



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY CASTLE HILL

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 6th Sept

6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon

Saturday and Public Holidays

8:00am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

6:00pm

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday

8:30am-9:00am,

4:00pm-4:30pm

Or by appointment

31 AUG-1 SEPT 2024 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Continued from last week

SPES NON CONFUNDIT

BULL OF INDICATION
OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE
OF THE YEAR 2025

FRANCIS

BISHOP OF ROME

SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER

MAY HOPE FILL YOUR HEARTS



1. *SPES NON CONFUNDIT*. "Hope does not disappoint" (*Rom 5:5*). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those *pilgrims of hope* who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. *Jn 10:7.9*) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (*1 Tim 1:1*).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome.

A word of hope

2. "Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (*Rom 5:1-2.5*). In this passage, Saint Paul gives us much to reflect upon. We know that the Letter to the Romans marked a decisive turning point in his work of evangelization. Until then, he had carried out his activity in the eastern part of the Empire, but now he turns to Rome and all that Rome meant in the eyes of the world. Before him lay a great challenge, which he took up for the sake of preaching the Gospel, which knows no barriers or confines. The Church of Rome was not founded by Paul, yet he felt impelled to hasten there in order to bring to everyone the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, a message of hope that fulfils the ancient promises, leads to glory and, grounded in love, does not disappoint.

Continued next week

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

Donations can be made using the bank details below, the QR code, or via the Tap-and-go machines and cash collection boxes in the church. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



SUPPORT DONATIONS

For EFT to the First Collection - supporting the priests

BSB 067 950
 Account No 00004265
 Account Name Diocesan Clergy
 Reference **6006 Your name**

EFT to the Second Collection – for support of the Parish

BSB 067 950
 Account No 00000032
 Account Name Castle Hill Catholic Church
 Reference **Second Collection (Your Name)**

SACRAMENTS

For First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation programs for school children please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au or 0433 183 322

For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at admin@stbernadette.org.au for bookings and further details. Baptisms are held on the 1st, 2nd and 5th (when occurring) Sunday of each month at 12noon.

Note the church law: parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised within the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth indeed even before it, they are to approach the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867§1]

NEW TO THE PARISH

We would like to welcome all new parishioners. If you are new to the parish, please collect a registration form from the foyer or the Parish Office and please come and say hello to one of the Clergy or Nancy at mass.

Welcome

Youth



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On Instagram

@st_bernadettes_youth
 @st_bernadettes_young_adults

On Facebook

@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
 @St Bernadette's Young Adults

JUNIOR YOUTH (YR 5-8)

Friday 6th Sept 7:00-8:30pm
 Our Junior youth will be discussing "fair play-touché"

SENIOR YOUTH (YR 9-12)

Friday 13th Sept 7:00-8:45pm
 We will be learning about *Heeding The Call*

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. We are using the study 'Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother' By Dr Edward Sri.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 15TH SEPTEMBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 15th September 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Guest Speaker Fr Raymond.



Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ROSTERS 7-8 September 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Gary Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Danielle Vassallo Raymond Pak	Harrison Long Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Margaret Jones	Mon 9th Sept Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	David Solomos Joe Harney Jeslin Cyriac	Laura Burton Nina Irwin	Margaret Sinha Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson	Jane Ng

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 6th September at 12noon followed by a light lunch in the Marian Centre. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after 6:45am mass until 12noon. All welcome. If you require transport please contact Maureen Fearnside on 9634 3329.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2024



The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will commence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Communion to the Sick and Dying. If you are interested please contact Nancy in the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or pa@stbernadette.org.au



PARISH OUTING: TUES 8TH OCTOBER

For those who expressed an interest in the Parish Outing to the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre on Tuesday 8th October, payment of \$100 per person is now due. Please place your money (CASH ONLY) in an envelope labelled with your name and contact number, and hand into the Parish Office or to Nancy by 20th Sept.

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 25th September at 7:00pm in the Marian Centre for those adults interested in becoming Catholic.



Further details of the program will be explained at the meeting. Any questions, please contact Nancy at the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at nancy@stbernadette.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT



On Friday 13th December, the Parish will be holding a Christmas Carols evening in the church, with performances by some of the parish choirs and music groups, solos and duets, local school groups, and other local parishes. If you are interested in performing or being part of the house choir or band, please contact Steve Lavis at steve@teachingservices.com.au

CATECHISTS WANTED

We are looking for volunteers who are available to take a half-hour lesson on a **Wednesday or Friday** at one of our local public school. All our teachers are provided with the training and support required, as well as the lesson plans and resources used in the classroom. For more information please contact Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322



FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to everyone who supported the Care Group Fundraiser BBQ. They raised \$880 which will go towards the First Friday lunches for the sick and elderly members of the parish.



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2025 (& Yrs 1 to 6 2025)

It has been lovely meeting all of our new families and students for next year. If you would like to enrol your little one in Kindergarten 2025 or other grades, please contact the school office on 9407 6600.



SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal
Donate at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

Thank you for your generous donations to the Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal. We have raised \$1328 so far. Donations can be made online via the QR code. Please select ST BERNADETTE'S CASTLE HILL to ensure all donations are allocated to our parish quota.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September	This Week
Tues 3rd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 4th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 5th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 6th	First Friday Adoration and anointing Junior Youth: "fair play-touché"

September	Next Month
Sun 15th Sept	Young Adults: Fr Raymond
Sun 22nd Sept	Fundraiser BBQ: Vinnies
Thurs 26th Sept	Coffee and Chat 10am

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Readings Next Weekend

7-8 September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 35:4-7	James 2: 1-5	Mk 7:31-37

Feast Days This Week

3 Sept Saint Gregory the Great

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JAMES 1:17

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Henry Campbell, Mariamma Nicolas, Elizabeth Tjahyadi
For the Anniversaries of: Jack Edge, Manel Abhayaratna, Rosamma Varghese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Sarah Brkic, Kathy Brkic, Kate McFadzen, Mary Galluzzo