



# 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 4th Oct

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

28-29 SEPT 2024

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

*Continued from last week*

### Signs of hope

7. In addition to finding hope in God's grace, we are also called to discover hope in the *signs of the times* that the Lord gives us. As the Second Vatican Council observed: "In every age, the Church has the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. In this way, in language adapted to every generation, she can respond to people's persistent questions about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come, and how one is related to the other". We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

8. The first sign of hope should be the desire for *peace* in our world, which once more finds itself immersed in the tragedy of *war*. Heedless of the horrors of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence. What does the future hold for those peoples, who have already endured so much? How is it possible that their desperate plea for help is not motivating world leaders to resolve the numerous regional conflicts in view of their possible consequences at the global level? Is it too much to dream that arms can fall silent and cease to rain down destruction and death? May the Jubilee remind us that those who are peacemakers will be called "children of God" (*Mt 5:9*). The need for peace challenges us all, and demands that concrete steps be taken. May diplomacy be tireless in its commitment to seek, with courage and creativity, every opportunity to undertake negotiations aimed at a lasting peace.

9. Looking to the future with hope also entails having enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it. Sadly, in many situations this is lacking. A first effect of this is the *loss of the desire to transmit life*. A number of countries are experiencing an alarming *decline in the birthrate* as a result of today's frenetic pace, fears about the future, the lack of job security and adequate social policies, and social models whose agenda is dictated by the quest for profit rather than concern for relationships. In certain quarters, the tendency "to blame population growth, instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the [real] issues". Openness to life and responsible parenthood is the design that the Creator has implanted in the hearts and bodies of men and women, a mission that the Lord has entrusted to spouses and to their love. It is urgent that responsible legislation on the part of states be accompanied by the firm support of communities of believers and the entire civil community in all its components. For *the desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters* as a sign of the fruitfulness of their love ensures a future for every society. This is a matter of hope: it is born of hope and it generates hope.

Consequently, the Christian community should be at the forefront in pointing out the need for a *social covenant to support and foster hope*, one that is inclusive and not ideological, working for a future filled with the laughter of babies and children, in order to fill the empty cradles in so many parts of our world. All of us, however, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (*cf. Gen 1:26*), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now and seeking fulfilment in material realities alone. This leads to a narrow individualism and the loss of hope; it gives rise to a sadness that lodges in the heart and brings forth fruits of discontent and intolerance.

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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

@st\_bernadettes\_youth  
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On Facebook

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

### HSC MASS

Sunday 6th October at 6pm we will be giving a special blessing to all those students who are about to begin their HSC. Please wear your own Year 12 Jersey to show our support. All welcome.



### 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 20TH OCTOBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 20th October 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Guest Speakers Anne Younis and Christopher Iannuzzi will be talking about East Vs West: The differences and similarities between the Eastern and Western Rites of the Catholic Church. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).



## ROSTERS 5-6 OCTOBER 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Pauline Home	Catherine Chan	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>Church Linen</b>
Darshi Wettasinghe	Tues 8th Oct Marie Woodward Elaine Small	Karl Procter Anne Cheung Joe Morgan	N/A	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Belinda Yapp

### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Joseph and Francesca Menezes, who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May God continue to bless them and their family.



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr Matthew will be holding 2 Altar Server training sessions for anyone interested in becoming an altar server at the Saturday 5pm Vigil or Sunday masses. Altar Servers must be in year 4 or above, and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Training will be held on Thursday 3rd Oct at 11:30am or Thursday 10th Oct at 7pm in the church.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION

will take place this Friday, 4th October 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.



### PARISH OUTING: TUES 8TH OCTOBER

Please meet at St Bernadette's in the Brisbane Rd Bus bay at 8:15am for an 8:30am departure. The bus should return to St Bernadette's around 4:30-5:00pm. Please bring a hat and a bottle of water with you and wear comfortable walking shoes.



### 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 (Sunday 8th June 2025). If you are interested in being involved in the food fiesta, please come along to our meeting.



### 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](mailto:steve@teachingservices.com.au)



### FUNDRAISER BBQ: VINNES

Thank you to everyone who supported Vinnies with their fundraiser BBQ last weekend. They raised a total of \$480 which will go towards supporting those in need in our community.

### 2025 Annuals FOR SALE

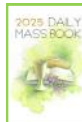


#### LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2025

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.



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### BAPTISM FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN PROGRAM

Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, is offering a Baptism program for primary school children in Term 4 this year. Children will attend a blessing Mass and be baptised in their home parish but complete a 4-week preparation program at OLOW. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact OLOW on (02) 4735 1041 or [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)



### PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [parracatholic.org/weddingmass](http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass) or 0488 000 211 by 20th October. Family and friends welcome.



### TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling \$2 raffle tickets this weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 16 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney.



## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October	This Week
Tues 1st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 2nd	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 3rd	Altar Server Training 11:30am Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 4th	First Friday Anointing Mass & Adoration
Sun 6th	HSC Mass 6pm
October	This Month
Mon 7th Oct	Public Holiday 8am Mass only
Tues 8th Oct	Parish Outing: Mt Carmel
Thurs 10th Oct	Altar Server Training 7pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Coffee and Chat
Sun 27th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

### Second Reading James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

### Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**You must not stop him:  
no one who works a  
miracle in my name is  
likely to speak evil of  
me. Anyone who is not  
against us is for us**

MARK 9:39

### Readings Next Weekend

5-6 October 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Gen 2:18-24	Heb 2:9-11	Mk 10:2-16

### Feast Days This Week

30 Sept	Saint Jerome
1 Oct	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
4 Oct	Saint Francis of Assisi

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Pete Concepcion, Yvonne Gangemi, Catherine Deveros, Krishna Hari Chandanani, Marjana Fugina  
For the Anniversaries of: Harry Anderson, Tim Peh, Teresa Tan, Rosemarie Tan-Tiongco,  
Tony Sabat, Joachim Ariyanayagam, Branco Runac

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Marion Heron