



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 1st Dec

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

25-26 Nov 2023

CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A

Continued from Last week

1. God is the infinitely good and merciful Father. But man, called to respond to him freely, can unfortunately choose to reject his love and forgiveness once and for all, thus separating himself for ever from joyful communion with him. It is precisely this tragic situation that Christian doctrine explains when it speaks of eternal damnation or hell. It is not a punishment imposed externally by God but a development of premises already set by people in this life. The very dimension of unhappiness which this obscure condition brings can in a certain way be sensed in the light of some of the terrible experiences we have suffered which, as is commonly said, make life "hell".

In a theological sense however, hell is something else: it is the ultimate consequence of sin itself, which turns against the person who committed it. It is the state of those who definitively reject the Father's mercy, even at the last moment of their life.

Hell is a state of eternal damnation

2. To describe this reality Sacred Scripture uses a symbolical language which will gradually be explained. In the Old Testament the condition of the dead had not yet been fully disclosed by Revelation. Moreover it was thought that the dead were amassed in Sheol, a land of darkness (cf. Ez. 28:8; 31:14; Jb. 10:21f.; 38:17; Ps 30:10; 88:7, 13), a pit from which one cannot reascend (cf. Jb. 7:9), a place in which it is impossible to praise God (cf. Is 38:18; Ps 6:6).

The New Testament sheds new light on the condition of the dead, proclaiming above all that Christ by his Resurrection conquered death and extended his liberating power to the kingdom of the dead. Redemption nevertheless remains an offer of salvation which it is up to people to accept freely. This is why they will all be judged "by what they [have done]" (Rv 20:13). By using images, the New Testament presents the place destined for evildoers as a fiery furnace, where people will "weep and gnash their teeth" (Mt 13:42; cf. 25:30, 41), or like Gehenna with its "unquenchable fire" (Mk 9:43). All this is narrated in the parable of the rich man, which explains that hell is a place of eternal suffering, with no possibility of return, nor of the alleviation of pain (cf. Lk. 16:19-31).

The Book of Revelation also figuratively portrays in a "pool of fire" those who exclude themselves from the book of life, thus meeting with a "second death" (Rv. 20:13f.). Whoever continues to be closed to the Gospel is therefore preparing for 'eternal destruction and exclusion from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might' (2 Thes 1:9).

3. The images of hell that Sacred Scripture presents to us must be correctly interpreted. They show the complete frustration and emptiness of life without God. 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. This is how the Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes the truths of faith on this subject: "To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell'" (n. 1033).

"Eternal damnation", therefore, is not attributed to God's initiative because in his merciful love he can only desire the salvation of the beings he created. In reality, it is the creature who closes himself to his love. Damnation consists precisely in definitive separation from God, freely chosen by the human person and confirmed with death that seals his choice for ever. God's judgement ratifies this state.

We are saved from going to hell by Jesus who conquered Satan

4. Christian faith teaches that in taking the risk of saying "yes" or "no", which marks the human creature's freedom, some have already said no. They are the spiritual creatures that rebelled against God's love and are called demons (cf. Fourth Lateran Council, DS 800-801). What happened to them is a warning to us: it is a continuous call to avoid the tragedy which leads to sin and to conform our life to that of Jesus who lived his life with a "yes" to God.

To be continued

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. *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 Facebook

@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
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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) Charity

See our full term plan by scanning the QR code!



Senior Youth (yr 9-12) Why do bad things happen to good people?

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. Fr Matthew will be running a night on Adoration.

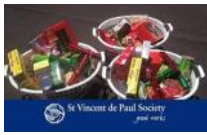


YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

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 2-3 DEC 2023

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Gary Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Raymond Pak	Timothy Leong Anne Younis Jackson Ryan
Communion ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kristine Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Gabrielle Jamison +1	Sylvia Rego Shirley Tye Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 4th Dec Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	Nina Irwin Jenny Blacklock	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen	Remy de Leon



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

Please return all hampers **next weekend, 2nd and 3rd December**. Hampers can be taken straight to the hall, where they will be blessed on

Sunday night before being delivered on Monday and Tuesday. 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. If you are available to help sorting or distributing Hampers, please contact Carole on 0438 014 070.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION

will take place this Friday, 1st December at 12noon followed by a light lunch in the Marian Centre. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after 6:45am mass until 12noon. All welcome. If you require transport please contact Maureen Fearnside on 9634 3329.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-RECONCILIATION 2024

Enrollments are now open for the sacrament of Reconciliation in 2024. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 2 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism. For more information, please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

FUNDRAISER BBQ

This weekend at the Sunday morning masses. Come along and meet some more people in the community, grab some brekkie, and support the ministries within our Parish. This month supporting St Bernadette's Netball Club. Bacon and Egg Rolls \$5each.

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

Thursday 7th Dec	8:00pm - 9:00pm during Holy Hour	
Saturday 9th Dec	8:30am - 9:00am	4:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 14th Dec	8:00pm - 9:00pm during Holy Hour	
Saturday 16th Dec	8:30am - 9:00am	4:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 21st Dec	8:00pm - 9:00pm during Holy Hour	
Saturday 23rd Dec	8:30am - 9:00am	4:00pm - 4:30pm

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	

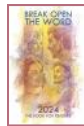
Help Catholic Care chaplains
give comfort, faith, and hope
to people suffering
this Christmas



PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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

FOR SALE

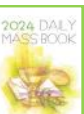


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024

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:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Feast Days This Week

30 Nov Saint Andrew

Readings Next Weekend

2-3 December
1st Sunday in Advent Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:33-37

All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Matthew 25: 32



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF
Recently Deceased 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,