

his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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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

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.

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 care of all people in so many ways.

New Dates for Plenary Council

 Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the National Plenary Council Assembly has been postponed to October 2021 (Adelaide) and April 2022 (Sydney). The discernment papers foundational to the development of the working paper and ultimately the agenda for the Assembly are available on the National Plenary Council webpage under the Discernment tab: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

 **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.

Next week 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: [Ezek 33:7-9](#) **Psalm:** [94](#)

2nd: [Rom 13:8-10](#); **Gospel:** [Mt 18:15-20](#)

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 35

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

29/30 AUGUST 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. discard **(R.)**

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

Rosa Gome 9787 4415.



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.

New Blinds at St Bernadette's

Special thanks to the Parish Finance Committee who have organised the installation of New Blinds for St Bernadette's Church.



Altar Flowers

Special thanks to Alice Lucas for donations of beautiful home-grown orchids for the altar.

"Consider the lilies of the field, they neither toil nor reap, yet I tell you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Matt 6,28-29



St Bernadette's Readers

September Readers Roster is now available. Welcome to the Reading Group Lilliana Rizzo and Thank You anyone else who would like to Join us. Please let me know. Next Roster will be Oct/Nov one. If you will be unavailable please let me know ASAP. Many Thanks to all of you, who have continued reading, during these trying times! Much appreciated. Take care, Stay safe **Zita King**

Social Justice Sunday 30th August

The ACBC Office for Social Justice have released the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, entitled **To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today.** This year's Statement encourages faith communities, governments, and each one of us to make mental health a priority—a timely message in a year of bushfires and pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has also influenced the way in which the Statement and associated materials are being distributed this year. Given that face-to-face gatherings are restricted this year, demand for physical copies of the Statement was difficult to predict. Therefore the Social Justice Statement and prayer card for 2020-21 have been made available online as free downloads. To download your copies now, please visit <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au> or visit the ACBC online shop at <https://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop> Files suitable for a commercial printer are also available on request. Please email publications.socialjustice@catholic.org.au if you are interested. Please note that from this year, the date for Social Justice Sunday has shifted to the last Sunday in August. Consequently, Social Justice Sunday will this year be celebrated on 30 August 2020.



Memorial Book

The Memorial Book in both Churches has been recently updated to include all Parishioners and Family Members who have died. If you have others you would like to include, there is a request sheet in the book which can be filled out and submitted to the Parish Office, so that additional names can be registered.



Fr John Andersen, Sydney priest in Iquitos, Peru.

Congratulations! I trust yourselves and the people of your Parish are well, in such unsettled times.. This Saturday, 22nd, our group of priests celebrate 50 years since Priestly Ordination, by Cardinal Gilroy. God is greatly good!! And on Sunday 30th, our Sta Rosa de Lima Parish in Iquitos celebrate our Parish Golden Jubilee!! I would be most grateful if you could kindly include an intention in one or other of your Masses for those of us ordained 50 years ago and those whom we serve, and for the people of our Sta Rosa de Lima Parish also. Thank you sincerely. My best regards to the people of Earlwood and Clemton Park.. I was appointed to Earlwood from 1978 to 1981, and remember my time there very happily. After that, I came to Peru.

ePetition Modern Slavery Act 2018

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is encouraging people to sign an ePetition calling on the Premier and the NSW Government to take immediate steps to proclaim the state's Modern Slavery Act 2018. Despite this law having passed parliament over two years ago, it still hasn't been brought into law, thanks to stalling tactics which have failed some of our state's most vulnerable citizens. You'll find a link to the petition here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>. Please note the closing date for this ePetition is 1st September 2020. With the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the ePetition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.



The Journey

In the late 19th Century a tourist paid a visit to a famous Polish Rabbi, Hofetz Chaim. He was astonished to see that the Rabbi's dwelling was just a simple room with a desk and a chair. 'Rabbi', asked the tourist, 'Where is your furniture?' 'Where is yours?' replied the Rabbi. 'Mine?' asked the puzzled tourist. 'But I am only a visitor here. I'm only passing through.' To which the Rabbi responded, 'Aren't we all?' from 'A Canopy of Stars'

Is your family facing financial stress?

Connect with financial counsellors who can offer information, guidance and advocacy for people in financial distress who are at risk of or not able to pay bills or make repayments. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more CatholicCare.org



Please pray for the following:

Rec Deceased: Climaco Nimo, Patricia Lukins (25/8, funeral at OLOL 31/8 at 11am), Candida Rossetti (18/8), Beatriz Rodrigues Abreu (17/8 in Portugal – loving mother of Alice Lucas), Clorinda Solari (17/8), Audrey Steege, Maria Arcoarace (12/8), John M'Turu Ibuti (6/8, Fr Patrick's father).
Anniversaries Michael Orbell (32nd, 27/8), Annette Gatto (3rd, 19/8), Kevin Quinn (10th, 9/8), George Metlege (2nd, 7/8), Sadie Stanton (6th, 20/7), Nora George (13/1); Patricia Stanton (5th, 8/8).
Also: Michael Cipriani, Franco & Velleda Santarelli, Rocco Rocco Vartuli, Joseph Bennett, Doreen Quinn, Joe Calaca, Dolores 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 Whittermore, Elaine Rowda, Sr Catherine Carroll, Val Crawford, June Lynch, Ida Gilio, Patsy O'Connor, Gladys Richardson, Baby Sebastian Valens, Mary Carroll, Steve Channon, Betty McGee.

