

the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Hope Campaign

St Martha's Parish Strathfield is asking for help promoting its Hope Campaign to encourage everyone to spread and carry Hope during these uncertain times. See: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/even-in-lockdown-st-marthas-keeps-busy/> Any assistance that you could provide to help us promote Hope would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nicolle Mazzaferro on 0421 959 636



CatholicCare outreach to the lonely

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19.

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.

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 9am to 1pm)

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.



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.

Aid to the Church in Need – Fundraiser

17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Australia's first Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In celebration, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is proud to have commissioned a commemorative set of Rosary Beads. All proceeds from the sale of these beads will directly support needy religious sisters around the world who - like Mary MacKillop - continue to take



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

Next week 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: [Is 22:19-23](#) Psalm: [137](#)

2nd: [Rom 11:33-36](#); Gospel: [Mt 16:13-20](#)

LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

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

Fr. Adrian Pittarello Italian Chaplain Ph: 80681595

Office Hours: Temporarily Mon & Fri 8.30am to 12noon

Cinzia - Tues to Thurs 9am to 1pm Maria - Tues to Wed 9am to 2.30pm

Parish Office: 9558 1254 Email: secretary@lourdesparish.com.au

WEEK 33 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 15/16 AUGUST 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Is 56:1-6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity will be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4 (R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat

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

Nana & Robert Rahme 9591 7633.



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 weekday mornings.

Make a Booking

COVIDSAFE Church COVID Update

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19. 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. **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.

Second World War Anniversary

On 15th August 2020 we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific – the end of the Second World War. Let us pray for all who lost their lives in this struggle (approx 56 million) that we might live in freedom today.



With Deepest Sympathy
On The Loss Of Your Father

Loving Sympathy

All our love and prayers to Fr Patrick at this sad time of the loss of his beloved father back in Kenya.

Happy Birthday

Fr Patrick celebrates his 52nd Birthday on NEXT Thursday 20th August. We thank him for his wonderful ministry to us all and wish him a very Happy Day and God's Blessings for the future.



JRS Appeal for Foodbank Donations



The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. In one week alone they fed close to 800 people, including by providing more than 300 kg of rice, 300 kg of pasta, 300 litres of long life milk, 500 cans of tuna and much more! Regardless, their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are **RUNNING LOW**. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney.

Support for the House of Welcome

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HoW has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank



Assumption

On 15th Aug we celebrated the beautiful Feast of Mary's Assumption. Sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross and Pentecost. The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

First Mass at St Bernadette's Thanks

Many thanks to all who attended the First Mass of Fr Thomas Sofatzis at St Bernadette's Church Clemton Park last Wednesday 12th Aug. It was a wonderful occasion. The splendid vestments were donated specially for the Ordination & First Mass by a couple from Texas USA and were hand-embroidered in India. This week's Catholic Weekly has a feature story on the Ordination with a photo of Fr Thomas on the front page. Don't miss it.



Happy Birthday

Birthday Blessings to Douglas Seeto, our wonderful guitarist, for 13th August. He and his late parents, Frederick and Helen, have greatly enriched our Parish Community of St Bernadette's.

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Please pray for the following:

Rec Deceased: John MTuru Ibui (6/8, Fr Patrick's father), Joan Prendergast (22/7), Raul Gama 13/3), Genevieve James (24/6), Monica James (26/6), Peter Gallagher (29/6), Margaret Warham, Edmund O'Shea.



Anniversaries Sydney D'Rosario (13/8), Kevin Quinn (10th, 9/8), George Metlege (2nd, 7/8), Sadie Stanton (6th, 20/7), Nora George (13/1); Patricia Stanton (5th, 8/8), Antonio Silva (1mth, 10/8), Joseph Auilina (11th, 3/8), Michael Dann (1/8).

Also: Rocco Vartuli, 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: Michael Kenny, Maria Cristovao & family, 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 Ko, 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, Maureen Nuttal, Johanna Banaghan, Trent, Rosa Maria Santos, Nicole Camara, Baby Ruby Whitemore, Elaine Rowda, Sr Catherine Carroll, Val Crawford, June Lynch, Ida Gilio, Patsy O'Connor, Gladys Richardson, Baby Sebastian Valens, Mary Carroll, Candida Rossetti, Steve Channon, Betty McGee.