

great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.



Picture yourself as a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer we are offering individual online information sessions at a time that suits you. To book a one on one appointment call **CCareline 13 18 19** connect@familyspirit.org

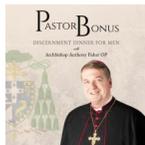
8am – 6pm, Monday – Friday

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Family Drug Support

This is a caring non-religious organization which provided non-judgmental, non-directive support and information to families and friends of drug users across Australia. Telephone Support Line 24hrs/7day a week: 1300 368 186. Please see brochures in the Church foyer.



'Pastor Bonus' Dinner

A series of evenings for young men, 18-35 years, to discuss topics of Faith, Youth and Vocation Discernment. The evening promises to be an excellent opportunity of sharing and inspiration with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Date: **Tuesday, 4 August 2020**

Where: **Cathedral House**

FREE *Registration is essential. Places are extremely limited, as this is an invitation only event. **RSVP by Tues 28 Jul 2020.** Contact us at 02 9307 8424 or vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Prayer for Grandparents

This week on 26th July we celebrate the Feast Day of St Joachim & Anne, the parents of Our Lady and the grandparents of Jesus. And so we pray at this time for all grandparents in our families and in our Parish:

Lord Jesus you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them. Grant that all families may one day we reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen



Next week 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: Is 55:1-3 Psalm: 144

2nd: Rom 8:35, 37-39; Gospel: Mt 14:13-21

Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 280 Homer St, Earlwood, NSW. 2206

St Bernadette's Church: Corner William St & Bexley Rd.

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School: Ph: 9559 2556 Principal: Dermott O'Neill

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes: Ph: 9559 2171 (Mon & Fri 10am to 1pm)

LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

Fr. Patrick Njenga Parish Administrator Fr. Miguel Perez Campos Assistant Priest

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WEEK 30

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

25/26 JULY 2020

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130.

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. . (R.)

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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!

Gospel Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of

Mass Weekends:

Saturday 5.00pm OLOL, 6.30pm Bernadette's

Sunday 8.00am Bernadette's, 9.30am OLOL

Children's Liturgy: during 9.30am Mass

10.45am (Italian). 6pm Maronite Mass in English.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4- 4.45pm OLOL

Mass Weekdays:

St. Bernadette Tue 6.30 pm, Fri 6.30am

OLOL: Wed 8.30am, Thurs 8.30am, Friday 9am

Baptisms: 12noon 2nd & 4th Sundays at OLOL

11am 3rd Sunday at St Bernadette's

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 - 6.20pm St. Bernadette's

Rosary Statue

Josie Boland 9558 6707



Grotto Rosary

Rosary every Mon & Fri at Grotto at 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary

Please join us for **Holy Hour on Fridays 6:30-7:30pm at Our Lady's Church**. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt. 26:41)

Booking Again

Booking for weekend Masses has been reinstated due to COVID-19 restrictions changing again. You need to book in by ringing the Parish Office on 9558 1254 on Tues, Wed or Thurs mornings.

Make a Booking

COVIDSAFE Church COVID Restrictions

COVID-19 restrictions have changed again from July 24, church attendance numbers are limited to 100, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. So this means OLOL can have 100 but St Bernadette's can only have 65. All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and they must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.

Please note that collection plates are not allowed to be handled. So we have a leaving collection at the church door only. Also singing is not permitted and Parish Bulletins cannot be re-handled or re-used.

St Bernadette's Readers

The August Readers' Roster is now available. Many thanks for your continuing support. Please advise if unavailable ahead of time - thanks. Will do September Roster, then hopefully go back to 2 month for Oct/Nov
Thanks again Zita King



CWF Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The First CWF Appeal for the new Financial Year was scheduled for the weekend 1st/2nd Aug. It has been delayed but your contributions would be much appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity to this Appeal. Donations 100% Tax Deductible.

Wrap with Love

We have the final collection of rugs on display this weekend and what a beautiful sight it is. Many thanks to all participants in this project, including those who donated wool. Special thanks to Maria Duggan & Pauline Fenech for sewing many sets of knitted squares together to make beautiful 'wraps'. It takes 7 x 4 = 28 squares to make one rug. You are all very clever indeed. Also thanks to Mary Melville, Gina Vartuli, Daniela Barakat, Daphne Moore, Ruth & Sonia de Maria and those who made generous donations towards wool. We are handing over the rugs to 'Wrap with Love' NEXT Wed 29th July. Recently Wrap with Love celebrated their 28th Anniversary and in that time they have sent 560,000 rugs to the poor of the world, which is truly incredible! 'A tower of nine storeys begins with a heap of earth', wrote the poet. For Wrap with Love it all begins with a single stitch. May God bless you all for your efforts.



Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Due to COVID-19 Feast Day Celebrations will NOT be held on 8th August at Mary MacKillop Place 7-11 Mount St North Sydney. There will be a 10.00am Mass in the Chapel, which will be live-streamed followed by a time of prayer at the tomb. Details available on: marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au

Feast of Our Lady of Terzito

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Terzito will not be open to the public. It will be live streamed from Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Gladesville with Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday 26th July. This will be followed by the Rosary and Benediction. Link: <https://youtu.be/eDPK0nkIXk>

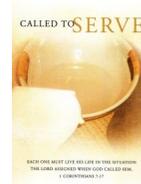


Parent Line NSW

Parent Line 1300 1300 52
Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

Confirmation 2020

Please note that the Sacrament of Confirmation has been scheduled for Sunday 13th December 2020. Further details will follow.



Ordination of Tommy Sofatzis

From a small boy Tommy Sofatzis had been a parishioner of St Bernadette's Clemton Park. Tommy attended Mass & Sunday school every Sunday with his wonderful parents Gillian & Bill Sofatzis and his 6 brothers & sisters. Now many years later on Saturday 8th August 2020 at 10.30am he will be ordained a priest in St Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Richard Umbers DD. Also Tommy will celebrate one of his first Masses in St Bernadette's Church on Wed 12th Aug at 10.00am. Because of limitation of numbers there will be a booking sheet for this Mass.

St Vincent De Paul

Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>
This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter**: <https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>



CW Catholic Weekly Catholic Weekly

With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available again in parishes this weekend for \$2.00. In this week's edition:

COVID-19 closes Maronite co-cathedral
Exclusive interview with former Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove

Collect your Catholic Weekly as you leave Mass today and support our Archdiocesan newspaper.

Appeal for Blankets

As winter is upon us, the Jesuit Refugee Service needs new blankets for their clients. If you are able to donate new blankets please contact Amelia Savage at Amelia.savage@jrs.org.au or on 9098 9336 and see the attached image for drop off points (drop off points as for food bank donations).



Please pray for the following:

Rec Deceased: Genevieve James (24/6), Monica James (26/6), Peter Gallagher (29/6), Margaret Warham, Edmund O'Shea.



Anniversaries

Elizabeth Colluccio, Lidia Taranto, Joseph Aquilina (11th Anniv), Daniel Canu (3mth, 16/4), Joseph, Marie & Naziha Touma, Michael Dann (1/8), Vincenzo Puglia (1st, 4/7), Athol Cullen (29/6), Tony Henderson (3rd, 23/6).

Also: Manuel, Tiago, Samamtha, Fatima & Joe Sousa, Avelino, Roberto & Dionizio Martins, Rosa & Concecaã dos Santos, Doreen Quinn, Joe Calaca, Delores Barakat, Annette Gatto, Derek Gilbert, Babs & Terry Rodrigues, Monica Brewer, Gillian Sofatzis, Pierino, Pasquale & Roberto Stanghieri, Vincenzo Zaccardelli, Mary & Karam Elkhouri, David Staunton, Regina & Katharina Liebig, Carmel Henwood, Sebastiano Salvato, Manuel De Nobrega, Carlo Favorito, Celie Channon, Dorothy Price, Joan Ashton, Giovanni & Maria Corrente, Giacomo Rosanella, Athol Cullen, Corrado Ardizzi, Antonio Camara, Sinacori & Salvato families, Spinola Family, Brian Davies, Michael & Flora Vartuli, Tony Miller & Maria Fung, Helen & Frederick Seeto, Joy Hockings, Anthony & Therese Bonnici, Joseph Sparrow, Lucy Elizabeth Sparrow, Christine Margaret Mary Sparrow, Edward Sparrow, John Sparrow, Pat & Lex Yule, Lillian Weaver, Ruth Yule, Frank & Kathleen O' Donoghue, James & Lesley Dalley, Nora & Joseph Collins, Andrea Canu, Domenico Antonio Mazzù, Sebastiana (Nella) & Francesco Di Stefano, Holy Souls. **May they rest in Peace.**

Special Intentions: Jose Gomes & family, Sister Elana, Sanjogta Sabharwal Blessings

Sick: Mary (Penny) & Max Houterman, Fred & Doris Mordocco, Shirley Rait, Kristian Seric (little boy hit by car), Maria Camara, Maria Porcu, Maria Robson, Dick & Judy Poole, Kiani & Tasha, Berry D'Rosario, Ema Halangahu, Alfonso Costantini, Roz Koh, Krystali Boujoukas, Joyce Cutuli, Emilio Canteli, Joseph, Mercedes & Teresa Artigas, Carlos Vivero, family & friends Artigas & Canteli Families, Fr Colin Mason, Jess Harrison, Lenny Parisi, Kiani & Malik Hage, Salvatore D'Amico, Baby Sarah Maria Robin, Baby Domenico Guarnieri, Giuseppe Ferlaino, Marina Beeby, Rosina Cimino, Melanie Reardon, John Kellert, John O'Neill, Joe Touma, Maria Amarin, Mark & Joe Borg, John Kellert, Maureen Nuttal, Johanna Banaghan, Trent, Rosa Maria Santos, Nicole Camara, Baby Ruby Whittemore, Elaine Rowda, Sr Catherine Carroll, Val Crawford, Ken Hogan, June Lynch, Ida Gilio, Patsy O'Connor, Gladys Richardson, Baby Sebastian Valens, Mary Carroll, Candida Rossetti, Steve Channon, Betty McGee.