

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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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.

PARISH BULLETIN

(Established 1961)

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe. 23rd November 2025 - YEAR C

Gospel; Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,
"He saved others, let him save himself
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."
Even the soldiers jeered at him.
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
"If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."
Above him there was an inscription that read,
"This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus,
saying,
"Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us."
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal."
Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

VINNIES COLLECTION

For November, you are invited to donate 1 of the following:
Christmas biscuits, cake, pudding, mince tarts, can of fruit or long life custard.

Thank you for your continued generous donations.

The last day for Christmas donations will be 23rd November

ST BERNADETTE'S BANK DETAILS

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

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER;

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Reflection; Solemnity of the Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted in 1925, between the two World Wars under the pontificate of Pope Pius XI. Pope who saw Europe tearing itself into pieces during the First World War, rightly felt that the worse was perhaps still to come.

In this context, hardly a few years after the Armistice, he published his first encyclical with phrases that can be applied to any context all over the world. The Pope writes, "*Neither individuals, nor the society as a whole, nor the nations have, after such a catastrophic war, found back true peace.... Our first and foremost duty is to claim the spirits. An external, artificial peace is not the solution.... what we need is peace that penetrates hearts... Such a peace can only be the peace of Christ.*"

Today we celebrate the peace that comes from Christ the King. But was Christ really a king? Where in the gospels is it written that he is king? It is written on the cross, above his head. The inscription of four letters **I.N.R.I** which is in Latin, means "Jesus, the Nazarene, the King of the Jews." Jesus himself never wanted to be a king. Each time that the people wanted to make him king, he slipped away and escaped from them. But now that he cannot run away, they nailed him to a cross and gave him the title of king.

Declared king on the cross, Jesus poses the inaugural act of his investiture. To the repentant sinner he accords free entry into heaven. "*Truly I tell you, today, you will be with me in Paradise.*" "Today" in Luke's Gospel is not merely a twenty-four-hour interval, but the moment when God's salvation fractures time. The power to forgive belongs to the king. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

"*Are you king?*" Pilot asked him. This question has come down across the centuries and reached us, along with the answer that was given: "*My kingship is not of this world.*" On the face of the crucified radiates the light of the resurrection. Our looks are transformed. Darkness and death have been overcome. That is why we proclaim that it is he who will come to judge the living and the dead, and that his kingdom will have no end. And we say also that we believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the communion of saints, in the resurrection of the dead and in life everlasting. Amen.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new sets of envelopes for the next 6 months are available for pickup at the back of the church.

Please begin using these on **7th December and not before.**

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 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling

Christmas is drawing near, and with it, the promise that God is with us. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

The Bishop's appeal will take place this weekend, alternatively, please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thankyou

CHRISTMAS STALL

Before and after each mass next weekend, our creative craft group will be holding their annual Christmas Stall.

Please come along and see their amazing work.

Hand made, and home baked Christmas gifts will be for sale (cash only).



MARIAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

Join us on the 29th November (10am-12pm in the parish hall) as we meditate on Mary's life, particularly her experiences at the Annunciation, Wedding Feast at Cana, the foot of the Cross, and with the early Church. Mary provides inspiration and guidance for our lives. This includes a spirituality session focused on Mary, providing reflective and faith enriching insights and discussion.

Advent is a time of LOVE, HOPE, JOY & PEACE. Mary's faith in God was vibrant and powerful. It served to shield her during the challenging events that poured unexpectedly into her life. Morning tea will be provided that offers an opportunity for you to meet and socialise over a cuppa.

For more information, Merilyn Hancock - Ministry Partner MET
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TLC inc 18th ANNUAL FUNRAISING DINNER

Toongabbie Legal Centre will be holding their 18th Annual Fundraising Dinner on the 29th November. This will be at the Blacktown Leisure Centre, Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens. For tickets, please go to events.humanitix.com/tlcdinner

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Betty Clark, Kendal McDonald, Adi Santoso, Kylie Baffico, Jodie McClellan, 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.

Recently Deceased; Allan Sloane

Deceased: Bernard Wallace, Luciana P Pili, Flora Carmelita da la Cruz, Ruth Eyers, Owen O'Reilly, Maria Zedrerich, Mary Theew, Greg Whitby AM, Vinc Matani, Raquel Morales, Alma Valdez, E & M Zabeth, Jenny Williams, M. Kiniawi, M & A Sabbagh, Therese & Jannette Zabeth, Glenn Mowbray, Fr David Catterall, Mary Collings, Alan Burgess, Michael McQuade, Senza Bon, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Lorraine Buckley, Thelma Islip, Vicente Gallegos, Alois Mihic, Abigail de Vega, 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.

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.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING RECONCILIATION

Father, we ask that this, their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, be a moment of grace that stays with them forever. May they remember that no matter where life takes them, Your love is constant and you are always ready to receive them.

Guide them and light their way Holy Spirit. Open their hearts, so they recognise where they have sinned, and grant them the courage to confess with honesty and trust.

CARITAS - GLOBAL GIFTS WITH A PURPOSE !

Each card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty.

By putting your compassion into action and shopping for a Global Gift you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

View the range of Global Gifts www.globalgifts.org.au

NOVEMBER MASSES

The practice of offering the holy mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased, originates in the early church. The catechism teaches, "From the beginning, the church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (No 1032).

The faithful are encouraged to offer masses. These will be celebrated throughout the month of November.

Envelopes are at the back of the church.

Please place them in the box with offering and names of your deceased loved ones.