



# THE MASSABIELLE

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

2-3 MARCH 2024 *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B*

*Continued from last week*

### IV. The Church is the Sacrament of God's Infinite Love

42. The Church continues to lift up those prayers and supplications that Christ himself—with loud cries and tears—offered in his earthly life (cf. Heb. 5:7), and which enjoy a special efficacy for this reason. In this way, “not only by charity, example, and works of penance, but also by prayer does the ecclesial community exercise a true maternal function in bringing souls to Christ.”

43. The Church is thus the sacrament of God's infinite love. Therefore, even when a person's relationship with God is clouded by sin, he can always ask for a blessing, stretching out his hand to God, as Peter did in the storm when he cried out to Jesus, “Lord, save me!” (Mt. 14:30). Indeed, desiring and receiving a blessing can be the possible good in some situations. Pope Francis reminds us that “a small step, in the midst of great human limitations, can be more pleasing to God than a life which appears outwardly in order but moves through the day without confronting great difficulties.” In this way, “*what shines forth is the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the dead.*”

44. Any blessing will be an opportunity for a renewed proclamation of the *kerygma*, an invitation to draw ever closer to the love of Christ. As Pope Benedict XVI taught, “Like Mary, the Church is the mediator of God's blessing for the world: she receives it in receiving Jesus and she transmits it in bearing Jesus. He is the mercy and the peace that the world, of itself, cannot give, and which it needs always, at least as much as bread.”

45. Taking the above points into account and following the authoritative teaching of Pope Francis, this Dicastery finally wishes to recall that “the root of Christian meekness” is “the ability to feel blessed and the ability to bless . This world needs blessings, and we can give blessings and receive blessings. The Father loves us, and the only thing that remains for us is the joy of blessing him, and the joy of thanking him, and of learning from him to bless.” In this way, every brother and every sister will be able to feel that, in the Church, they are always pilgrims, always beggars, always loved, and, despite everything, always blessed.

Víctor Manuel Card. Fernández

*Prefect*

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

<b>Palm Sunday 23/24 March</b>	Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
<b>Wednesday 27th March</b>	Morning masses 6:45am, 9:15am Chrism Mass 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta
<b>Holy Thursday 28th March</b>	No morning mass Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
<b>Good Friday 29th March</b>	No morning mass Stations of the Cross 9:30am and 12noon Stations of the Cross acted out by the youth of the parish. Both sessions last approx. 1hr Passion of the Lord Liturgy 3pm Reconciliation 10:30am-2:30pm. No reconciliation after 3pm Liturgy
<b>Easter Vigil 30th March</b>	No morning mass Blessing of the Easter Food 11am Vigil Mass 7:00pm No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday
<b>Easter Sunday 31st March</b>	Masses as per normal –7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm
<b>Easter Monday 1st April</b>	8am mass only. Public Holiday

### 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  
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Account No 00000032  
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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

St Bernadette's  
Parish Castle Hill  
Youth

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### SENIOR YOUTH FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Friday 8th March in the St Joseph's Room.

Our Senior Youth (Yrs 9-12) will be looking at What Is Marriage? For more details on the term plans for both Senior and Junior youth, scan the QR codes.



### PASSION PLAY 2024

The youth and young adults of the parish present the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday at 9:30am and 12noon. All high school aged students and young adults are invited to be involved in this year's Passion Play. For more information, please speak to Fr Matthew Dimian, Mrs Puspa Winendiah, or contact the Parish Office. To sign up please scan the QR code.



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

Wednesday evenings 7:30pm-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room.

### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 17TH MARCH

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 17th March 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Guest Speaker Lindsay Nakhoul will be sharing on The Single Vocation.



## ROSTERS 9-10 MARCH 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
<b>Lectors</b>	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Hyacinth Jones Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Brandon Leyba Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui +1	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando +1	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Dorothy Finucane	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 12th March Marie Woodward Elaine Small	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	Natalie Coghlan Danielle Vassallo	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Nicky Karatsiolis



### FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to everyone involved in the BBQ last Sunday. We raised a total profit of \$1620 to go towards the new air conditioner.

### 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)



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### 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.



### 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.

### 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>



### Palms Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. For more information contact: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



### 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.

### THURSDAY HOLY HOUR:

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00pm-9:00pm every Thursday evening. Including Rosary, Silent Meditation and Scripture Reading. Parishioners and visitors welcome.



### 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.

### TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Would you like to do something extra during Lent? Then come to the Tuesday morning Group at 10 am in Marian Centre. Where we go through the Sunday Mass Readings and see what we can learn from them. For more information contact Pauline Camilleri on 0407417039.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to do something extra during Lent? Then come to the Wednesday morning Group at 10am in Marian Centre. This term we are looking at Hebrews. For more information contact Jill on 0437 307 832 or Mary on 0476 279 870

### ST BERNADETTE STATUE

The statue of Our Lady with St Bernadette is available for Parishioners to borrow for a week during 2024. The bookings roster for the new year is on the noticeboard in the foyer. For enquiries and bookings contact Janina Mousley on 9899 6060 or 0444 599 502



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

meets at the De La Salle Brothers Chapel, 26 Foley Place, Castle Hill, Thursday Evenings 7.30 – 8.30. Newcomers very welcome for more information contact Lesley Maker on 0433 051 969 or email [lesleymaker63@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymaker63@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

March	This Week
Tues 5th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 6th	Wednesday Bible Study
	Parent Information Night– Communion
Thurs 7th	PIETA Lenten Program 7:00pm
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Fri 8th	Senior Youth Group 7-8:30pm
	Stations of the Cross 7:30pm



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

### First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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### Gospel John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### Communion Antiphon:

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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believed the scripture and the  
words he had said*

## Readings Next Weekend

9-10 March 2024

4th Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23	Eph 2:4-10	Jn 3:14-21

## Feast Days This Week

4 Mar	Saint Casimir
7 Mar	Saints Perpetua and Felicity
8 Mar	Saint John of God
9 Mar	Saint Frances of Rome

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Domingo Plazo, Roque Alison, Tjhang Wan Tjen, Nievas Marcelas, Des McDonell, Bill Buckley  
For the Anniversaries of Joseph Graczyk, Elvira Roncal, Betty Quodling

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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