



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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7-8 OCT 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Continued from last week

From Lourdes we continued on our pilgrimage into Spain, where we stopped in Loyola at the birthplace of Saint Ignatius. The Sanctuary of Loyola. In the grounds of this beautiful Jesuit site, we took some time to reflect as a group on our journey so far, and how we could continue to accompany and support one another on this pilgrimage. We then celebrated mass together in the Sanctuary of Loyola. From the outside the Basilica is an impressive but simple looking baroque stone church, built alongside the family home of St Ignatius. Upon walking inside, the beautiful dome inside was captivating, and the acoustics very impressive. As the diocese joined in worship together, our words resonated throughout the spectacular church. After mass ended, we sat inside the church for another half hour, singing praises to God in this moving space.



We then spent the next few days in Avila, the birthplace of St Teresa. This beautiful walled city in Spain, filled with the rich history of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, gave us an opportunity to pray in the many beautiful churches within the city. Here we began to encounter more pilgrim groups from around the world as well, and celebrated mass together with two other Australian pilgrim groups.

From Avila we travelled to Portugal, stopping overnight in Fatima. We participated in the candlelit procession, and lit candles for the petitions of our parishioners. The Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima, and the lives of Sister Lucia, and saints Francisco and Jacinta is much more recent, the apparitions occurring in 1917. As such, the site of Fatima is much more modern, with modern architecture, with infrastructure designed for pilgrimages. Millions of pilgrims travel here every year. Many pilgrims in Fatima were on their way to Lisbon for World Youth Day.



Over the week in Lisbon we participated in many events around the city, meeting young Catholics from all around the world, with different cultures, practices and in different stages of their faith journeys. It was so encouraging to be surrounded by so many like-minded Catholics, to be reminded that we are not alone in our faith, but supported by millions of other young Catholics around the world.

Personally, the Way of the Cross was a particularly moving event, watching the dancers portray the Stations of the Cross in a modern re-enactment was very powerful. Especially because one of the 22 young dancers was not just the only Australian chosen, but was the daughter of one of our fellow pilgrims from St John XXIII Parish in Stanhope. I was particularly moved by the Thirteenth Station, where the dancers portrayed Mary being given the shroud covering Jesus, and being overcome with sorrow. As they continued to dance, they folded the shroud until it became a bundle of joy, the baby Jesus wrapped up. The joy of a mother and her newborn son, with great hope for his future. Mary celebrating the life of her beloved son, Jesus.

On our walk to the final mass, it was encouraging to see the sense of community in the people around us. That even though we spoke different languages, people were tired and hot and being pushed in different directions in the massive crowds, people were still cheerful and encouraging to each other, sharing gifts and offering prayers. Once we found our spot to camp for the night, surrounded by thousands of other pilgrims in our little section, we struck up conversations with those sleeping nearby. We shared our space with a few other Australian groups, as well as a large number of Spanish, Italian and French pilgrims, and many smaller groups from all over the world.

Post World Youth Day week we went on retreat to Assisi, to reflect on the incredible pilgrimage we had been a part of, the experiences we had in Lisbon, and to learn more about St Francis of Assisi and Blessed Carlos Acutis. Many pilgrims shared their encounters on the journey, and we began making plans of how to encourage each other on our return, and how we can bring back our experiences to our local parishes and communities. The St Bernadette's Pilgrims are very excited to continue sharing our experiences with you all, and look forward to the growing opportunities in our parish. Several pilgrims have taken on more responsibilities in various ministries within the parish. We look forward to inspiring other youth in our Parish, and sharing God's love with everyone.

Laura Burton

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

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.

ENROL NOW - KINDY 2024 - LIMITED PLACES REMAIN

If you are looking to enrol your child into Kindergarten 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

Youth



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YOUTH GROUP- RETURNS OCTOBER 20TH

Our junior and senior youth groups are on a break for the school holidays. They will return October 20th.



YOUNG ADULTS –SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Join us on **Saturday 7th October**, 6pm-9pm in the St Joseph's room. Guest Speaker Paul Fam. Dinner included. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

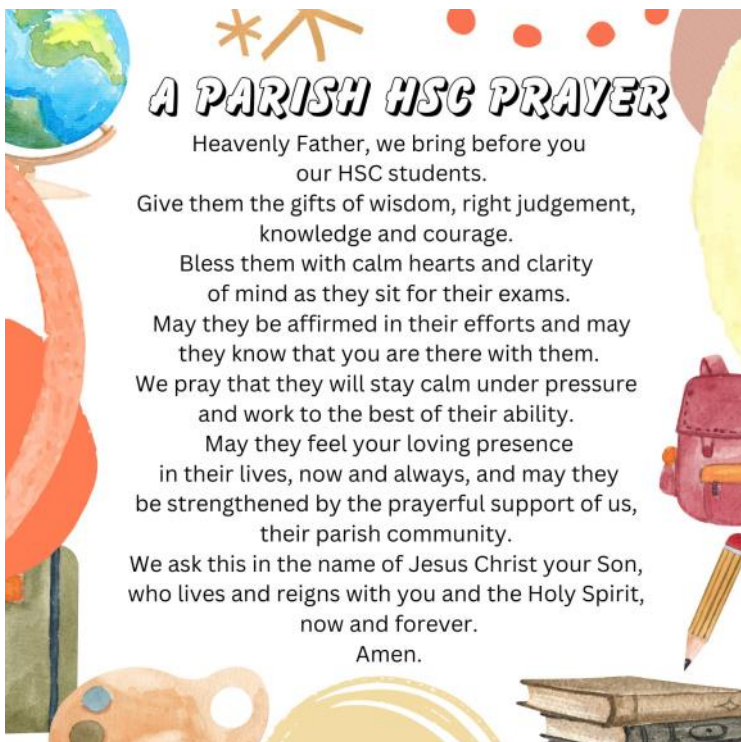
Our Young Adults are running a weekly Bible Study in the St Joseph's Room on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:00pm. We will be looking at the upcoming Sunday readings.

ROSTERS 14-15 OCT 2023

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Adelina Tabila Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Jan Crawford Leo Stanton	Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan
Communion ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandu	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josei & Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Maria Gobbo	Mon 16th Oct Christine & Hubert Jenneke	David Solomons Joe Harney Jeslin Cyriac	Joanna Camarda Joanne Boland	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen	Claire Lagunzad

A PARISH HSC PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students.
 Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage.
 Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.
 May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.
 We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.
 May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 Amen.



RCA 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.

PARISH OUTING- Mt SCHOENSTATT

A lovely day was had by all who attended our Parish Day Out to Mt Schoenstatt, finishing with mass celebrated by Fr Matthew.



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
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catholic mission CATHOLIC MISSION

Next 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.

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
October	This Week
Tues 10th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 11th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs 12th	Young Adults Bible Study
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
October	This Month
26th Oct	Coffee and Chat
27th Oct	St Bernadette's Fun Fair
28th Oct	Confirmation Mass

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Readings Next Weekend

14-15 October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

Feast Days This Week

9 Oct

Saints Denis and companions

Saint John Leonardi

11 Oct

Saint John XXIII

14 Oct

Saint Callistus I

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Brian Forwood (funeral Tues 17th 11am) Manel Abhayaratna, Charlie Camilleri, John Salopek, and Reming Biala

For the Anniversaries of Margaret Davis, Aurora Haboc, Elizabeth Kurian, Joseph Jacob, Lawrence Pinto, and Richard Macky

In Remembrance of: Alexander Michael, Violet Michael, Rita Michael, Terence Lazar, Hyacinth Samaranayake, Reethamma Varghese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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