



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, Friday

6:45am, 9:15am

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

14-15 SEPT 2024 *TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

Continued from last week

A journey of hope

5. This interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a *journey* calling for *moments of greater intensity* to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus. I like to think that the proclamation of the first Jubilee, in the year 1300, was preceded by a journey of grace inspired by popular spirituality. How can we fail to recall the various ways by which the grace of forgiveness had been poured out upon God's holy and faithful People? We are reminded, for example, of the great "Pardon" that Saint Celestine V granted to all those who visited the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in Aquila on the 28th and 29th days of August 1294, six years before Pope Boniface VIII instituted the Holy Year. The Church was already experiencing the grace of the Jubilee as an outpouring of divine mercy. Even earlier, in 1216, Pope Honorius III granted the plea of Saint Francis for an indulgence for all those visiting the Porziuncola on the first two days of August. The same can be said of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: in 1222, Pope Callistus II allowed the Jubilee to be celebrated there whenever the Feast of the Apostle James fell on a Sunday. It is good that such "dispersed" celebrations of the Jubilee continue, so that the power of God's forgiveness can support and accompany communities and individuals on their pilgrim way.

Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, *pilgrims of hope* will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works. The Jubilee Churches along the pilgrimage routes and in the city of Rome can serve as oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, the essential starting-point of any true journey of conversion. In the particular Churches, special care should be taken to prepare priests and the faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form.

In a particular way, I would like to invite the faithful of the Eastern Churches, particularly those already in full communion with the Successor of Peter, to take part in this pilgrimage. They have suffered greatly, often even unto death, for their fidelity to Christ and the Church, and so they should feel themselves especially welcome in this City of Rome that is also their Mother and cherishes so many memories of their presence. The Catholic Church, enriched by their ancient liturgies and the theology and spirituality of their Fathers, monks and theologians, wants to give symbolic expression to its embrace of them and their Orthodox brothers and sisters in these times when they endure their own Way of the Cross, often forced by violence and instability to leave their homelands, their holy lands, for safer places. For them, the hope born of the knowledge that they are loved by the Church, which does not abandon them but follows them wherever they go, will make the symbolism of the Jubilee all the more powerful.

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



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

On Instagram

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 @st_bernadettes_young_adults

On Facebook

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

JUNIOR YOUTH (YR 5-8)

Friday 20th Sept 7:00-8:30pm
 Our Junior youth will be discussing "Who wants to be a Millionaire?"

SENIOR YOUTH (YR 9-12)

Our Senior youth will be going on an outing on Friday 27th September. For more information contact ym@stbernadette.org.au

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 will be speaking about Conflict Management.



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

ROSTERS 21-22 September 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Sherryl Rozario	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Michelle Barreto Anne Younis Jackson Ryan
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Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermaan	Mon 23rd Sept Pauline and Bernard Home	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	Sandra Emmett Natalie Coghlan	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Nicky Karatsiolis



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 by 20th September.

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 the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or nancy@stbernadette.org.au



SAVE THE DATE: FOOD FIESTA MEETING



We will be holding a planning meeting on Thursday 14th November at 7pm in the Marian Centre to discuss next year's Pentecost Food Fiesta. If you are interested in being involved in the food fiesta, please come along.

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



WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?



How do I request a Mass?

Envelopes can be found in the foyer or at the Parish Office.

Date: Please write the date of when you would like a Mass to be said. If you would like a particular time mass (eg 6:45am/ 9:15am Wed/Thurs/Fri) please specify. *Please complete one envelope for each Mass. It may be a different priest that says each Mass.*

Name of Person/s: Who is the Mass being said for. *Please complete one envelope for each Mass. It may be a different priest that says each Mass.*

Intention: Intentions for our loved ones who are ill, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died (recently and for anniversaries) or for the intentions of another person such as on a birthday or thanksgiving.

For Publication: If you would like the intention to be published in the Massabielle. *Recently Deceased are published for 3 weeks, Death Anniversaries one week, Ill health 3 weeks. We do not publish for birthdays, thanksgivings or monthly anniversaries.*

Donations: Cash donations should be placed in the envelope at time of offering.

For more information see the poster on the Parish noticeboard in the church foyer, or scan the QR code.



2025 Annuals FOR SALE

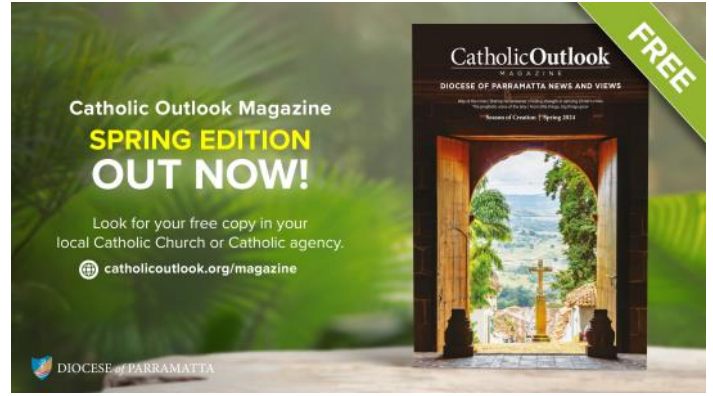
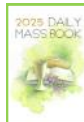


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2025

Break Open the Word for 2025 books are available for sale at the Parish Office. Cost \$30 each. Cash only.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2025 \$25

2025 Daily mass books available from the bookshop and the Parish Office. \$25 each. Cash only.



Thank you!
for caring for our retired priests' health and wellbeing.



Because of your generosity, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$4300 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

Shape our future with our new Pastoral Plan for 2024 - 2028
parracatholic.org/synodality



Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
September	This Week
Tues 16th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 18th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 19th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 20th	Junior Youth
Sun 22nd Sept	Fundraiser BBQ: Vinnies
September	This Month
Thurs 26th Sept	Coffee and Chat 10am

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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MARK 8:29

Readings Next Weekend

21-22 September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Wis 2:12, 17-20	James 3:16-4:3	Mk 9:30-37

Feast Days This Week

16 Sept	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
21 Sept	Saint Matthew

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Humberto Amado Flores, K.V. Varghese, Jacqueline Baptista

For the Anniversaries of: Francis Ng, Clive Burridge,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Mary Galluzzo