



2019 Term 4 Week 9

# Newsletter

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## St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

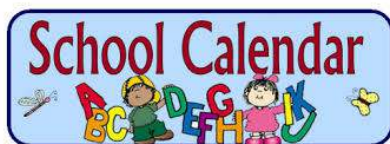
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## December

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| 13th | Reconciliation: Year 5 & Year 6                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15th | Youth Group - 6pm - 7.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 17th | End of Year Whole School Mass and<br>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 10am<br><br>Morning Tea for Year 6 and parents.<br>All parents from K-5 are also invited to<br>morning tea after Mass.<br><br>Year 6 Dinner Dance |
| 18th | Last day for students<br>Year 6 Afternoon Tea<br>(Parent Group to provide)                                                                                                                                        |

## January 2020

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|------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 29th | School Locker Open 8.30am-12.30pm<br>MAI Interviews |
| 30th | School Locker Open 8.30am-12.30pm                   |
| 30th | Year 1 to 6 Commence                                |
| 31st | Kindergarten Commence                               |

See more ...



## Principal's Message

The end of the school year is a time to reflect on all that has been accomplished and to plan for the year ahead. 2019 has been a year where we have continued to focus on implementing and consolidating consistent practices across the school. We have;

Continued to refine teaching practices in literacy and numeracy. Our end of year student data is demonstrating fantastic academic growth for students.

Refined how we use our learning spaces to improve teaching and learning experiences for students.

Implemented Positive Behaviour Support for Learning across the school.

Facilitated many additional experiences for students, including the various gala days, excursions and incursions.

Reorganised our play spaces to offer additional play time activities

Built two new play areas in the school including the new garden space and breakout space.

In 2020 we will continue to refine teaching and learning at St Bernadette's. Our goal remains that every student at St Bernadette's will achieve one year's growth and vulnerable students will accelerate learning through specialised interventions. We have already completed intensive planning with staff to enable them to understand their students needs and what is required in 2020.

The social and emotional well being of students remains a priority at St Bernadette's. Positive Behaviour Support for Learning was implemented this year and will be expanded upon in 2020. Additionally we have restructured the playground to improve opportunities for play. Next year we will implement Smiling Minds a wellness curriculum across the school. This will assist staff to help students build a positive mindset about school and their broader life experience.

Next week we will farewell our leaving Year 6 students. This is a period of both excitement and anxiety as students and parents prepare for the future. We want to thank all of our leaving families for their continued support over the years of enrolment and join you in your high hopes for a positive 2020.

In conclusion, on behalf of staff and myself I would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our families as we approach the Christmas break. I hope you all have an opportunity to experience the real meaning of Christmas, enjoy the festivities of the New Year and spend quality time with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the 2020 school year.

### **Christmas Concert**

Last week we gathered as a community to celebrate Christmas at our annual St Bernadette's school concert. It was fantastic to see so many students and their families in attendance. I was extremely proud of all our performers on the night. Our students always step up on these special occasions to shine. I pass on my congratulations to all our students.

I want to acknowledge the staff in particular Mrs Janssen and Ms Stapley for all their work in organising the concert. Additionally I would like to acknowledge Ms Barrak and Mrs Maloney for organising the choir and dance groups. It's important to acknowledge all staff who assisted to make the concert a success and gave up their time to be present.

The money donated by parents, \$410.00 has been donated to Caritas on behalf of the St Bernadette's community.

### **Stage 3 Classrooms**

In 2020 the Stage 3 Learning Spaces will revert back to 3 classes. The reasons for this change include; In 2020 we are staffed to have 11 class groups.

The 2020 Year 5 and 6 students traditionally have benefited from being split across three classes. Our learning spaces are designed to be contemporary spaces not straight cohort classes. Contemporary learning spaces allow staff to group and differentiate learning to meet student needs. The 2019 changes were made and funded for one year only.

All other learning spaces will remain as contemporary learning spaces as is the norm for the school.

### **2020 Staffing**

#### ***Leaving Staff***

At the conclusion of 2019 we farewell the following staff;

Mrs Kate Roberts the School Counsellor has been apart of St Bernadette's since 2017. In this time she has worked closely with parents and staff to support students. Miss Kate will be deeply missed by students and staff alike and we wish her well in her new school within the diocese in 2020.

Ms Murphy has been the Acting Religious Education Coordinator for 2019 whilst Mrs Buenaventura was on maternity leave. Ms Murphy will be leaving St Bernadette's to take up a permanent Assistant Principal position at St John's Riverstone. We thank Ms Murphy for answering the call to lead Religious Education at St Bernadette's and wish her well.

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Mrs Mogan who has been on maternity leave since week 8 of this term and is expecting her third child in the new year. We want to thank Mrs Mogan for her ongoing dedication to the students she teaches and wish her well!

Miss Stevenson will be leaving St Bernadette's to take up a full time permanent teaching position at St Francis of Assisi Glendenning. We thank Miss Stevenson for her commitment throughout her two years at St Bernadette's and wish her well at St Francis.

Ms Collis will be leaving St Bernadette's to go on Maternity Leave at the conclusion of 2019. Ms Collis is expecting her first child. We wish her well as she begins to build a family. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication this year.

Ms Ruff came to St Bernadette's with the specific intent of supporting our current Year 6 learners. We thank Ms Ruff for answering the call to ensure Year 6 were provided with the best possible teaching and learning opportunities. Ms Ruff will be returning to CEDP's Student Services team in 2020.

Mrs HuiHui will be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of 2019. We want to thank Mrs HuiHui for her work whilst teaching Stage 2 this year and wish her well for 2020.

Mrs Sorani and Mrs Buisson both Teacher Aides working in our infant classrooms will be leaving us at the end of 2019. They have both worked very hard to support students in the learning and social needs throughout 2019. We thank them for all their work to support both students and staff.

We thank all of our leaving staff for all the work they have done to support the students, families and staff in their time at St Bernadette's. We wish you all well as you prepare for 2020 and the new adventure it will bring!

## **New Staff**

In 2020 we welcome;

Ms Xoshnow from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt Pritchard. Ms Xochnow has been teaching Year 6 in 2019.

Ms Gibson will join us from Lansvale Public School. Ms Gibson has also taught in the Catholic Diocese of Armidale.

We welcome both teachers to St Bernadette's for 2020.

## **2020 Class Teachers**

Students will be told their 2020 classes next Monday. To enable this we have set class teachers for 2020 based on our current staffing. All parents should be aware that staff can still find alternate employment and as such class teachers can change before 2020 begins.

## **Class / Role**

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	<b>ES1B</b> Mrs Janssen Mrs Costagana	<b>ES1G</b> Ms Stapley	
<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>S1B</b> Mrs Huntington	<b>S1G</b> Mrs Santos/Mrs Keighran	<b>S1W</b> Ms Gibson
<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>S2B</b> Mrs Buenaventura	<b>S2G</b> Miss Fajloun	<b>S2W</b> Ms Xochnow
<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>S3B</b> Mrs Maloney	<b>S3G</b> Ms Barrak	<b>S3W</b> Ms Matthews
<b>Release from Face to Face/ Indonesian</b>	Mrs Galea	Mrs O'Brien (Librarian)	Mrs Park
<b>Learning Support</b>	Mrs Maher	Ms Ninness	Mr Crothers

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## St Bernadette's Parish Annual Children's Christmas Eve Mass 2019



The 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is traditionally our children's Mass, and we would like to invite the children of St Bernadette's Parish and school to be involved in the liturgy. All children attending the Mass are invited to come along dressed as an angel, shepherd or a wise man and help celebrate the Mass.

Some children may like to play a role in the liturgy, such as a reader, actor in the Gospel Pageant or a welcomer. Children who wish to play a role will need to attend a rehearsal at the church on **Friday 20 December at 6:00pm.**, for about 1 hour.

Parent volunteers are also needed at the Mass to help organise the children. If you are able to help, please indicate on the return slip below.

Return the slip below to the school office by **Wednesday 18 December** (and don't forget to join us for rehearsal on Friday the 20th ).

Thank you, Palmira Sweeney (mum to Oscar in Stage 3).

### Christmas Eve Mass

My child/children would like to be involved in the Christmas Eve Mass

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Role: Please circle any that the child is interested in taking part in.

Reader

Offertory procession

Character in the gospel pageant

Welcomer

I can help supervise/organise the Children's Christmas Eve mass YES/NO

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Wednesday 18 December.**



If any families would like their \$25 refund from the rides at the Spring fair please contact the Parent

Group directly on their email address.

sbparentgroup@gmail.com

Thank you



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### Literacy News

The long summer break is drawing near and whilst it is important for students to have a rest and enjoy their holiday time, there are fun things to do to keep their Literacy Learning ongoing.

Using the soundwaves phonics program over the holiday to play games and review the graphemes and phonemes covered over the year is a great way to keep the spelling learning ongoing, so that skills and concepts aren't forgotten.

Reading recipes and cooking with your children is a fun way to read for a purpose and put math concepts into practice in a real life situation. Cooking together is loads of fun too!!

Visiting the local library is free for story times and borrowing a wide range of texts. It's an excursion out of the house too!

Encouraging your children to write letters to relatives and friends is a great way to write for a purpose and loads of fun and excitement when there is a letter in the mail for your child. This could involve a trip to the post office.

This term our Stage 1 teachers organised for our students to be matched to pen pals in schools around Australia and the excitement on our student's faces when a letter arrived for them in the mail in return for their letters, was so heartwarming.

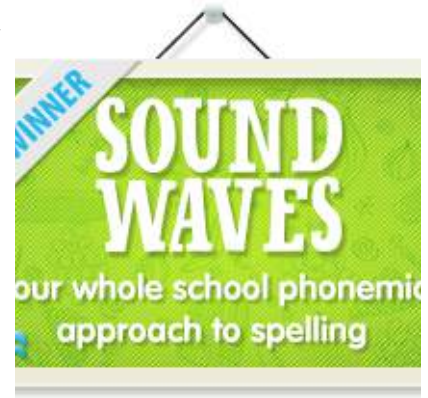
Writing shopping lists together, visiting museums, going to the movies, plays, beaches, lakes, parks all contribute to giving children real life fun experiences that they can draw upon when reading and writing.

Summer reading is very important to prevent learning loss over the break. Reading just five books over the break can help prevent summer reading loss and contributes to improving student's vocabulary, sentence structure and love of reading. Books for christmas presents can help encourage a love of reading with some great books on sale at the moment.

Thank you for all your support this year and enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas with your family and friends.

See you in 2020 for more Literacy fun.

Lorraine Maher



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**Library Borrowing** Week 7 was the last week of library borrowing for this year. Overdue notices will be sent out in Week 9. Returning library books at the end of the year is especially important for the Year 6 students as they may have difficulty borrowing books at their new high school if they still have books overdue from their primary school library. Please contact me if you have any lost or damaged library books.

**Premiers Reading Challenge Certificates** Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates will be handed out next week. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the PRC in 2019. A special congratulations to the students who will have achieved Gold and Platinum awards for 4 years and 7 years of participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge 2020 will open in February next year. More details to follow.

**Book Covering** A big 'thank you' to all the wonderful parents who have covered library books this year. It has been such a great help! We really appreciate the time and effort you have put in to supporting our library.

Thank you, Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)



*The School Locker is proud to be working in partnership with St Bernadette's Primary School*

## St Bernadette's Primary School Uniform Shop

We aim to provide your school community with excellent service, quality products and a wider product range than you would usually expect to find in a school uniform shop.

### Uniform Shop Details

18 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park  
Contact: Jenni Gallagher  
Email: StBernadettesPS@theschoollocker.com.au

### Trading Hours During School Term

Wednesday 8:30am - 10:30am

### Extended Trading Hours

Wednesday 29 January 2020 8:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday 30 January 2020 8:30am - 12:30pm

### Shop online at [theschoollocker.com.au](http://theschoollocker.com.au)

Products are available for purchase online from The School Locker website. You can choose to have your order shipped directly to you or you can collect it from the school uniform shop during trading hours.

Join The School Locker Student Advantage Program to access special pricing and generate revenue for your school with every purchase you make in any of our stores. Set up your membership online at [theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/](http://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/)

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## St Bernadette's Garden



While the year ends with water restrictions, the students are active with their watering cans and are still able to find little miracles of Nature! As Christmas is a time of goodwill and thoughts turn to those less fortunate, maybe some shopping could be done at <https://farmers.org.au/news/buyfromthebush> ... a practical way to support regional communities!

*Thank you* for your interest and support in 2019 ... looking forward to more **"Learning and Fun"** in 2020!



MERRY CHRISTMAS



More Photos

To be part of the learning and fun make contact via: [claresgarden118@gmail.com](mailto:claresgarden118@gmail.com) and visit <http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com> or the school office on 8869 6400 or [stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Please see our website [www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au) for more photos from the garden

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2020

Class of 2019

Tuesday 17th December 2019  
End of Year Whole School Mass and  
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony  
St Bernadette's Parish Church  
commencing at 10am.

Morning tea will be held in the  
Library after Mass for all Year 6  
students and any parents who  
would like to stay.

All students must be wearing full  
school uniform on Tuesday. No  
sports uniforms please.



## SAINT BERNADETTE'S PARISH GARDENIA GROVE, LALOR PARK

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### COME AND CELEBRATE MASS IN 'AIR CONDITIONED' COMFORT

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December*

**6.30pm** - Children & Parish Family  
Every child invited to dress as an -  
Angel, Shepherd, King, Mary, Joseph.

**8.30pm** - Youth & Family Mass

**11.30pm** - Christmas Carols

**Midnight** - Parish Family Mass

All ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND – "O COME LET US ADORE HIM!"

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

**9am** - Parish Family Mass





1st Kings Langley Scout Group  
is selling



## Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

at **Bunnings Seven Hills**  
Cnr Old Windsor & Abbott Rds  
Seven Hills

**8:00am — 4:00pm**  
(or until sold out each weekend)  
Get in early so as not to miss out!

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**



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MAI Booking information will be sent home to parents / guardians on Monday. Please log on to the School Interview site to make a booking following the instructions.

Thank you





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\$50.00 per day

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\$40.00 per session

**6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**and 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Jan**

### **Term 1 2020**

**Enrolments Now Being Taken**

**Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above**

**Book now on 9620 8323 or sydacgym@hotmail.com**

**Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills**

**Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills**

**The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds**

### Student Requirement Lists

These lists for 2020 can be found on our school website for the next school year. A copy will also be in your report envelope coming home today.



[Student Requirements](#)

### Note that have been sent home recently:

- Christmas Craft
- Christmas Eve Mass
- Diocesan School Fees for 2020
- BYOD
- MAl Booking Sheet

[School Notes](#)

### Canteen Update

We will have lolly day this Friday on sale at the Canteen.



Last day for trading from the Canteen will be Monday 16th December.

Canteen will be closed on Wednesday 18th December. Thank you

### Sport with Mrs Huntington

This week we held our Annual Swimming Carnival. It was great to see the children participate and try their personal best. Thank you to those students and families who came along to show their support on the day.

Early Stage 1 and Year 1 were lucky enough to stay at school and participate in a fun, action packed activities day. They even had a visit from Pip the Penguin who spoke to the children about the importance of being safe around and in the water.

2019 has been full of sporting opportunities for the children both at school and externally representing St Bernadette's. It has been wonderful to watch the children participate, learn new skills and grow in confidence. Thank you to all the families who help make it possible for the children to participate in events throughout the year. Your continued support ensures we can offer these opportunities. Photos of the swimming carnival will be uploaded to our website in the coming days.

Thank you Mrs Huntington

## St Bernadette's School & Parish Spring Fair UPDATE

Our Spring Fair this year was held on Friday the 8th of November 2019. We usually have it on Saturday but thought we would try something new this year and hold it on the Friday afternoon/night. All money raised goes back to the students of St Bernadette's to be able to provide them with extra items that the school cannot get funding for.



Things were going well leading up to the day, although numbers were down in volunteers which is quite sad, we were able to rely on past families and some of the older kids to help out. The windy weather however was not on our side and due to this the rides were cancelled as both the rides company and the school made the decision for the kids to be safe, the rides could not go ahead. I was devastated as I knew how much the kids would have enjoyed the rides but safety always comes first.

Apart from the losing the rides, everyone seemed to enjoy their time as the main purpose of the Spring Fair is to bring our community together and show our great community spirit. And not to forget the finale, the great FIREWORKS which made the night even better for many.

I would like to thank everyone who helped leading up to the fete, during the fete and after the fete from volunteering their time on the day, set up, pack up, cooking for the continental food stall, baking sweets and cakes, helping with craft, donating items for the collections, past and present families, without you all we will have no fair and shows great community spirit. I'm so proud to be part of the St Bernadette's Family. The Spring Fair raised almost \$12,000 which is low, however we did lose the rides and the Spring Fair was for approximately 4 and a half hours compared to the usual 6 hours.

Thank you to Mr Kapitanow, Fr Andrew, all the teachers, teachers aides, office staff and Parent Group Committee for your support it was much appreciated. To Robyn Carruthers (Office), I don't know what I would have done without you!!!!

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets, especially those who helped sell raffle tickets after mass, at Lalor Park shops and King Langley shops.

The winners of our major raffle are:

1st Prize Jenny O'Regan ticket number 1921 \$1000

2nd Prize Joshua Davison ticket number 0237 \$500

3rd Prize Vicky Bartolo ticket number 1392 \$250

Congratulations to all the winners.



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Thank you to all the people and business who donated their services and prizes for the chocolate wheel and side show alley, we had some great prizes this year.

Amy Scicluna and Family	Woolworths Kings Langley	Outback Steakhouse
Seven Hills Plaza	CFC Office Works	Dino's Pizza
Blackbear BBQ	IGA Lalor Park	Questacon
Riverside Theatres	IGA Old Toongabbie (Fitzwilliam Road)	
Bungaree Butchers, Pendle Hill	Scenic World Blue Mountains	Western Plains Zoo
Taronga Zoo	St Johns Ambulance	Calmsley Hill Farm
Playtime Arcade Blacktown	Jenolan Caves	Vagabond Cruises
Kings Park Tavern	Blacktown Aquatic Centre	
Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre	Blacktown Council Swimming Centres	
Sydney FC	BWS Kings Langley	Kellyville Pets
Lollipops Playland Castle Hill	Blacktown Workers	Inflatable World Blacktown
Lalor Thai Restaurant	Hills Latin Dance Class	Big W Blacktown
Bunnings Seven Hills	Kmart Blacktown	The Backshed Cafe
Kings Langley Music Lessons	Murphys Pharmacy Lalor Park	Rebel, Blacktown
Toymate, Blacktown	Hoyts, Blacktown	Playtime, Blacktown
Typo, Blacktown	Zone Bowling, Blacktown	Ryde Aquatic Centre
Lorna Jane Castle Hill	Innovate Castle Hill	Paparazzi Studios Amy Scicluna
Kings Langley Woolworths	Black Bear BBQ	Blacktown Leisure Centre
Lollipops Playground Castle Hill	Big 4 Holiday Parks	Blacktown Workers Club
CFC Officeworks		

Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Regards

Zeina Yaacoub

## Christmas Mass Times

### Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

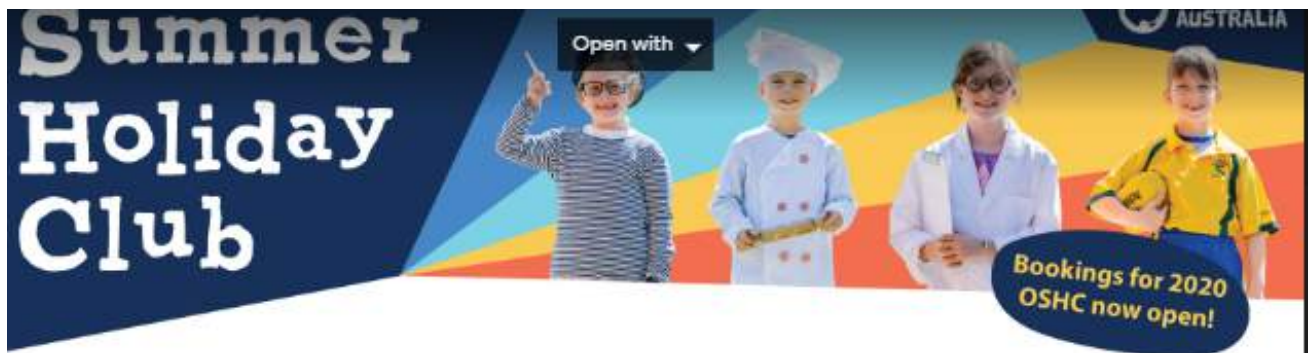
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### Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

9am	Parish Family Mass
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## Bounce, skate and discover - right here at Holiday Club.

Children learn what they are passionate about when they're exposed to it. That's why at Holiday Club we provide a wide variety of activities, incursions and excursions that help children discover their true passions in life.

This Summer, we've got a jam-packed program with all kinds of fun excursions from trampolining to ice skating, don't forget the exciting (and educational, shh) incursions we have planned from engineering activities, to food science workshops and everything in between.

### Engineering

### Ice Skating



### Food Science

### Trampoline Parks

**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

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**HOLIDAY CLUB**

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**WANT TO SEE WHAT CHEER  
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5pm - 7pm

Friday 22nd November

Friday 6th December

**2020 Full and Semi  
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Saturday 14th December  
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[admin@cheerenergyaustralia.com.au](mailto:admin@cheerenergyaustralia.com.au)  
0426 767 469



**Have a happy  
and safe school  
holidays and we  
will see you  
in 2020**



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There will be no cash or school fee payments accepted in the school office after Friday 13th December. There is no cash kept on the premises over the school holidays.

Thank you





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## St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest:	Fr Andrew Robinson	Secretary:	Mrs Bev Baxter
Office Hours:	Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am to 4pm	Telephone:	9672 4037
Email:	admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au	Fax:	9671 5377
Web Page:	<a href="http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au">www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</a>		

## Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

**Mass:** Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

**Children's Church** - Sat 6pm; Sun 10am except school holidays and at First Communion times.  
Blessings at all Masses for children.

**Youth Mass** at 6pm Vigil Mass on 4th Saturday of the month.

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8.45am

Wednesday 7pm Exposition, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette. Mass at 7:30pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:15am-8:45am  
Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm. First Saturday of the Month 8:30am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am & 4.30pm – 5.30pm

**NB: No reconciliation in the morning on the First Saturday of the month**

## DON'T JUST TRIM THE TREE!

Gospel in Life

John the Baptist seems to sternly warn religious leaders that people who ignore his call to change will face a fiery judgment. They'll be like rotten trees cut down and burned.

I think John liked to shock people. But for good reason. He lived in a world full of poverty and injustice. He wanted people to face how their sins were hurting the world. Don't let John's harsh words scare you. True, our sinful habits and attitudes are like rotten trees and bare branches. Things like selfishness and prejudice taking away our happiness, hurt others, and keep us from working for a just world. But Jesus can help us trim these "tree limbs" from our lives. I know a young man who decided as a young adult to change his life in the bus ride home from a university campus retreat. He hadn't been treating girls he'd dated with respect. He'd been hanging out with the wrong crowd. Jesus, he said, showed him what to change and gave him the confidence to do it. He's a lot happier now.

We light candles in Advent to remember that Christ can bring light (guidance and warmth) to the darkness of our lives and in the world. We also remember that Christ's light can burn away what holds us back from our full potential. Take time in Advent to feel God's compassion in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Or talk with a teacher, friend, workmate or parent about things you'd like to change.

You'll realise, as you trim your Christmas tree, that Jesus is gently trimming your soul.

What can you change about yourself this Advent to make the world a brighter place?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

TUESDAY	24th December - Christmas Eve	
6.30pm	Children & Parish Family, every child is invited to dress as a Shepherd, Angel, King, Mary, Joseph.	
8.30pm	Youth & Parish Family Mass	
11.30pm	Christmas Carols	
Midnight	Parish Family Mass	
WEDNESDAY	25th December - Christmas Day	
	9am Parish Family Mass	
THURSDAY	26th December (NO MASS OR	COMMUNION SERVICE BOXING DAY)
FRIDAY	27th December (NO MASS OR	COMMUNION SERVICE)
SATURDAY	28th December & Sunday 29th December -	USUAL WEEKEND MASS/
	RECONCILIATION TIMES	

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Preparation for Christmas) 2nd RITE (Communal Celebration)

- THIS THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

- 3 Priests will be available

- The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His Mercy never comes to an end. It is new every morning. Great is your faithfulness O Lord.