

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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12th Sunday in ordinary time, 21st June 2026 - YEAR A

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:
"Fear no one.
Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.
What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy
both soul and body in Gehenna.
Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your
Father's knowledge.
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many
sparrows.
Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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

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.

Reflection

Fearlessly Living the Gospel

In these days of indifference to the gospel message, it is good to recall the instruction Jesus gave to his apostles as he prepared them for their mission of preaching. Opposition to the gospel is inevitable so he points out to the danger they will face. People whose evil stands to be exposed will not tolerate their preaching and will behave in an aggressive manner towards them. Their message will meet with resistance. Jesus, while making no secret of the fact that they will suffer ridicule and rejection, urges his disciples to bear witness openly and to be fearless in making a stand for truth and justice however unpopular this may make us.

Fear is an emotion which often cripples our lives. We can think of so many situations in life where our response to Jesus has been feeble or half-hearted. We often fail to stand up for what we know to be just and right in our hearts. Maybe in the company we keep there is a danger of losing friends, by going to church, refusing to take part in idle gossip or saying no to drugs and other banned substances. For evil to triumph, all that is required is for good people to remain silent. The mission of Jesus was to proclaim his Father's love and never fail to carry out that task. If the word of God is to free us to act in accordance to our deeper convictions, then we must pray for the grace to overcome our fears. There are many situations in life when it is supportive to remember the words of our Lord, 'Fear not'. Whatever happens God is always in control. It is his world. His power and his spirit are at work in our midst, and we can be sure of his steadfast love. When we have completed our earthly journey of professing the Good News, he will claim us as his own before the Father.

*With peace in God's mission
Father Clifford D'Souza msfs*

PETER'S PENCE

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on **Sunday 28 June 2026**. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

Please donate generously

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: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witness. Alleluia!

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

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – HEARTS SET ABLAZE

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help in our parish, please see Father Clifford or Chantal in the parish office if you'd like to help. Yard work, cleaning, operating the power point at mass.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Dereck Mulligan, Maura Mulligan, Shubert S. Baluyot, Luisa Lenore, Franchette Ayson, Bienvenido Legaspi Jr, Rosa Watson, 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 Tonisoo.

Anniversary: Dominic Surdich

Deceased: Betty Clark, 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.

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**

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.

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea after both the 8.30am and 10am mass next weekend

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT & SEMINAR ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL

Out of love for the Eucharist, St Carlo Acutis created a website that compiled the details of every recorded Eucharistic miracle. These miracles are moments of extraordinary grace, where Christ's real presence in the Sacred Host is manifested in some physical way. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition has since been made available for display in parishes throughout the world where people are able to spend time learning about these extraordinary events as a community of faith. Throughout this year, the Diocese of Parramatta is displaying the Exhibition at various parishes for people to come and see. St Patrick's Cathedral will be the first host parish from Sunday 14th to Sunday 28th June in the Cloister Hall. Guest Speaker: Fr Gerard Kelly, *Biblical Roots of the Eucharist* | Saturday 27th June at 4pm in the Cloister Hall. Please RSVP for the Seminar by Fr Gerard via parracatholic.org/events/eucharistic-miracles-exhibit

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