

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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Easter Sunday 5th April 2026 - YEAR A

Easter Sunday

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

HAPPY EASTER

The parish team would like to wish you and your dear ones a very Happy Easter. May the Risen Lord enlighten and brighten your lives with his promise of eternal life, light and peace.

"Easter Sunday cannot be fully understood or experienced without first passing through the 'Good Friday' of self-surrender, sacrifice, and the crucifixion of pride"
Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Reflection:

Easter Sunday

The tomb is empty, the burial shroud and wrappings are on the ground, and the linen that covered the face of Jesus rolled up. In that moment, the empty tomb becomes more than the abstract truth of God's power over death. In that moment, the empty tomb becomes the concrete reality of the presence of Mary's risen Lord. Mary is **not** to keep Jesus' presence to and for herself ("Do not hold onto to me") Her story and his. His experience and hers cannot be anchored in the past. Nor is it singular. Instead, Jesus commissions her to tell others what she has seen and heard ("But go to my brothers and sisters and say to them..."). This Easter story ends with exactly that – Mary announces to the disciples. Discovering that the stone has been moved away, Mary Magdalene runs to tell Peter and the others – "I have seen the Lord." Peter and the 'other disciple' race to get there and look inside.

While the Easter mystery does not deny the reality of suffering and pain, it does proclaim reason for hope in the human condition. The empty tomb of Christ trumpets the ultimate Alleluia – that love, compassion, generosity, humility, and selflessness will ultimately triumph over hatred, bigotry, prejudice, despair, greed, and death. The Easter miracle enables us, even in the most difficult and desperate times, to live our lives in hopeful certainty of the fulfillment of the resurrection at the end of our life's journey.

Throughout the forty days of Lent, we have been steering our lives toward the light, trying to shake the darkness, the doubts, the burdens of living, the heaviness of hearts. Easter provides an enormous injection of hope for the human spirit. May Easter become a verb in our lives – a way of living, a way of loving, a way of seeing, hearing, and understanding. Let us not just celebrate this Easter day but let us "do" Easter every day. Let us not just mark this milestone of the life of the Gospel Jesus but let this day mark our lives with the compassion, humility, and joy of the Risen One.

Let us rejoice on this Easter Day, for death has folded up his tent and gone away.

Deacon Jerome Emmanuel



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

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made,; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

THANKYOU

Thank you to all who have helped in making our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations uplifting, prayerful and meaningful: the many choir groups, the Ministers at the Altar, the church cleaners, those who maintain the parish grounds, those who prepare for week day and weekend masses, volunteers at the office such as counters and collectors, the floral arrangements team and many others. Blessings on your generous availability to serve our parish.

VINNIES COLLECTION

For the month of April, you are invited to bring a small Mothers' Day gift. *We are grateful for your continued generosity*

POST EASTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Fr Clifford will be on leave after Easter, hence there will be **no weekday** masses.

Weekday Masses will resume Tuesday 28th April.

The Parish office will re open on Thursday 9th April.

MORNING TEA

There will be a morning tea on Sunday, April 12 after each mass. Please bring a plate to share.



ST FRANCIS JUBILEE YEAR

The Year of St. Francis will be celebrated, marking the 800th anniversary of his Transitus to Heaven. During this year, Catholics are encouraged to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace, and it includes the opportunity for the faithful to receive a plenary indulgence.

SENIORS MEETING

Our next seniors group meeting is on the 9th April, at 9.45am—in the Parish meeting room.

All are welcome.

ANZAC DAY

There will be an Anzac Day Mass on Sat 25 at 9.15am followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.



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

Our parish community heartily welcome *Bryan Naing* and *Thant Zaw* who were baptised, received Holy Communion and Confirmed at the Easter vigil Mass in the presence of their sponsors, family members, the RCIA team and the attendees. A special thanks and appreciation to our RCIA team members: Sue Gilmore, Bernadette Nolan and Wendy Hord for journeying with them and sharing the knowledge of the scriptures and traditions.

If there is anyone you know who is non Christian or of another faith denomination and is interested in knowing more of our Catholic faith, please contact the parish office or Fr. Clifford.

MINISTRY OF CARE

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place each Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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 Teacher) for a free 30 minute meeting Home schooling and learning disabilities also available. Please contact fsgadolphe@gmail.com

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone that bought tickets in our raffle. Congratulations to the following for winning;

1. Michele B
2. Fernando G
3. Georgina S

All the proceeds will go towards the repair of our church

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Shubert S.

Baluyot, Luisa Lenore, Franchette Ayson, Bienvenido Legaspi Jr, 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, 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.

Recently deceased: Francis Sergi, Gabriel Policarpio, Peter & Tina Muriniti, Clara Sohn, William (Bill) Gregory.

Deceased: George Kitney, Anne Donovan, Paloma Escarlan, Calogero Occhuito 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, Owen O'Reilly, Thelma Islip, Lorraine Buckley, Vicente Gallegos, Ailsia & Bruce McDonald. 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.