

but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. And this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.



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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: [Is 55:6-9](#) Psalm: [144](#)

2nd: [Phil 1:20-24, 27](#) Gospel: [Mt 20:1-16](#)

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



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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.



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.

LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

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WEEK 37 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 12/13 SEPTEMBER 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Sir 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) **The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)



It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents;

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)

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*

Rosary Statue
Miles 0481 977 194



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.

Special Happy Birthday

Congratulations and many blessings to Mrs Molly Wadick who celebrates her 99th birthday on 15 September. Molly is safe and well in the Earwood family home, where she has lived since 1956. Please say a Hail Mary for Molly on her birthday.



Happy Birthday
Agnes Wu, violinist at St Bernadette's Church, celebrates her 22nd Birthday on next Wed 16th Sept. Happy Birthday Agnes and thank you for your beautiful music.



First Eucharist at Lourdes Parish

The first session of First Holy Communion will take place this Sunday 13th Sept at 12.30pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. There are 37 children in total making their First Holy Communion this year. Thank you to all those who have been praying for the children in the lead-up to this great day. Your prayers are greatly valued. Thanks to all the Parents who have supported the children so well during their preparation program.



May this First Communion Day bring great joy and blessings to these children & their families. May they always come to Jesus in the Eucharist.

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| Katarina Alvarez | Christian Machaalani |
| Mia Cattarin | Oscar Mancuso |
| Giselle Da Silva | Thomas Marto |
| Hugh Deaville | Tiana Massey |
| Maxwell Deaville | George Semrani |
| Marcus GeaGea | Olivia Smith |
| Aurora Harold | Sophia Taouk |
| Jack Harris | Amelia Vitale |
| Elias Khoury | Tiana Rose Vitale |

Child Protection Sunday 13th Sept

This Sunday we celebrate Child Protection Sunday at the conclusion of Child Protection Week. The aim is to ensure that all communities and organisations within the Church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has prepared a video message raising awareness about Child Protection Week and the new resources that the Safeguarding Office has developed. Here is the link : <https://vimeo.com/453188134/039662a887>



We Remember

On 19th Anniversary we remember the ten Australians, who lost their lives in the *Terrorist attack of Sept 11 2001*:
Alberto Dominguez, Yvonne Kennedy, Craig Gibson, Steve Tompsett, Elisa Ferraina, Lesley Thomas, Leanne Whiteside, Peter Gyulavary, Andrew Knox & Kevin Dennis. May they rest in peace.



Feast Day Mother Teresa

At this time we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who died on September 5, 1997 at the age of 87. Mother Teresa was born Gonxha Agnes Bojaxhiu on August 27, 1910 in Skopje (now in Macedonia), of ethnic Albanian parents. Two decades before her beatification in 2003, the isolated People's Republic of Albania was the world's only declared atheistic state and anything to do with religion was systematically and brutally obliterated. Mother Teresa, known in India as the "Saint of the Gutter", established the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 and was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. She used the prize money for the benefit of the poorest of the poor in India. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on World Mission Day October 19 2003 and canonised on Sept 4 2016 by Pope Francis.

Mother Teresa said: "There are many places in the world where people die of hunger. Many have died in my arms. We can give these poor people a plate of rice and we can clothe them and make a home for them, but it is very difficult to remove the hunger they have for love. The greatest joy for me is to see that a person dies in love knowing that God loves them." *Gracious and eternal God, by your grace Mother Teresa of Calcutta, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and shining light in your Church; inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love that we may always walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Happy Birthday

Stephanie Koch, singer at St Bernadette's Church, celebrates her 23rd Birthday on this Sunday 13th Sept. Happy Birthday Stephanie and thank you for your beautiful voice.



Westfield Local Hero Nominee

Last chance to vote for Marcel De Maria and his Gift of Bread Ministry. Voting closes 14th Sept. Google Westfield Local Hero 2020 Burwood and submit vote.

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.



Please pray for the following:

Rec Deceased: Jorgen Bredsen, Yamel Nimo, Corazon Briones Mercurio, Cimaco Nimo, Patricia Lukins, Candida Rossetti (18/8), Clorinda Solari (17/8), Beatriz Rodrigues Abreu (17/8 in Portugal – loving mother of Alice Lucas)..

Anniversaries Pietro Zotto (6th, 8/9), Ray McAleer (30th, 5/9), 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: members Gursback & Hurley families, Caterina Segreto, 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: Molly Wadick (99th B'day), Michael Kenny, Maria Cristovao & family, Jose Gomes & family, Sister Elana, Sanjogta Sabharwal Blessings

Sick: Peter Dalley, Mary (Penny) & Max Houterman, John Shanahan, 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, Steve Channon, Betty McGee.

