

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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.

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-martha-keeps-busy/> Any assistance that you could provide to help us promote Hope would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nicolle Mazzaferro on 0421 959 636



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.



Ciborium

Lex Yule, deceased parishioner, donated a beautiful Ciborium in memory of his dear wife Pat Yule who died on 8th September 2003. At this time of Pat's 17th Anniversary we remember them both as we distribute Holy Communion using this vessel at St Bernadette's Church.

Guardian Angel

Many thanks to Dorothy & Lorenzo who donated the Statue of the Guardian Angel. At this time of the pandemic we certainly need our Guardian Angels.



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.

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



Next week 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: [Sirach 27:30-28:7](#) Psalm: [102](#)
2nd: [Rom 14:7-9](#); Gospel: [Mt 18:21-35](#)

LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

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WEEK 36 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 5/6 SEPTEMBER 2020

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. (R.)

Mass Weekends:

Saturday 5.00pm *LOL*, 6.30pm *Bernadette's*
Sunday 8.00am *Bernadette's*, 9.30am *LOL*
Children's Liturgy: during 9.30am Mass
10.45am *(Italian)*. 6pm Maronite Mass in English.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4- 4.45pm *LOL*

Mass Weekdays:

St. Bernadette Tue 6.30 pm, Fri 6.30am
LOL: Wed 8.30am, Thurs 8.30am, Friday 9am
Baptisms: 12noon 2nd & 4th Sundays at *LOL*
11am 3rd Sunday at *St Bernadette's*
Reconciliation: Saturday 6 - 6.20pm *St. Bernadette's*

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Rosary Statue
Fatima Sousa 9789 3146



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.



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.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS
Lord,
Help me to live this day,
Quietly, easily.
To lean upon Your great
Strength trustfully,
Serenely.
To meet others peacefully,
Joyously.
To face tomorrow
Confidently,
Courageously.
AMEN



Fathers' Day
THIS Sunday 6th Sept is Fathers' Day. To help us remember all our fathers and grandfathers in prayer on this day, you are invited to take a paper heart from the box at St Bernadette's Church Door, write the name of your father on it and place it in the Fathers' Day Basket. This basket will be placed at the altar, so that we can pray for all the fathers whose names are recorded.



Fathers' Day Chocolates
Available after all Masses this weekend at both Churches. ENJOY!

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION
Retired Priest Fund
THIS weekend at all Masses to coincide with Fathers' Day we have the annual appeal for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available today for this purpose. This appeal is an important initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to support our retired and sick priests. Our priests often provide more than 50 years of dedicated and loving service to their people and in retirement it is our opportunity as a Catholic community to return that support. The Sydney Archdiocese gives two dollars for every dollar contributed, and donations of \$2 or more are 100% Tax deductible.

Happy Birthday
On Tuesday 8th Sept we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady Help of Christians is the Patroness of Australia. So in these troubled times, let us pray to Mary for our world and Australia:
Help of Christians guard this land. Mary Help of Christian pray for us.



Thanks
Special thanks to Terry & Pauline Fenech for cleaning the inside windows of St Bernadette's following the installation of the new blinds.

Wishing all Fathers & Grandfathers of the Parish a very Happy Fathers' Day. May God bless you all.



Congratulations
Winners of the Dempsey Medal this year in our Parish are Joan & Ed Winters and Maria Duggan. Joan & Ed were awarded this honour for their outstanding work for the Parish Sacramental Programs over many years. Maria Duggan received her award for her work with the Children's Ministry and all her amazing Parish Fund Raising. The Dempsey Medal is named after James Dempsey a Catholic Convict, in whose house the Blessed Sacrament was reserved for 10 years in the early days of the Church in Australia when there were no priests in the Colony. He was a stonemason who began the building of St Mary's Cathedral. He also accompanied men to the gallows & prayed with them before their death. He was a remarkable man.

Dempsey Medal Thank You
With sincere thanks to Fr Patrick and members of Lourdes Parish for nominating us for the Dempsey Medal.
Joan & Ed Winters & Maria Duggan



Charitable Works Fund (CWF)
Result for the recent Appeal is: **\$ 2,108.** Donations are 100% Tax Deductible with receipts issued at end of financial year. THANK YOU for your generosity.

National Child Protection Week (6-13 September)
This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is celebrating National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row! The celebration of this week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for and protect the Children and Young People in our communities. A video message by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, raising awareness about Child Protection Week and the new resources developed by the Safeguarding Office has developed. Here is the link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/453188134/039662a887>



Westfield Local Hero Nominee
Marcel De Maria has been nominated as a Westfield Local Hero and the outcome of a public vote will determine the three successful 2020 nominees for Westfield Burwood. If he is successful, Gift of Bread will be awarded a \$10,000 grant to support their work. Please see our website for a link. Voting is easy and every vote counts - voting closes 14 September 2020

Rec Deceased: Yamel Nimo, Coraznon Briones Mercurio, Climaco Nimo, Patricia Lukins (25/8, funeral at OLOL 31/8 at 10am), Candida Rossetti (18/8), Clorinda Solari (17/8), Beatriz Rodrigues Abreu (17/8 in Portugal - loving mother of Alice Lucas), Audrey Steege, Maria Arcorace (12/8), John M'Turu Ibuti (6/8, Fr Patrick's father).
Anniversaries Pietro Zotto (6th, 8/9), Ray McAleer (30th, 5/9), Francsca Emmi (B'day, 4/9), 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: Thomas SK Chu, John Chu, Francis Dalley, John & Agnes Furey, Joseph & Emanuel Aquilina, Paul Mansweto, Rocco Vartuli, Joseph Bennett, 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 Guameri, Giuseppe Ferlaino, Marina Beeby, Rosina Cimino, Melanie Reardon, John Kellert, John O'Neill, Joe Tourma, Maria Amarin, Mark & Joe Borg, Maureen Nuttal, Johanna Banaghan, Trent, Rosa Maria Santos, Nicole Camara, Baby Ruby Whittemore, 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.