

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.

28th Sunday in ordinary time, 12th October 2025 - YEAR C

Gospel:

Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he travelled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Just in time for Christmas . Are you feeling crafty? Come and join our parish craft group. They meet on Wednesday morning, 10-12pm, in the St Josephs Parish Centre.

Come and make some new friends, learn new skills or just come for a social get together.

THE DAILY MASS BOOK 2026

The **Daily Mass Book 2026** is now available to order. They are \$33.00 each. Please indicate your order on the sheet at the back of the church, and give the money to Joe Formosa. *Thankyou*

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

For collaboration between different religious traditions
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Reflection; 28th Sunday in ordinary time, year C

Gratitude to God

Ingratitude is perhaps the most common of all human failings. Nothing is so hurtful as to be taken for granted without a word spoken in thanks or praise.

What pains us most is the neglect or coldness of those for whom we have done are best. One of the most satisfying experiences in life is to receive a word of praise as a mark of appreciation for the service rendered.

While we are ready to deplore the ingratitude of others, we are often unaware of our own ungratefulness. In the story of the 10 lepers who were huddled in their misery, Jesus takes pity and cures them. Their prayers were answered, and they went off rejoicing because they were cleansed. Only one thought it worthwhile to return to say thanks. Jesus expressed genuine disappointment at the attitude of the nine who did not return and failed to praise God.

The leper is an example to all of us, because he got the full benefit from his encounter with Jesus. By acknowledging the source of his new found health, his spirit as well his body was healed. The other nine who failed to show appreciation to Jesus missed the great richness and inner joy that comes from giving thanks. The story reminds us of how often we fail to express thanks to God as the source of all goodness, for favours granted.

The best things in life are appreciated more when they are in danger of being lost. After an encounter with serious illness, we are filled with a sense of gratitude for our health and feel a new joy in living. Coming together for the celebration of the eucharist is giving thanks to God and is an essential part of our worship and prayer life. The more we thank God for his generosity, the more will we be open to receive the joy of his blessings.

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall regain with Christ..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. News. Alleluia!

WELCOME BACK Father Clifford !

VINNIES COLLECTION

With Christmas fast approaching, for October, you are invited to donate 1 of the following; soft drink, chips, pretzels, nuts, Christmas lollies or pancake mix.

Thank you for your continued generous donations

CATHOLIC CARE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support.

Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help.

Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

If you currently take communion to the sick or dying, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding. Sat. 8 November, 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

You are invited to place your order for the 2026 Columban calendar. Each calendar is \$10. Please order at the piety stall

ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS

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

MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm,
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday @ 9.15am
(Rosary and Exposition before mass @ 8.30am)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.45—10.15am & 5.00-5.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8.30-9.15am
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.

FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Holy Spirit, guide our children as they prepare to receive their First Communion. Inspire their hearts and minds to fully embrace the gifts of the Holy Eucharist and to grow in holiness. Help them to approach the altar with reverence and awe. Let them never take the Eucharist lightly but honour it as the sacred gift it is.

DESIGN OUR NEXT FRONT COVER!

We're inviting *you* to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit entries by **Friday 7 November 2025** – with a short description of your artwork, via parracatholic.org/artcomp

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea.

Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate.

If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to mariage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Adi Santoso, Owen O'Reilly, Kylie Baffico, Jodie McClellan, Bernard Wallace, Adam Calabria, 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, Nathan Weaver, Jim Buckley Jom & Andrew Cadman, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly.

Deceased: Mary Theew, Greg Whitby AM, Vinc Matani, Vilbina D'Souza, Raquel Morales, Alma Valdez, Father Chris Riley, E & M Zabeth, JennyWilliams, M. Kiniawi, M & A Sabbagh, Therese & Jannette Zabeth, Glenn Mowbray, Fr David Catterall, Mary Collings, Alan Burgess, Michael McQuade, Senza Bon, Father Tim Hogan, Maria Thi Nguyen, The Most Holy Father Pope Francis, John Leonard Duncan, Claire Dobbie, Rocco Fania, Gwen Gunderson, Craig Tonissoo, Ortheo Manketi, Tina Saketano, Dennis Jodson, Samuel Cassar, Frank & Elizabeth Calabria, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Mira Zec, Friar Fabian Adkins O.F.M, Lorraine Buckley, Thelma Islip, Nita Newnham, Vicente Gallegos, Alois Mihic, Abigail deVega, Francis Vassallo, Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Nirvana Zec, Lino Delulia, Ailsia & Bruce McDonald, Joan & Stanley Bartle, Garrick Family, Dabbous 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.