not just a journey from womb to tomb, but from birth to rebirth, from partial life to abundant life. We all know when we watch a drama – it does not tell us the whole of a person's life. What it does is place a person in a situation. Then, from the way the person deals with that situation, his or her character is revealed to us. This is precisely what Jesus does in this story. He places the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan in a situation. They are faced with a decision: to stop and help the wounded man, or to continue on, about their own business? The Priest and the Levite decide to pass by; the Samaritan decides to stop and help.

Crisis does not create character; it merely reveals it. In times of crisis people reveal what is already inside them – the generous person or the selfish person; the hero or the coward. One moment or event may cause a person to reveal his essential being. The encounter with the wounded man was such a moment for the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan.

What did it reveal about the characters of the priest and the Levite? Both the priest and the Levite see the wounded man left to die; both cross the road to avoid him; Jesus' listeners understand why? The man appears dead, and if either Priest or Levite were to touch someone dead, they would make themselves spiritually unclean. It calls them to maintain purity for worship. When the crunch came, they put themselves and the law first.

And what did it reveal about the character of the Samaritan? He was the kind of man who could not pass another human being in pain without wanting to relieve that pain. This Samaritan has already received eternal life. He is living it then and there. His character is fully revealed. The parable helps us to understand what Jesus is trying to do: Make the law relevant and real for this very moment. We must bring it down to our own times, our own day. How do we make this story of the Samaritan something real for us?

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

Gospel: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?"

How do you read it?"

He said in reply,

"You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your being,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly;

do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied,

"A man fell victim to robbers

as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place,

and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him

was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim,

poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.

Then he lifted him up on his own animal,

took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins

and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction,

"Take care of him.

If you spend more than what I have given you,

I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion,

was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Pope's Intention for July:

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

All the things were created through him and for him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.. Alleluia!

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)

Volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, along with merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets, with ten prizes.

There will also be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5.

WELCOME

This weekend we especially welcome to our faith community Isabel Arciaga and Sean Newton.

They will be baptised into our community on Sunday.

Congratulations and blessings to their parents and family, may you have a joyous day.

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

ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS

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

HOPEFEST

A Diocesan Jubilee of Hope three day experience for all ages hosted by St John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens. Experiences will include praise & worship, a local pilgrimage from Stanhope Parish to the Franciscan Shrine in Kellyville, community activities, life & faith workshops and opportunities to celebrate the sacraments.

Register via <https://parracatholic.org/events/hopefest/>

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: Father Tim Hogan (Parramatta Diocese)

Deceased: Maria Thi Nguyen, The Most Holy Father Pope Francis, John Leonard Duncan, Alan Burgess, 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.

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, fsgadolphe@gmail.com.

Home schooling and learning Disabilities also available.

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.*

CRAFT GROUP

Next weekend, our creative craft group will be selling handmade scarves before and after the 5.30pm mass.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS NETWORK

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in *Catholic Outlook*, our websites and social media. Name/contact details are required:

parracatholic.org/communicators

RCIA

Do you know someone who has expressed interest in learning about our Catholic faith? Perhaps you know someone who was never fully initiated into the life of the Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of immersion in the faith, leading to Baptism at Easter.

If you would like to know more about being involved, please contact Fr. Clifford as our next group will be commencing soon.