

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

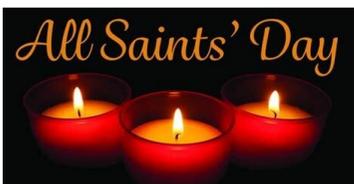
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Next week 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings : 1st: Wis 6:-16:1 Psalm: 62

2nd: 1 Thess 4:13-18 Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

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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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.

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19.



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

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Office Hours: Temporarily Mon & Fri 8.30am to 12noon

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WEEK 44

ALL SAINTS (A)

31 OCTOBER/1 NOVEMBER 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been

through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. . (R.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

Rosemarie Rahme 0415 810 172.



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)

First Friday Mass at Grotto

The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to invite parishioners from Lourdes Parish to join us on Fri 6 Nov for 1st Friday Mass at 10.30am. The recitation of the Rosary will commence at 10am. All welcome.



Booking Continues

Booking for weekend Masses is still necessary. You need to book in by ringing the Parish Office on 9558 1254 on Tues, Wed or Thurs mornings.

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.

Holy Father's Appeal

Thank you for your generous response to the recent Annual Appeal for the Holy Father. The result is: **\$1,135**



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 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 now overdue and must be returned to the Parish Office immediately.

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 May they rest in peace'



Retired Priest Fund Result

Total is: **\$1,519.00**

We thank you all for your generosity. Donations 100% Tax deductible. Receipts issued at year end.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

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



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 in will be available on **weekend 14th/15th November**. Hampers will need to be brought on the **weekend 5th/6th December**.

St Bernadette's Flowers

The Flowers at the foot of St Bernadette's Altar today are in memory of Joe Bartolo, who died recently. Our loving, prayerful sympathy to the Bartolo Family in their great loss of a wonderful son, husband, father, brother & uncle. May he rest in peace.



Westfield Local Hero

Congratulations to Marcel De Maria and his Gift of Bread

Ministry, announced this week as one of Three Westfield Local Heroes 2020 Burwood. Many thanks to all parishioners who voted for him.

Higher School Certificate

The HSC Exam continues into its third 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.



The Pope Speaks

"One cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that St Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: 'preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words.'" Pope Francis at Basilica of St Paul's outside the walls, 14 April 2013.

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.



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



Please pray for the following:

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



Rec Deceased: Patricia Meleo (funeral OLOL Mon 2 Nov @ 10.30am), George Hili, Clare Boulos, Mark Costa, Joe Touma (29/9), Antonio Ronquillo (24/9, Philippines), Joe Bartolo, Maria Lourdes de Gois..

Anniversaries Nina Dal Forno (1st, 2/11), Myola Mitchell (17/10), Teodoro Segreto, Rosaria Ziino, James Roebuck (29th, 13/10), Theresa Rahme (2nd, 20/10), Jim McCord (16/10), Hayley Weinert (4/10)..

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: 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 Ferlino, 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.



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.