



# 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 March

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

24-25 FEB 2024 *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B*

*Continued from last week*

37. In this regard, there come to mind the following words of the Holy Father, already quoted in part: "Decisions that may be part of pastoral prudence in certain circumstances should not necessarily become a norm. That is to say, 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. Canon Law should not and cannot cover everything, nor should the Episcopal Conferences claim to do so with their various documents and protocols, since the life of the Church flows through many channels besides the normative ones." Thus Pope Francis recalled that "what is part of a practical discernment in particular circumstances cannot be elevated to the level of a rule" because this "would lead to an intolerable casuistry."

38. For this reason, one should neither provide for nor promote a ritual for the blessings of couples in an irregular situation. At the same time, one should not prevent or prohibit the Church's closeness to people in every situation in which they might seek God's help through a simple blessing. In a brief prayer preceding this spontaneous blessing, the ordained minister could ask that the individuals have peace, health, a spirit of patience, dialogue, and mutual assistance—but also God's light and strength to be able to fulfill his will completely.

39. In any case, precisely to avoid any form of confusion or scandal, when the prayer of blessing is requested by a couple in an irregular situation, even though it is expressed outside the rites prescribed by the liturgical books, this blessing should never be imparted in concurrence with the ceremonies of a civil union, and not even in connection with them. Nor can it be performed with any clothing, gestures, or words that are proper to a wedding. The same applies when the blessing is requested by a same-sex couple.

40. Such a blessing may instead find its place in other contexts, such as a visit to a shrine, a meeting with a priest, a prayer recited in a group, or during a pilgrimage. Indeed, through these blessings that are given not through the ritual forms proper to the liturgy but as an expression of the Church's maternal heart—similar to those that emanate from the core of popular piety—there is no intention to legitimize anything, but rather to open one's life to God, to ask for his help to live better, and also to invoke the Holy Spirit so that the values of the Gospel may be lived with greater faithfulness.

41. What has been said in this Declaration regarding the blessings of same-sex couples is sufficient to guide the prudent and fatherly discernment of ordained ministers in this regard. Thus, beyond the guidance provided above, no further responses should be expected about possible ways to regulate details or practicalities regarding blessings of this type.

*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

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### 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

St Bernadette's  
Parish Castle Hill  
Youth

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### JUNIOR YOUTH FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

Friday 1st March in the St Joseph's Room. Our Junior Youth (Yrs 5-8) will be looking at How the Universe Started. For more details on the term plans for both Senior and Junior youth, scan the QR codes.



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR

Mrs Puspa Winendiah, along with our Youth Council, will inspire the youth of the parish to increase their understanding of our faith and bring them closer to God.

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

Wednesday evenings 7:30pm in the St Joseph's Room.



### 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 2-3 MARCH 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
<b>Lectors</b>	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Adelina Tabila Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Sherryl Rozario Leo Stanton	Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan
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<b>Bookshop</b>	Elaine Small	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	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>
N/A	Mon 5th March Jocelyn and Maxime Juste	David Solomons Joe Harney Jeslin Cyriac	Julie James Laura Burton	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza	Jane Ng



### **FUNDRAISER BBQ**

The Parish Council and Finance Committee will be running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this weekend. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. All proceeds will go towards replacing the air conditioner in the church.

### **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.



### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION**



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

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year the World Day of Prayer is brought to us by the women of Palestine. Please join us Friday 1st March at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Baulkham Hills.



### **CATECHISTS WANTED**

We are looking for volunteers who are available to take a half-hour lesson on a Thursday or Friday at one of our local public school. For more information contact Mrs Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322.

### **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). For further details, see the flier 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)

### **MUSOS REFLECTION DAY: SUNDAY 3 MARCH**

The 6pm Musos will be hosting a reflection day on **Sunday 3rd March** in the Marian Centre from 11am-4pm. This will be a great and essential day for all current Sunday night musos and anyone who is interested in joining our music ministry group (anyone in high school or above) If you play an instrument or sing, come along to learn more about the ministry and why we do what we do. Musicians from other groups also very welcome. Lunch provided.

Scan the QR code to join our Facebook page for more information and updates. Please RSVP by 29/02/2024 to Alice on 0418 968 096, Jacqui on 0410 896 147 or the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or via email at [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au)



### **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.

### **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.



### **OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday 3rd 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)



### **MOUNT SAINT BENEDICTS OPEN DAY**

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



### **OLMC OPEN DAY**

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Our Lady of Mercy College Open Day on Sunday 3rd March from 9.00am-3.00pm. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website: <https://www.olmc.nsw.edu>.



### **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>



### **ST BERNADETTE'S FOOTBALL CLUB**

Want to have fun playing soccer this season? We have a few spots remaining in our junior mixed teams (under 6 - under 11) and our men's over 35's team you can join! For further information visit <http://sbfc.org.au> or email us at [sbfcfooty@gmail.com](mailto:sbfcfooty@gmail.com)

## **Upcoming Events**

Please see notices for further details.

Feb/ March	This Week
Tues 27th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 28th	Wednesday Bible Study
Thurs 29th	PIETA Lenten Program 7:00pm
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Fri 1st	First Friday Anointing Mass
	Junior Youth Group 7-8:30pm
	Stations of the Cross 7:30pm



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### First Reading Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

### Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

### Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



*This is my Son,  
the Beloved.  
Listen to him.*

### Readings Next Weekend

2-3 March 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ex 20:1-17	1 Cor 1:22-25	Jn2:13-25

### Feast Days This Week

27 Feb

Saint Gregory of Narek

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Domingo Plazo, Roque Alison, Tjhang Wan Tjen, Nievas Marcelas  
For the Anniversaries of Mildred D'Souza, Kosa Kaic, Edward Bimol Sinha, Seraphin Corera, Mildred Taylor

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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