



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

12-13 OCT 2024 *TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

Continued from last week

13. Signs of hope should also be present for *migrants* who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. *Exiles, displaced persons and refugees*, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. May the Lord's words in the great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" for "just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Mt 25:35.40).

14. The *elderly*, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope. Esteem for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make, is incumbent on the Christian community and civil society, which are called to cooperate in strengthening the covenant between generations.

Here I would also mention *grandparents*, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren, who discover in them their roots and a source of understanding and encouragement.

15. I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the *poor*, who often lack the essentials of life. Before the constant tide of new forms of impoverishment, we can easily grow inured and resigned. Yet we must not close our eyes to the dramatic situations that we now encounter all around us, not only in certain parts of the world. Each day we meet people who are poor or impoverished; they may even be our next-door neighbours. Often they are homeless or lack sufficient food for the day. They suffer from exclusion and indifference on the part of many. It is scandalous that in a world possessed of immense resources, destined largely to producing weapons, the poor continue to be "the majority of the planet's population, billions of people. These days they are mentioned in international political and economic discussions, but one often has the impression that their problems are brought up as an afterthought, a question which gets added almost out of duty or in a tangential way, if not treated merely as collateral damage. Indeed, when all is said and done, they frequently remain at the bottom of the pile". Let us not forget: the poor are almost always the victims, not the ones to blame.

Continued next week

Wishing all our HSC students the best with their exams.

We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.

May they feel Your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.



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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 @st_bernadettes_young_adults

On Facebook

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

JUNIOR YOUTH

Fri 8th Nov and Fri 22nd Nov
 7:00-8:30pm in the Hall.

SENIOR YOUTH

Fri 1st Nov and Fri 15th Nov
 7:00-8:30pm in St Joseph's room.

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.



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.

ROSTERS 19-20 OCTOBER 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
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	Michelle Baretto Anne Younis Jackson Ryan
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahan Bernard Home Pauline Home	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	
Bookshop	Marjorie Anderson	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Margaret Jones	Mon 21st Oct Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	Joanne Boland Joanna Camarda	Margaret Sinha Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson	Mandy Leong

NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes are available in the foyer for November Mass offerings. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased relatives and friends on the envelope which can be placed in the collection boxes or given in to the Parish Office. From there the names will be put into the "Book of Remembrance" which will be placed on a temporary altar on the Sanctuary throughout November. Masses will be offered during the month of November for our friends and family who have gone before us.



RCTIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

A life changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic. The journey begins this Wednesday 16th October in the Marian Centre. The gatherings are every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622.

SHIRE GLUTEN FREE STALL

Shire Gluten Free will be setting up a stall in the St Bernadette's Parish carpark on Thursday 17th October from 11am-1pm. They will have a huge range of gluten free and vegan products for sale, including bread, cakes, cookies, pasta and frozen meals, pies and sausage rolls. Visit <https://shireglutenfree.com.au/> for further details.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance Catholic Mission's vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance. Your gift will support a variety of Church programs around the world. Donations can be made at www.catholicmission.org.au/ways-to-donate or by scanning the QR code. Donations envelopes can be found on the pews.



SCAN ME



CYP LIFTED GO: 17 OCTOBER

"LIFTED Go" is an exciting new initiative in Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED series, co-created with the Peace, Justice, Ecology team. You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers: 17 October 2024, 7-9pm, WestHQ. Find out more and register at parracatholic.org/liftedgo

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



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Sr. Deborah Harmeling, O.S.B.

O God of Mercy and Tender Compassion, We cry out to you in this time of crisis. Hear the cries of the people of the Middle East. Bring healing to those suffering from violence and comfort to those mourning the dead.

O God of Hope, sustain those who labour for peaceful and just solutions. Inspire leaders and decision makers to choose the way of peace over the way of violence. Deliver all your children from the threat of war and teach us to encounter one another with reverence and love.

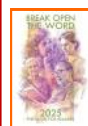
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ Who came to bring to peace on earth And who abides with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE: FR MATTHEW'S FAREWELL

Sunday 24th November after the 10:30am Mass. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.



FOR SALE

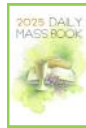


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD

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

DAILY MASS BOOKS

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



THE LIGHT: ADVENT BOOKS

The Wollongong Diocese Advent Reflection books are available from the bookshop and Parish Office \$7 each. Cash only.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October

This Week

Tues 15th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 16th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 17th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sun 20th Oct	Young Adults

October

This Month

Thurs 24th Oct	Coffee and Chat
Sun 27th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ: Refugee Group

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

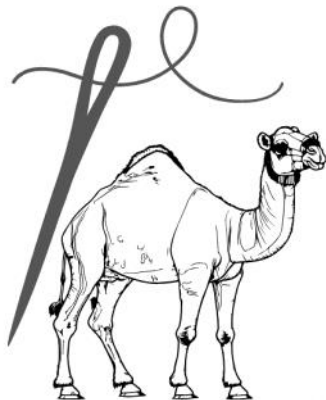
Gospel Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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MARK 10: 25



Readings Next Weekend

19-20 October 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Is 53:10-11

Second reading

Heb 4:14-16

Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

Feast Days This Week

15 Oct

Saint Teresa of Jesus

17 Oct

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

18 Oct

Saint Luke

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Corazon Flores, Dita Montes, Felicity Allen, Nona Mary Lynch

For the Anniversaries of: Santhosh Cherian, Tomy Anthony, Rhonda Baker, Margherita and Archilles Forrestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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