

and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

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.

Next week All Saints

Readings : 1st: *Apoc 7:2-4,9-14* Psalm: *23*
2nd: *1 Jn 3:1-3* Gospel: *Mt 5:1-12*

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.

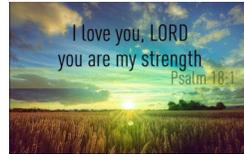


Parent Line 1300 1300 52

Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

Picture yourself as a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer we are offering individual online information sessions at a time that suits you. To book a one on one appointment call **CCareline 13 18 19**. connect@familyspirit.org 8am – 6pm, Monday – Friday.



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
Parish Office: 9558 1254 Email: secretary@lourdesparish.com.au

WEEK 43

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

24/25 OCTOBER 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2 (R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

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)

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Rosary Statue

Vanessa Azzi 0425 344 230.

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

From Friday 23 October, 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, with the exception of people from the same household. 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. 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 still not permitted and Parish Bulletins cannot be re-handled or re-used.



Christmas Hampers

Once again this year we will be participating in our annual Christmas Hamper Project for Needy Families in conjunction with the St Vincent de Paul. Lists and environmentally-friendly Christmas Shopping Bags to pack your goods will be available SOON

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Is your family facing financial stress?

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

Happy Birthday

Fr Miguel celebrated his Birthday recently on 22nd October. We thank him for his wonderful ministry to us all and wish him a very Happy Day and God's Blessings for the future.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The second CWF Appeal for the Financial Year will be held weekend 7/8 Nov. Envelopes are available for this purpose if you want to take one home and prepare. Donations are 100% Tax Deductible.

Rosary Beads

Mary MacKillop Commemorative Rosary Beads are sold out. Thank you for your enthusiastic response. All proceeds from the sale of these beads went to support needy religious sisters around the world who - like Mary MacKillop - continue to take care of all people in so many ways. Any additional donation will be put towards the renovation of the kneelers in OLOL Church.



Feast Day

The Feast Day of St John Paul II is 22nd October.

All Saints & All Souls Days

Coming up NEXT WEEKEND - All Saints Day 1st Nov this year occurs on a Sunday and so it takes precedence over the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. So Mass times are as per the usual weekend times.

All Souls Day Mon 2nd Nov No Masses on this Day. November Envelopes are available at the Church Door and can be placed in the bags for the leaving collection.



Higher School Certificate

The HSC Exam continues into its second week. 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.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umbers on 13th Dec for students in Year 6 & above. The Confirmation Sacramental Program begins on Sun 15th Nov after the 9.30am Mass at OLOL. There are 4 Sessions for Parent & Child from 10.30am to 11.30am. Registration Forms must be returned to the Parish Office.

World Mission Month

October is World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the works of Missionaries all over the world, celebrated by all Catholic Communities. St Therese of Lisieux is the Patroness of the Missions and Missionaries, yet she never stood on a mission field but the power of her prayer as a Carmelite circled the earth, opening the flood gate of redeeming love for the world. The Catholic Mission Facebook page offers daily inspiration, stories and reflection for everyone all year round. Please like this page to ensure that you don't miss out on this wonderful channel and all it has to offer: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicmission/> To see mission in action today, take a look at this wonderful reflection on gentle leadership from the compassionate Jesuit Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez. Bishop 'Kike' is the driving force behind Catholic Mission's 2020 Cambodia Project appeal. His mission is simple: that everyone has the opportunity to live life to the full, to have hope, joy and happiness. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=247534566329493>



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.

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.



Please pray for the following:

Rec Deceased: Mark Costa, Joe Touma (29/9), Antonio Ronquillo (24/9, Philippines), Joe Bartolo (1 mth), Maria Lourdes de Gois.



Anniversaries Myola Mitchell (17/10), John Furey (10th, 28/10), Rosaria Ziino, James Roebuck (29th, 13/10), Theresa Rahme (2nd, 20/10), Elsie Howes (8th, 21/10), Jim McCord (16/10), Joe Calaca, (1st, 16/9), Ray McAleer (30th, 5/9).

Also: Alcino Ferreira, 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 Corente, 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: 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, 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 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.