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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

10-11 FEB 2024 *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

*Continued from last week*

27. In the catechesis cited at the beginning of this Declaration, Pope Francis proposed a description of this kind of blessing that is offered to all without requiring anything. It is worth reading these words with an open heart, for they help us grasp the pastoral meaning of blessings offered without preconditions: "It is God who blesses. In the first pages of the Bible, there is a continual repetition of blessings. God blesses, but humans also give blessings, and soon it turns out that the blessing possesses a special power, which accompanies those who receive it throughout their lives, and disposes man's heart to be changed by God. [...] So we are more important to God than all the sins we can commit because he is father, he is mother, he is pure love, he has blessed us forever. And he will never stop blessing us. It is a powerful experience to read these biblical texts of blessing in a prison or in a rehabilitation group. To make those people feel that they are still blessed, notwithstanding their serious mistakes, that their heavenly Father continues to will their good and to hope that they will ultimately open themselves to the good. Even if their closest relatives have abandoned them, because they now judge them to be irredeemable, God always sees them as his children."

28. There are several occasions when people spontaneously ask for a blessing, whether on pilgrimages, at shrines, or even on the street when they meet a priest. By way of example, we can refer to the Book of Blessings, which provides several rites for blessing people, including the elderly, the sick, participants in a catechetical or prayer meeting, pilgrims, those embarking on a journey, volunteer groups and associations, and more. Such blessings are meant for everyone; no one is to be excluded from them. In the introduction to the Order for the Blessing of Elderly People, for example, it is stated that the purpose of this blessing is "so that the elderly themselves may receive from their brethren a testimony of respect and gratitude, while together with them, we give thanks to the Lord for the favors they received from him and for the good they did with his help." In this case, the subject of the blessing is the elderly person, for whom and with whom thanks is being given to God for the good he has done and for the benefits received. No one can be prevented from this act of giving thanks, and each person—even if he or she lives in situations that are not ordered to the Creator's plan—possesses positive elements for which we can praise the Lord.

29. From the perspective of the ascending dimension, when one becomes aware of the Lord's gifts and his unconditional love, even in sinful situations—particularly when a prayer finds a hearing—the believer's heart lifts its praise to God and blesses him. No one is precluded from this type of blessing. Everyone, individually or together with others, can lift their praise and gratitude to God.

30. The popular understanding of blessings, however, also values the importance of descending blessings. While "it is not appropriate for a Diocese, a Bishops' Conference, or any other ecclesial structure to constantly and officially establish procedures or rituals for all kinds of matters,"[21] pastoral prudence and wisdom—avoiding all serious forms of scandal and confusion among the faithful—may suggest that the ordained minister join in the prayer of those persons who, although in a union that cannot be compared in any way to a marriage, desire to entrust themselves to the Lord and his mercy, to invoke his help, and to be guided to a greater understanding of his plan of love and of truth.

*Continued next week*

### 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, Funerals 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 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. 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.

Welcome

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

### JUNIOR YOUTH FRIDAY 16TH FEB

Friday 16th Feb in the St Joseph's Room. Our Junior Youth (Yrs 5-8) will be looking at Angels. For more details on the term plans for both Senior And junior youth, scan the QR codes.



### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young adults weekly bible study will be returning on Wednesday 21st February from 7:30pm in the St Joseph's room. This term we will be reading through the upcoming Sunday readings, and discuss their meaning with the assistance of the book "Break open the word"



### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) will be returning for 2024 on Sunday 25th February 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements. Brandon will be sharing on The Theology of Humour.



## ROSTERS 10-11 FEB 2024

| Ministry \ Mass            | Vigil  | 7:30am  | 9:00am  | 10:30am  | 6:00pm   |
|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Lectors</b>             | Mitch Dielwart<br>Gary Tierney<br>Cheryl Braisby                   | Dan Mathias<br>Paul D'Cruz<br>Joyan Fife                      | Mila Mina<br>Karen Lee<br>Hubert Jenneke  | Michael Abrahams<br>Raymond Pak  | Brandon Leyba<br>Hanna Pillai<br>Nathan Colaco |
| <b>Communion Ministers</b> | Lisa Hurst<br>Rick Jenkins<br>Brian Fitzalan<br>Natalia Chui<br>+1 | Lucille Wilson<br>Claire Lagunzad<br>Doug Desouza<br>Bill Lee | Angela Stenglin<br>Christine Jenneke<br>Hubert Jenneke<br>Rosalie Sampath<br>Celeste McLean | Mila Mina<br>Coney Lau<br>Helen Carr-Boyd<br>Elizabeth Joseph<br>Jiji Joseph |  |
| <b>Bookshop</b>            | Elaine Small   | Catherine Seddon  | Christine and Hubert Jenneke  | Josie and Seng Yeoh  | 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>                            |
| Darshi Wettasinghe         | Mon 12th Feb<br>Dorothy Finucane<br>Margaret Stedman               | Bill Lee<br>Chris Crowe<br>Edd Pagnucco                       | Lolita Suyko<br>Danielle Vassallo   | Margaret Sinha<br>Frances Menezes<br>Pancras Robinson                        | Tess De Santo                                  |



### ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday masses on Wednesday 14th February will be at 6:45am, 9:15am (school attending) 12 noon (school attending) and 7:30pm.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of the sixtieth year; the law of abstaining from eating meat on Ash Wednesday binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.



### PIETA LENTEN PROGRAM

Fr Raymond and Fr Matthew will be running the Wollongong Diocese PIETA Lenten program on Thursday nights during lent at 7pm in the Marian Centre, starting Thursday 15th February. Books are available for purchase for \$10 each through the parish office or on the night. Cash only.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be celebrated on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church. Reconciliation will be available during this time.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas

Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

To celebrate his 25th Anniversary, Fr Fernando will be leading a Pilgrimage to Mexico in September. Places are limited. To register your interest, scan the QR code or contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au). Further details on the noticeboard in the church foyer.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to attend our information evening Wednesday 6th March at 7.00pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322 or [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au)



### ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB 2024 REGISTRATION

Registration is open to play in STBNC's Winter Netball season, with games on Friday nights (7-9 y/os) and Saturdays (10+ y/os and Womens'). No prior netball experience is required. We are proud to welcome all abilities players as well as keen future umpires, coaches and managers. Register via PlayHQ by **Friday, 16th February**. For more information follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stbnc>) or email our Club President at [stbncpresident@gmail.com](mailto:stbncpresident@gmail.com).



### ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW - KINDERGARTEN 2025

We warmly welcome new families to join our school community. Enquiries and enrolment applications for **Kindy 2025** and Yrs 1 to 6 2024 & 2025. For **Kindy 2025** enrolments you are invited to register for our upcoming **Open Day/School Tours** (Tues 27th Feb to Tues 12th March) via our school website. If you require any further information, please call 02 9407 6600.

### OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday 3 March from 10.00am-2.00pm. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website: [www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)



### GILROY COLLEGE OPEN DAY

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Gilroy College Open Day on Tuesday 27th February from 4:00pm-7:00pm.



### ST GABRIEL'S OPEN DAY

St Gabriel's School are holding two Open Days in March. Kindy 2025 open day 8th March 9:30am-10:30am. Yr 7 2025 open day 14th March 9:30am-10:30am. For more info visit <https://stgabriels.nsw.edu.au/open-days-tours>



### BENNIES OPEN DAY

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Mount Saint Benedict's Open Day on Sunday 3 March from 10.00am-2.00pm. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website: <https://www.msb.nsw.edu>



| Upcoming Events                         |   |
|---|---|
| Please see notices for further details. |   |
| Feb                                     | This Week   |
| Tues 13th                               | Tuesday Morning Prayer Group<br>Reparation Prayer Group     |
| Wed 14th                                | Ash Wednesday<br>Wednesday Bible Study                      |
| Thurs 15th                              | PIETA Lenten Program 7:00pm<br>Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm      |
| Fri 16th                                | Junior Youth Group 7-8:30pm<br>Stations of the Cross 7:30pm |
| Feb                                     | This Month  |
| Wed 21st                                | Young Adults Bible Study                                    |
| Thurs 22nd                              | PIETA Lenten Program  |
| Fri 23rd                                | Stations of the Cross<br>Senior Youth Group                 |
| Sun 25th                                | Young Adults Night  |

## Today's Readings

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### **First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7**

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

whatever you do  
at all, do it for the  
GLORY of GOD

*1 Corinthians 10:31*



### **Readings Next Weekend**

*17-18 February 2024*

*1st Sunday of Lent Year B*

| First Reading | Second reading | Gospel       |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Gen 9:8-15    | 1 Pet 3:18-22  | Mark 1:12-15 |

### **Feast Days This Week**

**14 Feb**

**Ash Wednesday**

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

Recently Deceased Hermine Eberhaut, Sam Banno, Laurence James (Jim) Owen, Naziha Khodeir, Joan Finucane

For the Anniversaries of Roshika Therese Fernando, Chris Millgate, Clive Burrige,  
B J Amirthanayagam, Archilles and Margherita Forestierri

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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