

## Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

## Is your family facing financial stress?

 **CatholicCare** 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings** : 1st: [Is 45:1, 4-6](#) **Psalm**: [95](#)  
**2nd**: [1 Thes 1:1-5](#) **Gospel**: [Mt 22:15-21](#)

## 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.

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## 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.

## LOURDES PARISH



## EARLWOOD

**Fr. Patrick Njenga** Parish Administrator **Fr. Miguel Perez Campos** Assistant Priest  
**Fr. Adrian Pittarello** Italian Chaplain Ph: 80681595  
**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](mailto:secretary@lourdesparish.com.au)

WEEK 41

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10/11 OCTOBER 2020

## Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## First Reading Is 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enveloping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**



He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**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 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

Louisa Spiteri 0420 424 862

### 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.

Make a Booking

### 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 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\\_43f3xmKUt1xa0S1](https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43f3xmKUt1xa0S1)



### Faith Formation Series – Catechists and all parishioners all welcome to join us

The CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) are pleased to invite all parishioners to join us for our Zoom Faith Formation Series. Since May, we have been reaching out to the wider community through our Faith talks. We have been privileged to experience the deep faith of inspiring Priests, Sisters and Catholic leaders. We would like to extend this opportunity to all parishioners, family and friends. We have many more inspiring speakers planned including The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP Archbishop of Sydney. **NOTE – Registration is free but RSVP is essential** so we can send you the Zoom link. To register please email Anita Lee **with your details (Contact name, mobile and parish name)** at [anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)



### Marriage Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Marriage Sunday. On this day we ask God to bless all married couples in our Parish Family. In Australia, now with one in every 2 marriages ending in divorce and many couples not committing to marriage at all, this is a big area of concern for the Church.

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### Prayer for Married Couples

*Lord, grant us the ability  
To love one another deeply and unselfishly,  
To live the Truth about our covenant with each other,  
To embrace the Goodness of what we can be for each other and for our children,  
To always see the Beauty of your gift of marriage and family. Amen*



### Higher School Certificate

The HSC Exam begins on Tues 20th Oct. At this time we pray in earnest for anyone from among our family and friends and Parish, who is sitting for this Exam. At St Bernadette's Church we invite you to place their names on our HSC Clipboard on Our Lady's Altar, so we can remember them in prayer over this period. May God bless all our students with great success, especially in this very difficult year



### Ethical Issues in COVID

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will address some of the key ethical challenges posed by COVID19 from vaccines to support for the unemployed and restrictions on churches in a special podcast episode of *This Catholic Life* to be aired on Thursday 15 October. You'll find the podcast online at: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>



### Sacrament of Confirmation

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umbers on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Dec for students in Year 6 & above. Confirmation Registration Forms are now available from the Parish Office. The Confirmation Sacramental Program begins on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Nov after the 9.30am Mass at OLOL. There are 4 Sessions for Parent & Child from 10.30am to 11.30am. Registration Forms are due to be returned to the Parish Office by NEXT Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### Petition for Affordable Housing

The St Vincent De Paul Society are inviting you to sign a petition to the NSW State Government to provide Affordable Housing for the Poor. "In the face of unprecedented projected unemployment, we are asking the NSW Government to urgently address chronic housing shortage, rental stress and homelessness which have been on the rise for the last two decades but will escalate as the impact of COVID-19 deepens. Such a move will stimulate the economy and provide homes for thousands of people, many of whom have lost their livelihoods. Access to safe, secure, affordable housing is widely recognised as a vital determinant of wellbeing – it is associated with better outcomes in health, education and employment, as well as economic and social participation." More than 50,000 applicants are waiting for Social Housing. In parts of the State the wait time is in excess of 10 Years. Please sign the Petition at the Church Door.



Join Archbishop Anthony, our Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Office, St Vincent de Paul NSW, Catholic Care Sydney and Sydney Alliance to be part of an Affordable Housing Assembly with the NSW Planning and Housing Minister



### Aid to the Church In Need

17 Oct 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.

### Please pray for the following:

**Rec Deceased:** Joe Touma (29/9), Antonio Ronquillo (24/9, Philippines), Joe Bartolo.

**Anniversaries** William Fitz (28th, 13/10), Anne Dworjany (2nd, 18/10), Hayley Weinert (4/10), Babs Rodrigues (2nd, 30/9), Ada Rosa Martinovic (25th, 28/9), Frederick Seeto (24/9), Gillian Sofatzis (3<sup>rd</sup>, 17/9), Monica Brewer (2nd, 17/9), Joe Calaca, (1st, 16/9), Ray McAleer (30th, 5/9).

**Also:** Rocco Marando & family, Cordi family members, Lisa Colluccio, Bill Walsh, Rocco Vartuli, Doreen Quinn, 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 Hamison, Lenny Parisi, Kiani & Mailk 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.

