

# 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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4th Sunday in Ordinary time, 1st February 2026 - YEAR A

**Gospel;** Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

### VINNIES HAMPER DONATION

**NB – please only donate small containers of these items.**

For the month of February, you are invited to donate any of the following:  
laundry detergent (liquid or powder), dish washing liquid (no tablets), or shampoo / conditioner .  
Thankyou for your continued generosity.

### POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

**For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Reflection;** 4th Sunday, Year A

The Beatitudes

Jesus' sermon on the mount give us cause for reflection as they turn our normal value system upside down, forcing us to confront whether we are guided by the gospel or by the pattern set by society.

Their message contradicts our commonsense approach to life yet they are the guidelines of Christ to us on how to spend this life, in order one day to enjoy eternity with Him in heaven. At first sight they do not seem to be true, yet it remains a fact of experience that real genuine happiness does not come from wealth, power or prestige.

It may come as a disappointment to ambitious-minded people that God does not look for success measured in human terms. The sermon on the mount or the Beatitudes spells out and is a road map of who a Christian should be. In a startling reversal of earthly standards, Jesus puts a high value on mercy, forgiveness and gentleness. Everything the world values as a blessing is absent from what Jesus teaches in the beatitudes and everything the world counts as failure, he proposes as a blessing. Human success and power count for nothing in God's eyes.

Holiness and wealth do not fit comfortable together. The life of a follower is not meant to be easy as it calls on us to do things that do not come naturally to us.

The Beatitudes still speak to us today and wanting to know: 'Are we kind, considerate and helpful, or are we selfish, uncharitable and proud?'

Jesus offers us a joy which shines through sorrow and suffering and which nothing in life or death can take away.

*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](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.

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 145:7-10  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.. Alleluia!

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training. Check with your Parish Office when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training.

- If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).
  - If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2).
  - If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3).
- Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>  
Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

### YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year of St Francis to mark the 800th anniversary of the saint's death, extending until January 2027.

This Special Year holds particular meaning for the Diocese of Parramatta, shaped by the Franciscan spirit through our Bishop and the many Franciscan friars, sisters and lay members across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. In their lives of simplicity, service to the poor and care for creation, the legacy of St Francis lives on among us today.

May this Special Year renew our hearts and shape us as instruments of peace and hope.

### BLACKTOWN PARISH PRESENTS 'THE WITNESS'

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. They are currently looking for a variety of roles to be filled for the production, including director, choreographer, singers and dancers. To learn more, or express your interest, please visit <https://www.privvyr.com/form/5W7hISmG#the-witness-musical-cast-crew>

### 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). Home schooling and learning Disabilities also available.

**For sick parishioners, relatives and friends:** Elizabeth Calabria, Vince Lopresti, 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:** Mary Leeder, Kristina Lewis

**Anniversary:** Bruce McDonald, Tony Smith, Paul & Kenneth Martinus,

**Deceased:** Mirella Gentile, Paul Mowbray, Sr Jeane, Dinko Surdich, Julia Loxley, Gerard Courtney, Anselem Jehenthiren, Kristina Lewis, Carla & Marcello Gatto, Abigail de Vega, Frank & Elizabeth Calabria & family, Renato Zec, Dolores Feliciano, Audrey Da Luz, Allan Sloane, Bernard Frank, Richard Lopresti, Wallace, Luciana P Pili, Flora Carmelita da la Cruz, Ruth Eyers, Owen O'Reilly, Mary Theew, Alma Valdez, E & M Zabeth, Jenny Williams, M. Kiniawi, M & A Sabbagh, Therese & Jannette Zabeth, Glenn Mowbray, Mary Collings, Alan Burgess, Senza Bon, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Lorraine Buckley, Thelma Islip, Vicente Gallegos, Alois Mihic, 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

### 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 @8.30am  
Wednesday 7.00pm (Rosary and exposition @ 6.30pm)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.45—10.15am & 5.00-5.30pm

### 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.

### ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA MASS

You are warmly invited to the annual St Josephine Bakhita Memorial Mass & Community Celebration on Sunday 8 February, 12:30pm at St Patrick's Church, MQOF Parish, Blacktown. The South-Sudanese and Sudanese Catholic Community, supported by the Mission Enhancement Team, will celebrate their national patron saint, share their spirituality, culture and cuisine, and pray for the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. All are welcome to attend.

### DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on 11 February 2026 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/](https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/)

### DOMINICAN RETREAT

Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from 13-15 February 2026. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Registration closes 6th February. Fee: \$300 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

### MORNING TEA

Come and join us for morning tea next Sunday after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

