

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



New Website for Eileen O'Connor

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a new website, Facebook and Instagram pages today, aimed at promoting the pathway to sainthood for

the Co-Founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. Eileen's great courage in serving the sick poor, despite enduring great personal illness herself is a truly remarkable example to us all.

Visit the new website at this address:

www.eileenconnor.com.au and follow the new

Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/SoGEileenOConnor)

SoGEileenOConnor

and Instagram page at this address:

www.instagram.com/theeileenconnor/

Lourdes Day Mass

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by Archbishop Fisher NEXT Saturday 5 Dec at 10am in St Mary's Cathedral. Those attending this Mass, will be blessed with Holy Water from the Grotto of Lourdes in France. Attendance at the Mass is limited to 300 people. It will also be livestreamed via the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel at this address: <https://bit.ly/3fxlbGf>



Next week 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr B

Readings : 1st: [Is 40:1-5, 9-11](#) **Psalm:** [84](#)

2nd: [2 Pet 3:8-14](#) **Gospel:** [Mt 1:1-8](#)

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



Clemton Park Cake Shop

Special thanks to all Parishioners for supporting this local business. Christmas Items available in Shop now:

Christmas Cake 2p \$15

Christmas Cake Decorated 3p \$35

Chocolate Mud Cake \$25

Yule Log \$40

Christmas Puddings 1/2p \$3, 1p \$8, 2p \$15

Gingerbread Men \$3.50

Gingerbread Santa & Reindeer \$4

Gingerbread/Shortbread Biscuits Box \$15

Gingerbread Xmas Tree \$45

Gingerbread House \$50

Gingerbread Train or Sleigh \$70



Calendars and Christmas Cards

Still available NOW St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards @ \$6 per pack and Columban Calendars for 2021 @\$8 each. Place money in the poor box



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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LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

Fr. Patrick Njenga *Parish Administrator* Fr. Miguel Perez Campos *Assistant Priest*

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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 48

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

28/29 NOVEMBER 2020

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;

and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading **Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4**

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,

shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,

look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Cor 1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

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

Lydia Tarabay 9591 1616



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 Continues

Booking for weekend Masses is still necessary but some permanent bookings have now been taken. You need to book in by ringing the Parish Office on 9558 1254 on Tues, Wed or Thurs mornings.



COVIDSAFE church COVID Update

Restrictions on church attendance have been eased further to allow for up to 300 attendees at Masses, as long as churches follow a four square meter rule. So this means OLOL can have 150 but St Bernadette's can still only have 65. It is important to acknowledge that in practice, only St Mary's Cathedral will be allowed up to 300 attendees because of its dimensions. This is a welcome step forward for our churches in the lead up to Christmas, NSW Health has announced that up to 500 people will be allowed at **outdoor** Masses if fixed seating is made available from 1 December onwards. In this case, a one person per two square metre rule needs to be observed. The latest easing of restrictions has also impacted upon the celebration of some sacraments such as weddings, baptisms and funerals. You'll find more information here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/> Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes and the NSW Government recommends that church-goers continue to wear face masks when attending Mass. **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 reused.

Charitable Works Fund Result

Results for the recent second CWF



Appeal for the financial year are:

\$ 2,965

We thank you all for your generosity.



Sacrament of Confirmation

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umbers on 13th December. The Confirmation Sacramental Program is being conducted after the 9.30am Mass at OLOL and after the 8.00am Mass at St Bernadette's. We welcome all parents and children back for the third Lesson this Sunday.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all who have taken a Christmas Hamper List. There are still a few lists available if you missed out last weekend. Hampers need to be returned NEXT weekend **December 5th/6th** for blessing and distribution – lists need to be clipped to the bag. Each hamper should contain essential Christmas food items like a **Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Ham, Tea, Coffee, Tin Fruit, etc. (no alcohol)**. Thank you for your generous response to this St Vincent de Paul Project every year. There are some extra Hamper Bags available today at the Church Door if you missed out last weekend.



Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend 28th/29th Nov we will have the Annual Catholic Mission Appeal. This would normally have been held earlier in the Year, but COVID Restrictions made this difficult. Country of Focus this Year is Cambodia with its landmine Victims. All donations are 100% Tax deductible.



November Masses

Throughout the month of November we pray for our deceased relatives and friends. All envelopes are placed on the Altar. Updated lists of names will be on the Noticeboard. You are also invited to record the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance, so that we can pray for them all at the Altar of God.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord And may perpetual light Shine upon them May they rest in peace'



Christmas Ever Pageant at OLOL

If you are attending the 5pm Christmas Vigil Mass and you would like to have your children participate in the Christmas Pageant please contact Carla Kazzi on 0414 875 828.

Wanted - Baby Jesus

We still need 1 more baby to portray Baby Jesus at the St Bernadette's Christmas Vigil Mass at 6.00pm. We also need Mary & Joseph. If you can help ring 0414 851 143.



Advent Wreath

Today as we begin the season of Advent and a new liturgical year 'Year B', we bless our Advent wreath and light the first Advent candle. The use of the Advent Wreath goes back centuries in Christian Liturgy. Each part has significance: The circle has no beginning & end and so is the symbol of God's eternal love. The evergreen is a sign of our hope, the purple is a sign of penance & preparation. The 1st candle represents the Old Testament prophets, the 2nd John the Baptist, the 3rd Mary & the 4th us. In line with the theme of penance we have no flowers on the Altar in this season.

Advent Booklets

There are Advent Booklets, produced by the Diocese of Wollongong, available at St Bernadette's. Great preparation for Christmas.



Christmas Mass Times

Thurs 24th Dec (Christmas Eve):
Earlwood: **5.00pm & 6.30pm Vigil**
Clemton Park: **6.00pm Vigil**
Fri 25th Dec (Christmas Day):
Clemton Park: **8.00am**
Earlwood: **8.00am & 9.30am 10.45am (Italian)**

Please ring the Parish Office as BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.



Please pray for the following:

The full list of November Mass Offerings for the faithful departed is available on the Noticeboard.



Rec Deceased: John Bourke, Anthony Zagame (30/10), Patricia Meleo George Hilli, Clare Boulos, Mark Costa, Joe Tourma (29/9), Antonio Ronquillo (24/9, Philippines), Joe Bartolo, Maria Lourdes de Gois..

Anniversaries Herbert Chapman (30/11), Sebastiana 'Nella' Di Stefano (2nd, 28/11), Francisco Di Stefano (26/10), Angela Zagame, Doreen Quinn (1st, 10/11).

May they rest in Peace.

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving for favour granted, Larrie Palac Tan, Michael Kenny, Maria Cristovao & family, Jose Gomes & family, Sister Elana, Sanjogta Sabharwal Blessings

Sick: Alfonso Costantini, Thomas Hunter, Colin McKinnon, 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, 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, Sarah Maria Robin, Domenico Guarneri, Giuseppe Ferlaino, Marina Beeby, Rosina Cimino, Melanie Reardon, John Kellert, John O'Neill, Maria Amarin, Mark & Joe Borg, Maureen Nuttal, Johanna Banaghan, Trent, Rosa Maria Santos, Nicole Camara, 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.

Lights of Christmas

Celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral starting Thursday, 10 December with the Lights Display from 8.30pm to 11pm, concluding on Christmas Day.. Some COVID restrictions will be applied.

