



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 3rd

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

28-29 OCT 2023

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

It's hard to think of a moment from wyd that really stood out as each day brought a new life-changing moment that I will always cherish. But out of all of them, the time spent in Lourdes will always keep a special place in my heart.

Lourdes was the true beginning of our journey, especially the beginning of my spiritual growth. Getting to hold mass at St Bernadette's Grotto was truly amazing, it had such a beautiful view & just as amazing to see such a great congregation gather around. There were also the stations of the cross that we got to experience, 14 stations of pure serenity, with life size statues depicting Jesus' sacrifice for us. We even got to experience the candlelight procession, which really struck me with great joy & pride of being able to experience this with so many people & knowing that there are so many people from around the world that share in this experience was amazing.



I was fortunate enough, whilst during a procession to an underground cathedral for adoration, I was taken aside to hold up the Australian flag alongside flag bearers from various other countries. The only thing more daunting than dropping the flag in the middle of adoration was that it would have been in front of over ten thousand people, honestly that gave me the courage to hold it up for the hour that felt like a lifetime.

Whilst half of the time spent in Lourdes was joining numerous spiritual events, it was equally spent in laughter & tears. I was fortunate to bond with people I never met before, some I had known for essentially my life, & few were people who before the trip were just friends, with the most interaction being a hello & goodbye. But the barrier of plain friendship was broken and, through a lot of crying, I've made family, irreplaceable, invaluable people who I'll be able to share even greater experiences with.

If I had any way to conclude this well, it would be with *Colossians 2:7*, 'Let your roots grow down in Him, and let your lives be built on Him, then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness'. This trip has really helped me to grow in my faith & I couldn't say anything that could make me happier than this experience & the people that I've met from it.

Noel Thomas



Carina Santomingo

Leaving for World Youth Day was probably one of the hardest things I've ever had to do, never being away from my friends & family for so long, even though I was accompanied by the best people to see me leave & the best people to spend the next 3 weeks in Europe with.

Experiencing faith in all different countries was one of my highlights, from the churches & cathedrals to the moments spent in prayer with all the people I met was beautiful. Don't even get me started on the architecture & the beautiful art I found all around Europe, including the statues & religious monuments.

I met so many amazing people from around the diocese, all helping me in their own way on my faith journey, but nothing comes close to the friendships I made with the people in my group from St Bernadettes + extras. They all helped & supported me like no other & I couldn't've asked for a better group to be across the world with.



To the ones who kept me awake when I was sleep deprived, & taking care of me when I was sick for part of the trip, I cannot thank you enough. For the ones that guided me on my faith journey & got me closer to God in each country we were in, was beautiful & completely life changing, I'd never change this experience for the world. From the moments of procession surrounded by these people, to singing in churches & talking & learning from one another, each moment getting more memorable than the next.

Thank you for all your prayers & support whilst we were on World Youth Day & cannot wait to spread it back to the youth of the church through events & the youth groups.



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 Facebook

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 @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 11TH NOVEMBER



Join us Sunday 11th November, 6pm-9pm in the St Joseph's room. Our Guest Speaker Seminarian Jason Irawan will be presenting on "words and meaning" 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 4-5 NOV 2023

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
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	Timothy Leong Anne Younis Jackson Ryan
Communion ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kristine Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Lena Madry Gabrielle Jamison	Sylvia Rego Shirley Tye Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 6th Nov Pauline and Bernard Home	David Tye Cosimo Miccoli Chris Clancy	Lolita Suyko Danielle Vassallo	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Eulamae Dominello Robyn Morgan	Nicky Karatsiolis

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the 56 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday and have been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 3rd November 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.

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



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 those friends and family who have gone before us.

NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024

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.



YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 11 NOVEMBER

Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The first Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday 11 November 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact youthgroupolor@gmail.com



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

FOR SALE

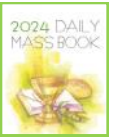


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024

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.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

Oct/Nov

This Week

Tues 31st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 1st	All Saints Day
	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs 2nd	All Souls Day (Mass 6:45am, 9:15am, 7:00pm)
	Young Adults Bible Study
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Fri 3rd	First Friday Anointing, lunch & adoration
	Youth Group
Sat 4th	Castle Hill Cemetery Mass

November

This Month

11th Nov	Young Adults
17th Nov	Youth Group
23rd Nov	Coffee and Chat
26th Nov	BBQ Fundraiser
	Young Adults

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 Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon:

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

*You must love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with all
your mind. This is the greatest
and the first commandment*

Matthew 22: 37-38

Feast Days This Week

1 Nov	All Saints Day
2 Nov	All Souls Day
3 Nov	Saint Martin de Porres
4 Nov	Saint Charles Borromeo

Readings Next Weekend

4-5 November

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10	1 Thess 2:7-9, 13	Mt 23:1-12

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Gordana Cvitkovic, Adrian Attapattu, Santhosh Cherian, Tomy Antony, Thy Kho, Diana Giorgiutti, Tony Gie
For the Anniversaries of Anthony Xavier Dalpadado, Rina Zadro, Rosario Roco

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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