

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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11th Sunday in ordinary time, 14th June 2026 - YEAR A

Gospel

Matthew 9:36—10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church for those still using them. The new ones begin on **5th July**. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THEM BEFORE THAT DATE AS SOME NUMBERS HAVE BEEN CHANGED.**

VINNIES COLLECTION **

For the month of June, you are invited to bring a pair of **new socks** for men / women / children or babies to contribute to our donations. *We are grateful for your continued generosity*

~ SANTO NINO de EBU NOVENA MASS ~

We warmly invite all parishioners, families, and devotees of the Santo Niño to attend this special Novena Mass. Devotees are encouraged to bring their Santo Niño statues for blessing. Fellowship and shared refreshments will follow the Mass. 19th June, 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, 5 Todd Row, St Clair

Reflection

Shepherding the Flock

In the context of our Lord sending his newly chosen disciples, it speaks of the very beginning of their ministry. The scope of their activity is to look after their own people- a leaderless multitude who seem to be lost and deprived of guidance. Christ takes pity on their plight, because they are like sheep without a shepherd, and turn his attention to alleviating their distress. The ministry of the first disciples is gradually unfolded is one of mercy and forgiveness, accompanied by a vast campaign of spiritual and physical healing. Their role is to be active preachers who proclaim the saving work of God. He gives them the authority of expelling unclean spirits and cure sickness and disease of every kind. They are the powers that Christ exercises in his own ministry when he goes about teaching and preaching in Galilee. It is worth noting that even though the time is pressing and the loss of the harvest of souls is imminent, Christ urges his disciples not just to head straight into activity but to pray that the Lord of the harvest will help them in their work. Prayer helps us realise that we are called by God and encourages us to live up to our responsibilities as his people. In prayer we come to better appreciate the value of God's mercy and the magnitude of his love for sinners. Only through prayer can we share the life of Christ in the unique way the apostles did. As members of the body of Christ, we are called by name at baptism and are his chosen ones. We are given the mandate to deliver God's message to the world. As Christians it is our task to continue the work of Christ. It is in our preaching and living out the gospel that we can offer salvation to others. In the midst of trials, when we look upon human problems with understanding hearts, we bring Christ's presence showing that He cares. By reflecting Christ's values in our lives and through our actions, we can become great ambassadors in building God's kingdom. It is no small challenge to be Christ's messenger as it demands humble faith and trust in the Lord.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JUNE

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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: Exodus 19: 2-6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99: 2-3, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his son; we are saved by his life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Because of your compassion, our parish has raised just over \$2000 through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal. This will support the Holy Spirit Seminary and help form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity helps provide education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all Diocesan ministries supported through this Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal.

WELCOME

We especially welcome to our faith community: Louise Nehme. She will be Baptised into our community this Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and family. May they have a joyous and blessed day.

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Jubilee emphasizes:

- **Imitation of Saint Francis** as a model of holiness, peace, and reconciliation
- **Care for creation and the poor**, reflecting his love for all creatures and human fraternity
- **Active charity and responsible living**, encouraging believers to translate faith into concrete actions for justice and peace. The Jubilee is intended for all members of the Franciscan family, religious and lay, as well as anyone inspired by Franciscan spirituality, making it a universal invitation to spiritual growth and service

BE THE WITNESS

An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed! From 10-13 September, Parramatta Riverside Theatre will be ablaze with Be The Witness, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!** It is so much more than a musical. It's a movement! Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ. Who will you bring? 10 - 13 September RIVERSIDE THEATRES, Parramatta. Bethewitness.com.au

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Dereck Mulligan, Maura Mulligan, Shubert S. Baluyot, Luisa Lenore, Franchette Ayson, Bienvenido Legaspi Jr, Rosa Watson, Madeline Weir, Elizabeth Calabria, Vince Lopresti, 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: Betty Clark, Sr. Myree Harris rsj

Deceased: Sr. Myree Harris rsj, Richard Lopresti, Dedi Maisetti, Orelha Dias, Thomas Griffith, Kendal McDonald, Francis Sergi, Gabriel Policarpio, Peter & Tina Muriniti Clara Sohn, William (Bill) Gregory, 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.

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**

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.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

**** ALL VOLUNTEERS ****

All clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to complete mandatory Safeguarding Training and have current up to date certifications.

The below Safeguarding Online Training Modules can be accessed and completed via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses>

IF YOU ARE NEW TO MINISTRY:

Complete Safeguarding Training Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).

IF YOU COMPLETED CYCLE 1 MODULES TWO YEARS AGO:

Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2).

IF YOU RENEWED YOUR CYCLE 2 MODULES 4 & 5 TWO YEARS AGO:

Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Please register directly for safeguarding training and locations by going to <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please contact: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Please email a copy of your certificates ASAP to the Parish office via email:

admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

SING A NEW SONG – MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Children in Year 4-12 are invited to come to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. Tuesday 14 July 2026, 9.30am-2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place Parramatta Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19 July at 6pm. Register here: parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/