



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

8:00am-9:00am

4:00pm-4:30pm

Or by appointment

18-19 Nov 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Continued from Last week

5. This final state, however, can be anticipated in some way today in sacramental life, whose centre is the Eucharist, and in the gift of self through fraternal charity. If we are able to enjoy properly the good things that the Lord showers upon us every day, we will already have begun to experience that joy and peace which one day will be completely ours. We know that on this earth everything is subject to limits, but the thought of the "ultimate" realities helps us to live better the "penultimate" realities. We know that as we pass through this world we are called to seek "the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1), in order to be with him in the eschatological fulfilment, when the Spirit will fully reconcile with the Father "all things, whether on earth or in heaven" (Col 1:20).

Hell is the State of Those who Reject God

At the General Audience of Wednesday, 28 July 1999, the Holy Father reflected on hell as the definitive rejection of God. In his catechesis, the Pope said that care should be taken to interpret correctly the images of hell in Sacred Scripture, and explained that "hell is the ultimate consequence of sin itself... Rather than a place, hell indicates the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy".



To be continued

Christmas Mass times 2023

Sunday 24th Dec	7:30am	Sunday Mass
	9:00am	Sunday Mass
	10:30am	Sunday Mass
Christmas Eve	5:00pm	Children's mass
	7:30pm	Family Mass
	9:30pm	Youth Mass
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day	12:00am midnight mass	Carols from 11:30pm
	7:30am	
	9:00am	
	10:30am	

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

Thurs Dec 7th During Holy Hour	8:00pm-9:00pm	Sat Dec 9th	8:30am-9:00am
			4:00am-4:30pm
Thurs Dec 14th During Holy Hour	8:00pm-9:00pm	Sat Dec 16th	8:30am-9:00am
			4:00am-4:30pm
Thurs Dec 21st During Holy Hour	8:00pm-9:00pm	Sat Dec 23rd	8:30am-9:00am
			4:00am-4:30pm

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

@st_bernadettes_youth
@st_bernadettes_young_adults



On Facebook

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

YOUTH GROUP- FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

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) Works of Mercy

See our full term plan by scanning the QR code!



Senior Youth (yr 9-12) Fatima

See our full term plan by scanning the QR code!



YOUNG ADULTS –SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Join us Sunday 26th November, 7pm-9pm in the St Joseph's room. 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 25-26 NOV 2023

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Goeghegan Lourdes Nathan	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Shane Robinson	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Denis Bellerose Laura Burton Hyacinth Jones
Communion ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 27th Nov Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	Liza Echevarria Danielle Vassallo	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Adelina Tabila Constance Fidel	Melia Shammass



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

If you can assist with a donation of a hamper, please take a hamper label from the Church foyer, and return the hampers to the Church on the weekend of **2nd and 3rd December**. Information is available on the notice board regarding the assembly of the hamper and suggestions for its contents and size. The hampers will be sorted on Saturday and Sunday and delivered on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th. Please be mindful of the weight of the hampers as they need to be lifted on and off the truck for delivery. Available to help with sorting or distributing Hampers? Please contact Carole on 0438 014 070.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-RECONCILIATION 2024

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend our information evening being held on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7.00pm in the Church**. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 2 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism. The evening will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Coordinator) on 0433 183 322 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this coming Thursday morning after the 9.15am mass. All welcome. This will be our last morning tea for 2023. Please bring a plate of Christmas finger food to share.



Coffee and chat



FUNDRAISER BBQ

We will be starting a monthly fundraiser BBQ, where each month, a different ministry in the parish will hold a BBQ at the Sunday morning Masses, to help raise funds for their ministry. The St Bernadette's Netball Club will be running the first BBQ at the morning masses on Sunday 26th November. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each.

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP



Are you interested in getting involved in any of the music ministries here at St Bernadette's? Mr Eric Grella, the Music Formation Facilitator for the Diocese of Parramatta, will be running a workshop for all St Bernadette's Parish Music ministries on Friday 24th November at 7pm. All welcome. For more information or to register please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au



PROJECTIONISTS WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the projector at weekend Masses. All slides and training provided. For more information contact the Parish Office or see Nancy.

Help Catholic Care chaplains
give comfort, faith, and hope
to people suffering
this Christmas

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



November 18-19

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

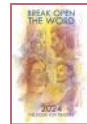


St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend Vinnies will be making their annual Christmas Appeal. Envelopes are available on the pews and in the foyer, and Vinnies members will have donation buckets available at the doors to the church. Please give generously.

FOR SALE

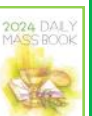


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024

Break Open the Word for 2024 books are available for sale at the Parish Office. Cost \$25 each. Cash only.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2024 \$30

2024 Daily mass books available from the bookshop and the Parish Office. \$30 each. Cash only.



THE SIGN-ADVENT 2023

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

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2024

Available from the bookshop \$10.50 each, Cash Only.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS \$7

Pack of 10 Christmas cards available from the bookshop after Sunday masses. \$7 each. Cash only.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

Oct/Nov	This Week
Tues 21st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs 23rd	Coffee and Chat
	Young Adults Bible Study
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Sun 26th	BBQ Fundraiser
	Young Adults
December	Next Month
1st Dec	First Friday Anointing Mass
	Youth Group
2nd Dec	Hamper Masses
3rd Dec	

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Readings Next Weekend

18-19 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25:31-46

Feast Days This Week

21 Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22 Nov Saint Cecilia

23 Nov Saint Clement I

Saint Columban

24 Nov Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

25 Nov Saint Catherine of Alexandria

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Adele Rutherford, Agapito Tac-an, Sarah Abellanosa, Lexie Cartwright, Joseph Scerri, Sang Hee Lee.

For all the names in the Book of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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