

afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



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



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.

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.



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

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
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Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7 (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples (R.)
The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not

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

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Rosary Statue
Grace Lubrano 9554 7766

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.



Higher School Certificate
The HSC Exam begins NEXT Tuesday 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

Flowers at St Bernadette's
The Flowers on the Altar today are in memory of Marcel de Maria whose Anniversary of his death occurs on 23rd Oct. Many thanks to Sonia de Maria for this bouquet.



St Mary MacKillop 10th Anniversary

This Sat 17 Oct 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonisation at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, declaring her Australia's first canonised saint. Pope Benedict XVI addressed tens of thousands gathered in St Peter's Square. About 9000 Australians travelled to celebrate this occasion. For Catholic, Christian and secular Australians, it was a meaningful moment, celebrating the values at the heart of what it means to be Australian, as well as her witness to the sacred in everyday life. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the canonisation on 16 Oct 2020 at 8pm AEDT, the Sisters of Saint Joseph will hold *Courage Hour*, a global vigil of deep peace, prayer, and reflection. The Sisters invite all to join the Vigil online and celebrate Mary's life and follow her lead to **'Take Fresh Courage'**. This theme chosen against the backdrop of the many challenges Australians have faced in 2020 is taken from a letter written by St Mary MacKillop in 1877.



Thank You Mary MacKillop Banners
Displayed inside and outside St Bernadette's Church are two Mary MacKillop Banners from the Canonisation Celebration in Sydney. Special thanks to Michael Cullen for assistance in hanging these.

Rosary Beads
Mary MacKillop Commemorative Rosary Beads are on sale at the Church Door today - \$30. 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.



World Mission Day - Sunday 18th Oct
World Mission Day, or Mission Sunday, reminds Catholics about their commitment and support for the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifice. On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, Pope Francis released his message for this year's celebration and said that the Covid-19 pandemic is an opportunity for mission and service to others. While the present circumstances are a challenge for parishes, your support for the needs of the missionary churches would be very much appreciated.



Sacrament of Confirmation
This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umers on 12th/13th December for students in Year 6 & above. Confirmation Registration Forms are now available from the Parish Office. The Confirmation Sacramental Program begins on Sunday 15th 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 NOW.



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.

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.



Please pray for the following:
Rec Deceased: Joe Touma (29/9), Antonio Ronquillo (24/9, Philippines), Joe Bartolo, Maria Lourdes De Gois.
Anniversaries Elsie Howes (8th, 21/10), John Hockings, Jack & Molly Carpenter (15th, 17/10), Jim McCord (16/10), James Roebuck (29th, 13/10), Phillip Gill (4th), Christine Underwood (4th), William Fitz (28th, 13/10), Anne Dworjanyan (2nd, 18/10), Hayley Weinert (4/10), Joe Calaca, (1st, 16/9), Cecilia Russo (22/9), Ray McAleer (30th, 5/9).
Also: Kath & Mark Quinivan, Martin Hockings, 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: Erins's HSC, 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, Krystali 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 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.

