

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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Parish Priest: Fr Clifford D'Souza msfs
Parish Deacon: Deacon Jerome Emmanuel
Parish Secretary: Mrs Bev Baxter (Thursday / Friday)
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Office Hours: Wednesday 9am - 3.30pm, Thursday & Friday 9am - 4pm
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14th Sunday in ordinary time, 5th July 2026 - YEAR A

Gospel

Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church for those still using them. The new ones begin this weekend, 5th July. **Please only use these now.**

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION - Reminder

Parents who have registered their children in the First Communion Process are reminded that they need to attend the meeting for *Parents Only* on:

- ⇒ Thursday 6th August
- ⇒ 9.15am **OR** 7.30pm (you need to attend only one of these)
- ⇒ Parish Meeting Room (below the Parish Office)

Non attendance at this meeting would indicate your decision to withdraw from or postpone participation in the process this year. Thank you. *Madge Miranda, Sacramental Coordinator.*

**** VINNIES COLLECTION ****

For the month of July, you are invited to bring **cans or packets of soup**, to contribute to our donations. *We are grateful for your continued generosity*

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Reflection

The Invitation of a Consoling God

From time to time, as the problems and worries of the moment overpower us, we all find life difficult and discouraging. As the signs of stress and tension become visible on our faces, we sit up and listen to those reassuring and comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.' Jesus presents himself as the friend and consoler of the weary and oppressed. In the middle of trying situations, he seems to invite us to come to him with our worries saying all will be well. This giving of our hearts to Christ implies complete trust and childlike dependence, qualities which are missing in our adult world. Growing up meant casting aside this childlike trust and exchanging it for reliance on material possessions and as a result finding it difficult to cast our cares upon the Lord with the confidence that he will sustain us.

Humility is vital in our search for God. The humble person does not have to complicate matters by projecting such a false self-image where one's success is measured by arrogance, ambition and ruthlessness and, self-esteem is indicated by the company we keep, the car we drive and the house we live in. Because we are lacking in humility, we are robbed of that inner peace which comes from putting our hand in his hand. Humility enables us to let go of self and make space for God in whom we find our strength. Christ meets us at our own level when we turn to him in prayer laden with problems and troubles of life. As we unload our difficulties and sufferings before him, he makes them into an acceptable offering to his heavenly Father.

The gospel speaks of tender personal and human qualities of Christ's love for us. God is full of mercy and compassion and a great comfort in times of sorrow and distress. There is a great capacity of goodness in each one of us, provided we accept the invitation to build up our lives with Christ as our model.

With peace in God's mission

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

SENIORS GROUP

Our parish seniors group will be meeting next Thursday, **9th July at 9.45am** in the parish hall.

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: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will always live.

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!

Thank you everyone for supporting the annual Peter's Pence Collection, to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

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

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets next weekend, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes. There will be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Members of Zabeth Family, 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 Tonissoo.

Anniversary: Luis Pineda

Recently deceased: Fulvio Luis Pineda

Deceased: Fr. Lorenzo Loria OP, Salvatore Loria, Betty Clark, Father Emile Zabeth, Mother Mary, Members of the Dabbous, Jawish, Michael, Kinani Families, Mary & Attalla Sabbath, Sr. Myree Harris rsj, Richard Lopresti, Dedi Maisetti, Orelha Dias, Thomas Griffith, Kendal McDonald, Francis Sergi, Gabriel Policarpo, 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, Ailsa & 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.

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

SCHOENSTATT SISTERS 'PMA REFLECTION DAY'

Under the theme of *Mary our Mother and Queen* this reflection day is open to everyone and will include Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction, talks, prayer and fellowship. 11th July, 9 am to 3:30pm, \$25 incl morning tea. Please bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrines and a plate to share for lunch. Contact Edna Aldana 0403 160 584 or Sr M Rita 0493 026 628.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year on Saturday 29 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18 August 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.