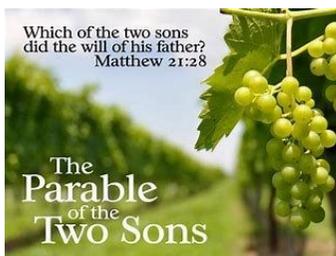


Gospel Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.



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)

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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.



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.

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 30th 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 or 0450 241 876.



Next week 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: [Is 5:1-7](#) Psalm: [79](#)

2nd: [Phil 4:6-9](#) Gospel: [Mt 21:33-43](#)

LOURDES PARISH



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WEEK 39 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2020

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6 (R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

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

Juanita Rodrigues 9558 1890

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)



Make a Booking

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.



Research study on worship practices during

HELP COVID19 pandemic

Monash University is inviting practicing Catholics aged over 18 across Australia to participate in a research study on religious practice before and after COVID-19 lockdowns. The anonymous study is exploring possible relationships between religious orientation, worship choices and post-pandemic spiritual wellbeing. If you'd like to participate in the study, you'll find more information here: https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43f3xmKU1xa0S1

First Friday Mass at Grotto

The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to invite parishioners from Lourdes Parish to join us on Friday 2nd October for 1st Friday Mass at 10.30am. The recitation of the Rosary will commence at 10am. All welcome.



Mass of the Blessing of the Sick

Please note that the annual Mass of the Blessing of the Sick scheduled for 11th October will not be held this year. We apologise for any disappointment caused but we are unable to do so due to COVID-19 restrictions. We appreciate your understanding.

Holy Father's Appeal next weekend

The Holy Father's Appeal, normally held at the end of June each year, but delayed this year due to COVID-19, will be held NEXT weekend. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.



Refugee & Migrant Sunday

This Sunday 27th September we celebrate Refugee & Migrant Sunday. This is a celebration of the contribution refugees and migrants have made to their 'adopted country'. It is held every year in thousands of churches around the world. At this time we pray especially for the plight of refugees worldwide fleeing the incredible violence of the Middle East. In the words of the Holy Father Pope Francis: *"In our time, migration is growing worldwide. Refugees and people fleeing from their homes challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter. Increasingly, the victims of violence and poverty, leaving their homelands, they are exploited by human traffickers during their journey towards the dream of a better future. I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees, and to Saint Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt."*

"There is no greater sorrow on earth than the loss of one's native land" – Euripides 431BC



Sacrament of Confirmation

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umbers on 12th/13th December for students in Year 6 & above. Confirmation Registration Forms are now available from the Parish Office but places are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. All forms need to be returned by 14th October at the latest.

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.



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.

Aid to the Church In Need

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. Lourdes Parish has ordered some of these Commemorative Rosary Beads which will be on sale in October.



"Remember we are but travellers here."

St Mary MacKillop

Please pray for the following:

Rec Deceased:

Joe Bartolo, Jorgen Bredsen, Yamel Nimo, Corazon Briones Mercurio, Climaco Nimo, Patricia Lukins, Candida Rossetti (18/8), Clorinda Solari (17/8), Beatriz Rodrigues Abreu.



Anniversaries

Babs Rodrigues (2nd, 30/9), Ada Rosa Martinovic (25th, 28/9), Frederick Kim Fay Seeto (15th, 24/9), Cecilia Russo (22/9), Beatriz Rodrigues Abreu (Portugal), Jonathan Lottey, Maria Lurdes Neves (14th, 16/9), Caterina Papaiani (12/9), Gillian Sofatzis (3rd, 17/9), Monica Brewer (2nd, 17/9), Ray McAleer (30th, 5/9).

Also:

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:

Larrie Palac Tan, 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, Krystal 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 Guamieri, 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.