



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 1st Nov

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

26-27 OCT 2024 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Continued from last week

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church's history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "consubstantial with the Father", who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of fitting ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).

The Council of Nicaea also discussed the date of Easter. To this day, different approaches to this question prevent celebrating the fundamental event of our faith on the same day. Providentially, a common celebration will take place in the year 2025. May this serve as an appeal to all Christians, East and West, to take a decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter. We do well to remind ourselves that many people, unaware of the controversies of the past, fail to understand how divisions in this regard can continue to exist.

Anchored in hope

18. Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the "theological virtues" that express the heart of the Christian life (cf. 1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3). In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers. For this reason, the Apostle Paul encourages us to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12). Surely we need to "abound in hope" (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope. Yet what is the basis of our hope? To understand this, let us stop and reflect on "the reasons for our hope" (cf. 1 Pet 3:15).

19. "I believe in life everlasting". So our faith professes. Christian hope finds in these words an essential foundation. For hope is "that theological virtue by which we desire... eternal life as our happiness". The Second Vatican Council says of hope that, "when people are deprived of this divine support, and lack hope in eternal life, their dignity is deeply impaired, as may so often be seen today. The problems of life and death, of guilt and suffering, remain unsolved, so that people are frequently thrown into despair". We, however, by virtue of the hope in which we were saved, can view the passage of time with the certainty that the history of humanity and our own individual history are not doomed to a dead end or a dark abyss, but directed to an encounter with the Lord of glory. As a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20).

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

JUNIOR YOUTH Fri 8th Nov
Treats Only, No Tricks.
 7:00-8:30pm in the Hall.
 Come dressed as your favourite Saint. Prizes to be won.

SENIOR YOUTH Fri 1st Nov
The Fire of Purgatory.
 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 17TH NOVEMBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 17th November 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room.



Our guest speakers, Doctor Andrew Tchang will be sharing with us on Catholicism and Medicine Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ROSTERS 2-3 NOVEMBER 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Catherine Chan	Christine & Hubert Jenneke	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermaan	Mon 4th Nov Pauline & Bernard Home	John Giorgiutti Joseph Boudib Mila Mina	Laura Burton Liza Echevarria	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Tess De Santo

FUNDRAISER BBQ

The St Bernadette's Refugee Group are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this Sunday 27th October. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 1st November 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.

CASTLE HILL CEMETERY MASS:

All Souls Day mass will be celebrated at Castle Hill Cemetery on Saturday 2nd November at 10am.



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.

NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2025

Planned Giving envelopes for the next 12 months are available in the foyer. Should you wish to move to credit card or direct debit please contact the parish office.



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.



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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED—CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

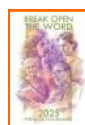
If you would like to help with keeping the church clean and tidy, with light duties once every 6 weeks, please contact Andrea Tomic on 0415800160 for further details.

FR MATTHEW'S FAREWELL

Please join us as we farewell Fr Matthew on Sunday 24th November after the 10:30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.



FOR SALE

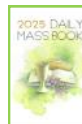


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD

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 29th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 30th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 31st	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 1st Nov	All Saints Day First Friday healing mass and adoration
Sat 2nd Nov	Castle Hill Cemetery Mass 10am

November

Next Month

Thurs 14th Nov	Food Fiesta meeting
Sun 17th Nov	Young Adults
Sun 24th Nov	Fr Matthew's Farewell
Thurs 28th Nov	Coffee and Chat

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Readings Next Weekend

2-3 November 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Deut 6:2-6

Second reading

Heb 7:23-28

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

Feast Days This Week

28 Oct

Saints Simon and Jude

1 Nov

All Saints

2 Nov

All Souls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased:

For the Anniversaries of: Anthony Dalpadado, Yvone Philip, Charles Anthony Sollis, Lolita Macutay, Rosario Roco

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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