

arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



### 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](mailto: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)

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### 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.



### 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



### Next week 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings : 1st: Ezek 18:25-28 Psalm: 24**

**2nd: Phil 2:1-11 Gospel: Mt 21:28-32**

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WEEK 38 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 19/20 SEPTEMBER 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading Is 55:6-9.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18

**(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Phil 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last

### 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 Touma 0410 558 009

### 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.

### 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.



### Aid to the Church In Need

17 October 2020 marks the **10<sup>th</sup> 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. Lourdes Parish has ordered some of these Commemorative Rosary Beads which will be on sale in October.



### First Eucharist at Lourdes Parish

The second session of First Holy Communion will take place this Sunday 20th 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.**

**Julian Andreopoulos**

**Ava Arena**

**Antonios Atra**

**Sophia Attieh**

**Chloe Awitt**

**Emma Colaco**

**Arabella Bowron Cuthill**

**Liam De Abreu**

**Jessica Durchar**

**Benjamin Elachi**

**Joseph Khoury**

**Phillip Lahood**

**Mariah Moubarak**

**Isaac Nakhle**

**Chanel Nguyen**

**Alexander Rehayem**

**Antonio Romeo**

**Oliver Sluiter**

**Tabitha Jae Wright**

### Daylight Saving

Advance Warning that Daylight Saving comes into force on **Sunday 4th Oct** at 2.00am when clocks go FORWARD one hour. So remember to put your Clocks FORWARD ONE HOUR on Saturday night 3rd Oct, otherwise you will be 1 hour late for Mass on Sunday morning.



### Social Justice Gathering (online)



The Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese is hosting a Social Justice Gathering online to delve

into the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2020-21 "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today" on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6:30-7:30pm via zoom. The evening will consist of a number of short presentations by Dr. Robbie Lloyd, our Research and Project Officer who has extensive experience in mental health care as well as time to network with other participants.. Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/202521057173850> or contact Ruth Moraes at [ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org) or 0450 241 876.



### St Bernadette's Readers

October/November rosters are now available! Welcome to Chris Conte and John El Khoury, who have joined our Readers Team. Many thanks for your participation and continued support. The next roster will be December/January, a usually busy time of year, so if you know you will be unavailable, please send me those dates ahead of time. Also, an updated contacts list if you need to swap with each other. Many thanks, stay safe & take care! **Zita King**

### e-Petition Modern Slavery Act 2018

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is encouraging people to sign an e-Petition 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>. The closing date for signing the e-Petition has been extended to **3 November 2020**. Over 8000 people have so far signed the petition and with the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the e-Petition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.



### 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](http://CatholicCare.org)

### Catholic Weekly has gone Digital!

With the Catholic Weekly returning to print, some of you might prefer to read it electronically on your desktop, tablet or mobile. Subscribe to The Catholic Weekly Digital Edition at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/product/the-catholic-weekly-digital-edition/> and be the first to receive the latest catholic news and opinion.

### Please pray for the following:

**Rec Deceased:** Jorgen Bredsen, Yamel Nimo, Coraznon Briones Mercurio, Cilmaco Nimo, Patricia Lukins, Candida Rossetti (18/8), Clorinda Solari (17/8), Beatriz Rodrigues Abreu..



**Anniversaries** Maria Lurdes Neves (14<sup>th</sup>, 16/9), Caterina Papaiani (12/9), Gillian Sofatzis (3<sup>rd</sup>, 17/9), Monica Brewer (2nd, 17/9), Ray McAleer (30<sup>th</sup>, 5/9), Kevin Quinn (10<sup>th</sup>, 9/8), George Metlege (2nd, 7/8), Sadie Stanton (6<sup>th</sup>, 20/7), Nora George (13/1); Patricia Stanton (5<sup>th</sup>, 8/8).

**Also:** Dorethea Margaret & Leslie William Price, Nackle, Jennifer, Abraham, Otour, Joseph, Labibie, Mosa, Eptisam Kairouz, 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 Herwood, 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:** 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 Guameri, 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 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.