



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

7-8 SEPT 2024 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Continued from last week

3. Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life" (*Rom 5:19*). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God's grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit.

By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (*Rom 8:35.37-39*). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life. As Saint Augustine observes: "Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love".

4. Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (*Rom 5:3-4*). For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. *2 Cor 6:3-10*). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely *patience*. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present "now". Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his *Cantic of the Creatures*, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his "brother" and the moon his "sister". A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God's promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God's own patience, as "the God of all patience and encouragement" (*Rom 15:5*). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.

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.



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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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JUNIOR YOUTH (YR 5-8)

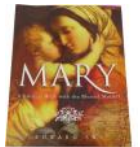
Friday 20th Sept 7:00-8:30pm
 Our Junior youth will be discussing "Who wants to be a Millionaire?"

SENIOR YOUTH (YR 9-12)

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 will be speaking about Conflict Management.



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

ROSTERS 14-15 September 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Shane Robinson	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Rheza Tan Laura Burton Brandon Leyba
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Bookshop	Marjorie Anderson	Catherine Chan	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Regina Jaegal	Mon 16th Sept Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	Danielle Vassallo Liza Echevarria	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel	Claire Lagunzad

FR FERNANDO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Just wanted to use this small space in the Parish Bulletin to thank you all for attending and being part of the celebration of my 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood. It was very humbling for me to see the number of people who attended the Thanksgiving Mass on the 30th of August but also all those who have sent their messages, prayers, and good wishes. Many more have said that for different reason they were not able to make it to the Mass on the day, but they offered their prayers and words of encouragement and for all of that I am very grateful.

As you know, I will be leading the pilgrimage to Mexico on the 18th of September and then take my annual leave and spend time with my family. I will remember you all at the National Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City when I visit her and give thanks to God and to Mary of Guadalupe for their company all these years and always. I hope to see you all in early November.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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 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



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Thank you for your generous donations to the Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal. We have raised \$3717 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 10th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 11th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 12th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 13th	Senior Youth: "heeding the call"
Sun 15th Sept	Young Adults: Fr Raymond
September	Next Month
Fri 20th Sept	Junior Youth
Sun 22nd Sept	Fundraiser BBQ: Vinnies
Thurs 26th Sept	Coffee and Chat 10am

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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ISAIAH 35:5-8

Readings Next Weekend

14-15 September 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 50:5-9	James 2: 14-18	Mk 8:27-35

Feast Days This Week

09 Sept	Saint Peter Claver
13 Sept	Saint John Chrysostom
14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Humberto Amado Flores, K.V. Varghese, Jacqueline Baptista
For the Anniversaries of: Florentino Gomez, Romano A. Ramos Jr, Marlon Fernando
In Remembrance of: Sofija and Adam Sustek

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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