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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

21-22 Oct 2023

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Before I left for our World Youth Day pilgrimage the joke at work was I'd come back with a husband or to join a convent. While I can confirm that neither has happened what I did come back with was something I didn't expect. I've come back with life long friends and a fire in my heart.

I had a slightly different experience to the rest of the St Bernadette's pilgrims making the decision to be in the same small group as a friend from another parish I found myself in a bus group without my St Bernadette's family where I only knew the names of 7 of the 44 people. 4 days in, I knew all their names and we became a family. And I still made sure to connect in with the St Bernadette's group.

Throughout the whole pilgrimage we shared the highs and the lows. We relied on each other, trusted each other and these friendships are now forged for a lifetime.

One thing no one tells you about pilgrimage is how much you and those around you cry. Don't worry, it's a good cry. When we got to Lourdes I started crying at the train station, overwhelmed to be at a place I had dreamed of since I was a child learning about Saint Bernadette in primary school. It was just totally overwhelming in the most spiritual way. I bonded with my fellow pilgrims through tears, smiles and hugs. Especially in Lourdes where at dinner I had a moment with someone which I'll remember for the rest of my life.



People also don't tell you half the fun of a world youth day pilgrimage is just being around other people who are also trying to grow in faith. The conversations between stops were deep and meaningful and enriching but could also be light hearted and funny giving each other ridiculous nicknames and bickering over which NRL team is superior (south's is the only correct answer).

These friendships and the experiences of the pilgrimage have set my heart alight. We have so many beautiful young people in the parish who I now want to walk with on their faith journeys. I think I've discounted the impact that being in a catholic community has had on my development as a person and I've come back with a greater drive than ever to want to foster a real connection and community within our parish. I hope the one thing that comes from WYD is our youth ministry at St Bernadette's growth stronger with more enthusiasm. If anyone wants to be part of this, in any capacity, please let any of us who are involved in the youth know. Most of all we ask just for your prayers.



I thank you all for your prayers for us while we were on World Youth Day and hope to make you all proud with the way we move into the future as young parishioners of St Bernadette's.

Anne Younis.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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 3RD NOVEMBER

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) Confession

See our full term plan by scanning the QR code!



#### Senior Youth (yr 9-12) Modern Miracles

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 28-29 OCT 2023

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Mitch Dielwart Garry Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Raymond Pak	Denis Bellerose Laura Burton Hyacinth Jones
<b>Communion ministers</b>	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando +1	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Jenny & Brian Blacklock	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>Church Linen</b>
Olivia Cheng	Mon 30th Oct Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emilie De Leon	Sandra Emmett Laura Burton	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Jane Ng

## **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.

### **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:**

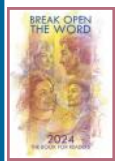
All Souls Day mass will be celebrated at Castle Hill Cemetery on Saturday 4th November at 10am.



### **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](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au)

## **FOR SALE**

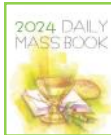


### **LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024**

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.

### **DAILY MASS BOOKS 2024 \$30**

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



### **THE SIGN-ADVENT 2023**

The Wollongong Diocese 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.

**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](http://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](http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/enrolment)

## **Upcoming Events**

Please see notices for further details.

October	This Week
Tues 24th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 25th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs 26th	Coffee and Chat Young Adults Bible Study Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Fri 27th	St Bernadette's Fun Fair
Sat 28th	Confirmation Mass
November	Next Month
2nd Nov	All Souls Day (Mass 6:45am, 9:15am, 7:00pm)

## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

### Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

*Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you* Matthew 22: 16

### **Feast Days This Week**

**23 Oct** Saint John of Capistrano  
**24 Oct** Saint Anthony Mary Claret  
**28 Oct** Saints Simon and Jude

### **Readings Next Weekend**

28-29 October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**First Reading**

**Second reading**

**Gospel**

Ex 22:20-26

1 Thess 1:5-10

Mt 22:34-40

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF**

Recently Deceased Carmen Garcia, Santhosh Cherian, Tomy Antony, Thy Kho and Teresita Raymundo Suing  
For the Anniversaries of Nadhem Al-Dawaf

### **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