



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

23-24 MARCH 2024 *PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B*

Hello everyone:

With the help of God, we reach the end of our Lenten journey, we stand today at the beginning of Holy Week. The most important week in the Christian calendar. At the beginning of this journey of Lent, Pope Francis invited us to reflect on Lent as a time where we discover God as the Lord who is the Lord who will set us free. As you know, his message for Lent this year was inspired by the biblical text from the book of Exodus; "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2)

Later in his document, the Pope invited us to reflect that Lent was also the time to make decisions capable of transforming the lives of others. As we enter the mystery of Holy Week, we are now invited to contemplate and reflect in the way God himself will offer us that freedom through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of his beloved Son. In this contemplation we are also invited to reflect in the way that freedom has reached each of us.

It is my invitation that, as we approach this most sacred time, we make an effort to participate actively and devoutly in the liturgies that the Church celebrates in commemoration of this mystery. A mystery that is presented in different ways and at different levels through each of the important celebrations during Holy Week.

In addition to the Liturgies that the Parish will have, there are a couple of Liturgies you can also participate. These liturgies are held at the Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese. One is the Celebration of the liturgy of Tenebrae, the word comes from the Latin and means "darkness" or "shadow" and it is an ancient religious service celebrated in the Church in the days before the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) and it is characterised by the gradual extinction of candles while psalms are sung. This year, the Liturgy of the Tenebrae will be on the 25th of March at 7:30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.

The other liturgy Christians are invited to attend, and which also is held at the Cathedral, is the Chrism Mass, the Mass where the Bishop of the Diocese consecrates the Holy Chrism and blesses the Holy Oils used for the Sacraments. During the same liturgy, priests from the Diocese will renew they priestly promises in a powerful display of unity to the Bishop and with the support of the faithful present who are also invited to continue to offer prayers for the priests. At the end of the Eucharist, Priests, and representatives from each parish, are entrusted with the Holy Chrism and the Oils. The Chrism Mass will be at St Patrick's Cathedral on March 27th at 7:30 pm.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the Parish is doing a collection for the Food Bank for the House of Welcome, a ministry dedicated to support asylum seekers and migrants. The collection of non-perishable food is done during the Liturgy on Holy Thursday, we do it as a reminder of command given by Jesus on that Holy night of the Last Supper, to love one another. We want to do it as a sign of charity and love for those in need. Please support the initiative and offer whatever you can on that night. The collection will be done during the time of the Offering of the Gifts.

The Pastoral Team of the Parish is looking forward to walking with you during these holy days, we entrust ourselves into your prayers for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit so we can reflect together on these mysteries that give meaning to our faith.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Wednesday 27th March	Morning masses 6:45am, 9:15am Chrism Mass 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta
Holy Thursday 28th March	No morning mass Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Good Friday 29th March	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
Easter Vigil 30th March	No morning mass Blessing of the Easter Food 11am Vigil Mass 7:00pm No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday 31st March	Masses as per normal - 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm
Easter Monday 1st April	8am mass only. Public Holiday. Parish Office closed.

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, Funerals 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 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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YOUTH SOCIAL FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

Friday 5th April in the St Joseph's Room.

Our Junior and Senior Youth (Yrs 5-12) will be holding an Easter Social. 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 21ST APRIL

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 21st April 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Guest Speaker Andrew Gorkic will be sharing on The impact of Artificial Intelligence on our faith.



ROSTERS 30-31 MARCH 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	N/A	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Rick Di Cristoforo	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan
Communion Ministers	N/A	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen McMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandny	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
Bookshop	N/A	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Tues 2nd April Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	Karl Procter Anne Cheung Joe Morgan	N/A	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Adelina Tabila Constance Fidel	Remy de Leon

St. Bernadette's Parish Castle Hill
Parish Maintenance Fund Raising
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Donation envelopes can be found on the pews to support our Air Conditioner. Our target is \$150,000 to replace the ducted air conditioner systems in the church and hall. We have raised \$19,220 so far. Thank you for your generous support. Donation envelopes can be placed on the collection plates, in the collection boxes, handed to the Priests or given to the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024

Enrolments are now open for First Holy Communion 2024. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation. **Registrations close Wednesday 27th March.** If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au



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HOUSE OF WELCOME

This year as part of our Holy Thursday Mass, we will be collecting non-perishable donations for the House of Welcome. During the Offertory procession there will be an opportunity to place donations into tubs on the sanctuary steps. The House of Welcome are looking for donations of canned, long-life and dry foods (rice, flour, lentils etc), toiletries and cleaning products. They **do not** need donations of tinned soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti (they already have an abundance of these items). No alcohol or fresh produce please.

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes on Holy Thursday. Please place boxes in the baskets that will be placed on the Sanctuary steps after Offertory.



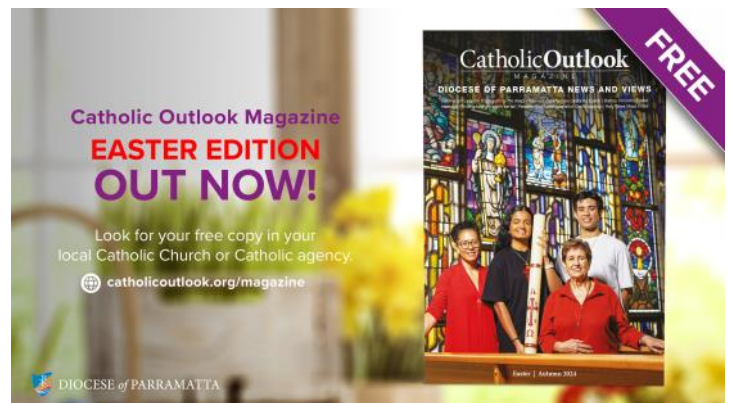
PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

To celebrate his 25th Anniversary, Fr Fernando will be leading a Pilgrimage to Mexico in September. Places are limited. There will be an Information evening on Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm in the hall, with representatives from Harvest, to answer any questions. All welcome.



CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/gfnw/#register>



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

March	This Week
Tues 26th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 27th	Wednesday Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 28th	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Fri 29th	Passion Play 9:30am, 12noon Passion of the Lord Liturgy 3pm
Sat 30th	Easter Vigil 7pm
Sun 31st	Easter Sunday

Today's Readings

Entrance Gospel Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

Entrance Antiphon:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2
(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Readings Next Weekend

31 March 2024

Sunday of the Resurrection Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 10:34, 37-43	Col 3:1-4	Jn 20:1-9



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Dulcie Almeida, Mary Azzopardi, John Chiu, Gerald Connor, and Nida Sarmiento
For the Anniversaries of Thomas George, Mladen Martinovic, and Richard de Leon
In Remembrance of Branko Runac and Katarina Antich

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Flavia Panto, Brian De Silva, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Elizabeth Mifsud, Sophia Werner, Eileen Tye, Andrew Tchang