

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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6th Sunday in Ordinary time, 15th February 2026 - YEAR A

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Jesus said to his disciples:
unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.
"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.

But I say to you,
whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.

"You have heard that it was said,
You shall not commit adultery.
But I say to you,
everyone who looks at a woman with lust
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your
ancestors,
*Do not take a false oath,
but make good to the Lord all that you vow.*
Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'
Anything more is from the evil one."

Reflection: 6th Sunday

Matter of the Heart

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that he has come not to abolish but to perfect the Law laid down by Moses. Thou shall not kill, thou shall not commit adultery, thou shall not swear. Jesus is telling us that getting by within the letter of the law is not what he has in mind. He does not lay down rules and regulations for every situation in life, but he asks us to keep a check on our inner attitudes, on our motivation. Thoughts are just as important as deeds. What we say and do must express what is in our hearts because good attitudes produce sincere actions. Anyone can easily perform an outwardly good deed to impress friends, but God is not readily fooled by such an action. Jesus gives the commandment a deeper meaning, stating that they are to be written into our hearts and into our innermost part of our being. The commandments are a blessing from God and a sign of his care for us. They are for our welfare and pave the path to inner freedom. If our goal is merely to avoid break them then we are not striving for any measure of perfection but simply fulfilling the basic requirement for salvation. Christ teaching about adultery in the heart invites us to give serious thought to what is needed in creating a good marriage and not simply avoiding the evil of adultery. Marriage and a happy family require a wholehearted and lifelong dedication by both spouses.

In all this, Jesus invites us to relate to God and to each other in a new way. Our approach should be based on what pleases God rather than on what we are bound to do. We are not going to be judged on the evil we have avoided but on the good works we have carried out.

With peace in God's mission
Fr Clifford D'Souza msfs

ASH WEDNESDAY—18TH FEBRUARY

We commence the season of Lent by blessing and imposing the ashes on our foreheads as an outward sign of our journey leading up to Easter.



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer, fasting and penance. Masses will be celebrated here at **9.15am and 7pm.**

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.



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: Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS 2026

The Sacraments of Initiation Process for 2026 is due to begin in St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park.

Baptised Catholic children need to be in Year 3 or higher to receive Reconciliation, in Year 4 or higher to receive First Communion and in Year 5 and higher to receive Confirmation.

Details of Registration and the Sacramental Process are set out in a package.

Parents of children attending St Bernadette's Primary School will have the package sent to them through their children by February. Parents, please check your children's school bags.

Parents of children attending Lynwood Park State School, Lalor Park State School, Kings Langley State School and Seven Hills West State School who wish to register their children in the Sacraments of Initiation Process will receive the

Package via the Special Religious Educators. Parents, please check your children's bags. If, however, they do not receive one, they will need to collect the package from the Parish Centre, 14 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park, from **February 23**. The Parish Centre is open on Wednesdays 9:00am - 3:30pm, Thursdays and Fridays 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Completed Registration Forms need to be dropped off before March 22 at the Parish Centre, 14 Wheeler Street or dropped into the Parish Centre Letter box which is up against the fence. Enquiries may be made at the Parish Centre on 9672 4037 and Madge the Sacrament Coordinator will return your call.

Thank You

Mrs Madge Miranda
Sacrament Co- Ordinator
St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park



**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION**

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

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.

WELCOME

We welcome Jonathan Morrow to our faith family as he is baptised on Sunday. Congratulations to his parents and family, and blessings on Jonathan for his very special day.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to The Feast of St Joseph Saturday, 14th March 2026. Mass 10:30am at St Patrick's Church Mary Queen of the Family Parish 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Novena Mass for the feast will be celebrated at St. Bernadette's Lalor Park on March 6 at 7pm. The theme for this year is:

"St Joseph: Guardian of the Holy Family, United in the Mission of Christ."

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.

BE THE WITNESS

There are two new dates for chorus auditions for the musical 'The Witness'; the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. Monday 16th February, or Monday 23rd February 6.30-8.30pm. There is a QR code on the noticeboard outside our church.

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.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Rosa Watson, Madeline Weir, 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, Tycho Walsh, Nathan Weaver, Jim Buckley, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Paul Tonissoo, Julie Daly.

Deceased: Mary Leeder, Kristina Lewis, Mirella Gentile, Paul Mowbray, Sr Jeane, Dinko Surdich, Julia Loxley, Gerard Courtney, Anselem Jehenthiren, 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 norms, and a copy can be obtained from the Parish Centre during office hours.