

What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



### Next week 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr B

Readings : 1st: [Is 61:1-2, 10-11](#) Psalm: [8Lk 1 46-50, 53](#)  
-54 R. [Isa 60:10](#) 2nd: [2Thess 5:16-24](#) Gospel: [Jn 1:6-8, 19-28](#).

### Roster for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please be advised that there is now a roster for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the 5.00pm Mass at Earlwood. Please ensure that you check this list. We thank you for your cooperation.



### 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



### 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.



### 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*  
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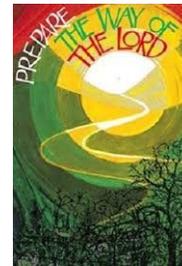
WEEK 49

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

5/6 DECEMBER 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



### First Reading Is 40:1-5;9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God. Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8 (R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

### Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.

### 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*

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)

## 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 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

In a welcome step forward for our churches in the lead up to Christmas, NSW Health has announced that from Monday 7 December, churches will be able to have unlimited numbers at all religious services, as long as a two square metre rule is observed. 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.

## Christmas Lights at St Bernadette's

This week a dazzling Christmas Light Display was switched on at St Bernadette's Church – special thanks to Louie Arrivolo and his son Greg for assembling our lights in all the heat of last weekend. Thanks also to Michael Penitani. The lighted Cross is in memory of our dearly loved Parishioner Teresa Cimino, who died on 11th March 2015. *May she rest in peace.*



## Advent Wreath

Today on this Second Sunday of Advent we light the second candle of the Advent Wreath. The 2nd candle represents John the Baptist the last of the great prophets.



Second Sunday of Advent



## Feast of Immaculate Conception

This occurs on Next Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. While there is no actual scriptural reference to the Immaculate Conception Chapters 1 & 2 of Luke's Gospel represent Mary as an exceptionally holy person. Over the centuries it was commonly believed that Mary as the mother of Jesus was without sin. This view was formalised by Pope Pius IX when he defined the dogma in 1854 after consulting the bishops of the world. The annual solemnity is celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, nine months before the feast of Mary's birth on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. In 1858 Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette at Lourdes and identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, thus confirming the truth of the dogma proclaimed 4 years earlier. "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee".

## Christmas Hampers

THANKS to all who have brought their Christmas Hampers back THIS weekend FOR BLESSING and Distribution. Please place them around the altar before Mass. Make sure the list is securely attached to the hamper and clearly visible. What a beautiful sight to see them all laid out like this on the sanctuary. Special thanks to our local St Vincent de Paul Conference, who have the big task of delivering the hampers, either directly to homes in our own local Area or to other St Vincent de Paul Conferences, who will deliver them in their areas. It has been a superb effort by all. We pray that the families who receive these hampers will be greatly blessed by your goodness.



## Congratulations

Fr Colin Mason, our former Parish Priest, is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. We send him all our love & prayers on this great occasion.



## Happy Birthday

Our violinist Joseph Wu celebrates his Birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Joseph has been playing the violin at St Bernadette's, together with his beautiful daughters, for more than 20 years now. Happy Birthday Joseph and thank you for your beautiful music.



## Christmas Lights

Once again there are some lovely homes with beautiful Christmas Lights around our district – one of the best displays is at 73 Guedecourt Ave (home of the Abihanna Family-parishioners). Another very eye-catching display is at 144A Bexley Road home of one of our parishioners Alice Lucas.



## Sacrament of Confirmation

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umbers on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec for students in Year 6 & above. 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 fourth & final Lesson this Sunday.

## Go Make Disciples

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan **Go Make Disciples** on 12 Dec, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. In the weeks and months ahead we hope you will join us in an Archdiocesan-wide prayer campaign, calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.



**Catholic Mission Appeal** Envelopes are still available for the Annual Catholic Mission Appeal, held last weekend.. Country of Focus this Year is Cambodia with its landmine Victims. All donations are 100% Tax deductible.

## 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 as well. If you can help ring 0414 851 143.



## Christmas Mass Times

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas Eve):  
Earlwood: **5.00pm & 6.30pm Vigil**  
Clemton Park: **6.00pm Vigil**  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Rec Deceased:** John Bourke, Anthony Zagame (30/10), Patricia Meleo George Hili, Clare Boulos, Mark Costa, Joe Touma (29/9), Antonio Ronquillo (24/9, Philippines), Joe Bartolo, Maria Lourdes de Gois..  
**Anniversaries** Redman Tabarias, Edmund O'Shea (1st, 8/12), Nicolina & Lupo Cicchiello, Herbert Chapman (30/11), Mary Keane (10/12).  
**Also:** Elizabeth Rossi, members O'Connor & Chapman families, Ruth Gorey, members McAlleeer & Butler families, F & Rina Angelosanto, Alam & Thelma Lenon, F Bianco, 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:** 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, Erna 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 Guarnieri, Giuseppe Ferlaino, Marina Beeby, Rosina Cimino, Melanie Reardon, John Kellert, John O'Neill, Maria Amornin, 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.

