



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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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 OCT 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



FR RAYMOND CHIBUZOR UGWU.

My name is Fr Raymond Chibuzor UGWU. The first out of the seven children of late Mr Raymond Uguw and Mrs. Cordelia Uguw. I am from Enugu state in Nigeria. My desire to become a priest started at age seven, and this motivated me to join the altar servers when I was in primary five just immediately after my First Holy Communion. In my primary six I took the entrance exam to the junior seminary high school of the Holy Ghost fathers and brothers. My parents supported me and sponsored me. I was ordained a Catholic priest in the order of the Holy Ghost fathers and brothers on July 10th 2004 at Holy Ghost Cathedral in Enugu, Nigeria by Bishop Anthony Gbuji.

MISSION WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

Two months after my ordination I went to Philippines for mission experience. I was assigned to be a college school chaplain, campus minister, and a lecturer. From campus ministry, I went to a remote one-town parish made up of 31,000 people, 31 chapels and 33 village communities called "barangays". Almost half of the population was made up of the tribal people called the Subaneans. Work in this place was fun, all-inclusive, productive, and fulfilling. It focused mainly on the administration of the sacraments, basic faith formation, development of church leaders, environmental protection, proper parish and financial management, and structural improvement of the parish physical structures. Without expecting it, I spent seven years in this parish and from there I was sent back to campus ministry for one year and half at Cebu Doctors University, Cebu, Philippines.

COMING TO AUSTRALIA

After twelve years of mission experience in the Philippines, I got an invitation from Bishop Christopher A. Saunders, in 2016 to spend my long service leave in the diocese of Broome for three years among the Aborigines. It was an enjoyable period which gave me a firsthand experience among the first inhabitants of this great nation. The focus was more on the administration of the sacraments, teaching of the basic Catholic prayers and doctrines, and "mission of presence" (that is, full community visibility and active participation in the life of the community). My time in Broome was extended for another one year, but the COVID-19 lockdowns in Australia and the Philippines stretched my stay in Broome Diocese to six years by the end of which I got the Australian citizenship Privilege. This encouraged me to feel the need of staying on in the country I now call home, and to desire to join a diocese here, and so contribute meaningfully to the personnel need of the Australian church.

CHOOSING PARRAMATTA DIOCESE AND MY EXPECTATIONS

The multicultural nature of Parramatta diocese and the fact that it is in the eastern part of Australia made me to choose this diocese when I was considering the diocese to join. Thanks to the openness and welcoming attitude of our chief shepherd - Bishop Vincent Long and his consultors who accepted me for this probation period. It was in their kind consideration that I was sent to serve the people of God at St. Patricks Cathedral for ten weeks, O.L.Q.P. Greystanes Parish for nine months, and now St. Bernadette Parish, Castle Hill.

In conclusion, I expect that I can be of great service to the Diocese of Parramatta in general and to this Parish, while I am here. It is my wish that my presence will be: a valuable support to the pastoral care programmes, priests and the people of God here, bring right spiritual counsel to those in need of mercy and compassion; deliver and enhance right instructions on the good news; bring Jesus's healing to the sick; reconcile penitents with God; promote meaningful worship and mission work of Christ; initiate and lead the people of God in prayer; and so uphold the sacred Catholic rites and practises in a way that will edify God, and sanctify the people of God. Lastly, I hope to enjoy your care and welcoming hospitality as we live, work, and journey together as citizens of heaven and children of God the Father.

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 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.

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. *Welcome*
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.

Youth



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On Instagram

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On Facebook

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

YOUTH GROUP- FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH

Both Youth Group's meet every second Friday from 7:00-8:30pm in the hall. All welcome, bring a friend!

Junior Youth (yr 5-8) What is Sin?

See our full term plan by scanning the QR code!



Senior Youth (yr 9-12) Angels and Demons

See our full term plan by scanning the QR code!



YOUNG ADULTS –SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Join us on Sunday 22nd October, 7pm-9pm in the St Joseph's room. Guest Speaker Br Bernard will be sharing the Top 10 Saints you've never heard of before. Dinner included. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.



YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Our Young Adults are running a weekly Bible Study in the St Joseph's Room on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:00pm. We will be looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

ROSTERS 21-22 OCT 2023

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Hyacinth Jones Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego Gemma Saccasan Peter Saccasan	Brandon Leyba Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
Communion ministers	Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui +2	Lucille Wilson Clair Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Christine & Hubert Jenneke	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Margaret Jones	Mon 23rd Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	Nina Irwin Laura Burton	Maria Mochnik Kathy Habek Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Rebecca Aylmer	Lois and John Donnelly

RCLIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

A life changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic. The journey begins on Wednesday 18th October in the Marian Centre. The gatherings are every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO SICK & DYING WORKSHOP

On Saturday the 21st of October we will be offering an ongoing formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.) Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We have limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by the 16th of October at mary.gale@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 29 OCTOBER

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or call 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

catholic mission CATHOLIC MISSION

This week Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale. This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

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 these friends and family who have gone before us.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Mass times: 6:45am, 9:15am, 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour 8:00-9:00pm

CASTLE HILL CEMETERY MASS:

All Souls Day mass will be celebrated at Castle Hill Cemetery on Saturday 4th November at 10am.



LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024

Break Open the Word for 2024 books are available for sale at the parish office. Break open the Word contains the Sunday mass readings for 2024 (YEAR B) Cost \$25 each. Cash only.



St Bernadette's FUN FAIR 2023
Friday, 27th October
3pm to 8:30pm
 357 Old Northern Road Castle Hill

Raffle FUNDRAISER

\$15,000 PRIZE POOL

- ★ 1st Prize \$5,000 Cash
- ★ 20 Incredible Prizes
- ★ Exciting incentives for top raffle sellers!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

OR VISIT: www.rafflelink.com.au/funfair2023

ENROL NOW - KINDY—Year 6 2024

If you are looking to enrol your child into school in 2024 and would like to have a tour of our school please contact the school office on 9407 6600. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or to download from the school website www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/enrolment

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
October	This Week
Tues 17th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 18th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs 19th	Young Adults Bible Study
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Sun 22nd	Young Adults
October	This Month
26th Oct	Coffee and Chat
27th Oct	St Bernadette's Fun Fair
28th Oct	Confirmation Mass

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 Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon:

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

Readings Next Weekend

21-22 October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thess 1:1-5

Mt 22:15-21

Feast Days This Week

16 Oct

Saint Hedwig

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

17 Oct

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

18 Oct

Saint Luke

19 Oct

Saint John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

Saint Paul of the Cross

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Brian Forwood (funeral Tues 17th 11am) Manel Abhayaratna, Charlie Camilleri, Carmen Garcia, Patricia Janeckoua, and Reming Biala

For the Anniversaries of Michael Simpson, Barbara Simpson, Margaret Bowie, Rhonda Baker, Simon Anderson, and Joseph Pancras

In remembrance of: Pablito Afable, Archilles Forestieri and Margherita Forestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ison, Flavia Panto, Brian De Silva, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Maree Malvern, Nida Farmiento, Elizabeth Mifsud, Jacqueline Moran, Raymond Coffey