

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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26th Sunday in ordinary time, 27th September 2026 - YEAR A

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

ST PEDRO ANNUAL FEAST DAY

On behalf of the St Pedro Calungsod Devotees, St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill and the Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta we warmly invite you, your family, and parish community to join us in celebrating the 15th Annual Feast Day of St Pedro Calungsod on Saturday, 17 October 2026, 10:30am, St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill. As part of our spiritual preparation, Novena Masses will be held from 8 to 16 October 2026 at 7:00 PM, hosted by different parishes throughout our Diocese (Including St Bernadette's). Please find fiesta and novena details on our noticeboard.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



Reflection

Saying 'Yes' to God's Will

No matter who we are, we possess the freedom to say 'yes' or 'no' to God and the ability to repent and change direction of our lives.

One way or another we are responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behaviour. One day we will stand before the judgement seat of God answerable for our goodness and our failings. The good news is that with the help of God's grace we can change the direction of our lives for the better.

The varying attitudes of the two sons (Mt 21:28-32) give us cause to think carefully because whether we like it or not, there is a mixture of both personalities in our make-up. Very few of us can say that when the Lord called us we were ready and eager to answer, ' Here I am Lord', I have come to do your will.' The gospel is telling us that actions speak louder than words. If regular Sunday church-going is not accompanied by upright Christian living, what we profess to believe has no value and amounts to lip service or idle promises which are worthless. We are just uttering words but not changing our hearts.

Christ stated that the scribes and pharisees' attitude to the observance of the law was an outward show and that there is more honesty and a greater readiness to accept the call for repentance among outcasts where the tax-collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of heaven before the others. The story is for all ages. The test of our allegiance to Christ is in keeping the promises that we have made and accepting His will in what we do.

With peace in God's mission,

Father Clifford D'Souza msfs

**** VINNIES COLLECTION ****

With Christmas fast approaching, for October, you are invited to donate 1 of the following; soft drink, chips, nuts, pretzels, Christmas lollies or pancake mix.

We are grateful for your continued generosity

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: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they know me. Alleluia!

ST CARLO ACUTIS, FIRST CLASS RELIC

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome.

SRE CATECHIST RECRUITMENT

Have you thought about sharing your love of God with Catholic students in public schools in our Parish? These students deserve the opportunity to encounter Jesus through scripture classes in their public school. It takes only 30 minutes lesson preparation and 30 minutes teaching the lesson.

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) provides the resources and training to give you the support and skills to share your faith with children who want to know Jesus, in the local public schools in the proximity of our Parish.

This weekend, there will be SRE Catechist Recruitment Masses.

Please contact Connie Cassar, the Parish Co-Ordinator – 0410 346 484 Parish email - admin@stbernadettes.org.au

You are welcome to call in at the Parish Office, or phone 9672 4037 to register your interest.

**** CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES ****

Please note; beginning 6 October, the Tuesday morning mass (9.15am) will change to be celebrated at 6.30pm with novena devotions, followed by mass at 7pm and the Wednesday mass (7.00pm) will now be at 9.15am instead.

The rest of the weekday mass times remain unchanged.

EUCHARIST28; WALKING WITH CHRIST

The journey to Eucharist28 has begun! In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives. To discover more, visit eucharist28.org

HELPERS: Would you like to help in your parish?

CD's, choirs, church welcomers and power point operators. Please see Father Clifford, or Chantal in the parish office.

**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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

Congratulations to the First Communicants who over the last two weekends received Jesus for the first time.

Congratulations also to their Parents and families who by their prayers, guidance and example led them to this momentous milestone in their lives. We pray that the relationship with Jesus be strengthened, deepened and encouraged as they meet Him regularly at Mass and in prayer.

Fr Clifford and the Sacrament Team.

RECONCILIATION

Parents of Children who are baptized and are in Year 3 or higher, who wish to present their children for the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession, Penance) are invited to collect the Registration Pack from the Parish Office on Thursdays or Fridays 9:00am -4:00pm.

The preparation begins with a **PARENTS ONLY** meeting on Thursday October 29.

Madge Miranda Sacrament Coordinator

**WYD27 SONGWRITING COMPETITION, Submissions
close 16 December**

Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, your original song is wanted, to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35.

All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org

CARITAS AUSTRALIA; NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District in August. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends: Maria Power, Members of Zabeth Family, Dereck Mulligan, Maura Mulligan, , 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, Nathan Weaver, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Paul Tonissoo.

Recently deceased: Bev McCaffrey

Deceased: Joseph Bartolo, Teresa Maccarone, Mario Rozzi, John Buck, Shubert S. Baluyot, Fulvio Luis Pineda, Tristan Sampang, Julito Soniano, Betty Clark, Richard Lopresti, Dedi Maisetti, Kendal McDonald, Francis Sergi, Anselem Jehenthiren, Carla & Marcello Gatto, Abigail de Vega, Frank & Elizabeth Calabria & Family, Owen O'Reilly, 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.