

promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Next week Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Readings : 1st: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm: 22
2nd: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Communion Antiphon

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.



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.



Christmas Mass Times

Thurs 24th Dec (Christmas Eve):
 Earlwood: **5.00pm & 6.30pm Vigil**
 Clenton Park: **6.00pm Vigil**

Fri 25th Dec (Christmas Day):
 Clenton Park: **8.00am**
 Earlwood: **8.00am & 9.30am 10.45am (Italian)**



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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Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1 (R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
 By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents



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

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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. 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 re-used.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Parish by Bishop Richard Umbers on 13th December for students in Year 6 & above. The Confirmation Sacramental Program begins this Sunday 15th Nov after the 9.30am Mass at OLOL and after the 8.00am Mass at St Bernadette's. We welcome all Parents and Children to the First Lesson this Sunday.



Congratulations

Welcome to new baby boy Anthony Naddaf born on 3rd Nov to proud parents Rita & Joe. A new brother for Anwar, Mary, Marissa & Charbel and Baby Jesus for St Bernadette's Christmas Mass. A great joy for all the Family & Parish Family too!

Christmas Hampers

The Hamper Lists are available THIS weekend for our annual Christmas Hamper Project for Needy Families. The lists give family details to enable you to prepare your hamper. Environmentally friendly shopping bags are available at the Church Door from the St Vincent de Paul. Just show your list and you will be given a bag or two (for big hampers). Hampers need to be returned on the weekend of **December 5th/6th** for blessing and distribution. Non-perishable food is the main requirement for the hamper so please keep gifts and toys to a minimum. Each hamper should contain essential Christmas food items like a **Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Ham, Tea, Coffee, Tin Fruit, Christmas Sweets, etc** **Note: No alcohol.** The list needs to be pinned to the shopping bag so we can clearly see the colour and number of the list. Each year the Hampers have been so lovingly prepared and a real credit to you all. We thank you for your generosity in anticipation again this year.



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'

Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The Second Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the Financial Year was held LAST weekend 7th/8th Nov. Envelopes are still available at the Church Door if you missed out. Donations are 100% Tax Deductible. A result will be published soon.



Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Fourth World Day of the Poor – Sun, 15 Nov

The Holy Father Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor in 2017. In his message for the fourth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has called on us all to focus on the needs of the Poor in our modern world. **"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32).** Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. In the Poor we encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40). Encountering the poor and those in need constantly challenges us and forces us to think. How can we help to eliminate or at least alleviate their marginalization and suffering? How can we help them in their spiritual need? The Christian community is called to be involved in this kind of sharing and to recognize that it cannot be delegated to others. In order to help the poor, we ourselves need to live the experience of evangelical poverty. We cannot feel "alright" when any member of the human family is left behind and in the shadows. The silent cry of so many poor men, women and children should find the people of God at the forefront, always and everywhere, in efforts to give them a voice, to protect and support them in the face of hypocrisy and so many unfulfilled promises, and to invite them to share in the life of the community."



Higher School Certificate – Thank You

The HSC Exam concluded on Wed 11th Nov. We thank all those parishioners who have been praying for students listed on our Prayer Board.



Please pray for the following:

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



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

Anniversaries Doreen Quinn (1st, 10/11) John Vassallo (24th, 12/11), Olga Rosales (9/11), Marcel Pizarro (13/11), Lin Newton (8th, 9/11), Giuseppe Ziino, Jim Kemp (8/11), Stanley Tabarias (9th, 1/11), Jim McCord (16/10).

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: Thomas Hunter (18 yr old in intensive care), 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 Guarnieri, 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.

In Loving Memory

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards



Please purchase your 2021 Columban Calendars (\$8.00) and Christmas Cards (\$5 per pack) are now available. Please purchase at the Piety Store.