



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 1st April

8am: Public Holiday

Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 5th April

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

31 MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B



EASTER MONDAY 1ST APRIL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

8AM MASS ONLY.

CHURCH CLOSED AFTER MASS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED.

Please return Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible, so we can finalise the donation to CARITAS

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.



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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

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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.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

On break for Easter. We will return Wednesday 10th April.



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.

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 21 APRIL PLUMPTON

Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6pm Mass.

For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com

ROSTERS 6-7 APRIL 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Caroline Dumpait Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Adelina Tabila Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Sheryll Rozario Leo Stanton	Brandon Leyba Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
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Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 8th April Pauline and Bernard Home	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	Nina Irwin Laura Burton	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Tess De Santo

Hello everyone!

Happy Easter! This is the joyful greeting Christians exchange with each other during this most joyful day. The day when we rejoice with the certainty of the triumph of Jesus over death. With the celebration of Easter, we are given the certainty that from that day when Jesus rose from the dead onwards, the destiny of the world has changed and we look forward to experience one day the final triumph of Jesus over the sinful reality of this world, especially the painful reality of war still experienced in our world today.

In the Churches of the East, the Happy Easter is changed for the also joyful "Khristos Anesti! (Christ is risen!) which is completed with the response Alethos Anesti! (He is truly risen!) In this traditional proclamation, Pope Francis reminds us that *"the word 'truly' reminds us that our hope is not an illusion, but the truth! And that, in the wake of Easter, humanity's journey, now marked by hope, advances all the more readily. The first witnesses of the resurrection show this by their example. The Gospels speak of the haste with which, on the morning of Easter, the women 'ran to tell the disciples' (Mt 28:8). Mary Magdalene 'ran and went to Simon Peter' (Jn 20:2), while John and Peter himself then 'ran together' (cf. v. 4) to the place where Jesus had been buried. Later, on the evening of Easter, after meeting the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, two disciples 'set out without delay' (cf. Lk 24:33) and travelled several miles, uphill and in the dark, spurred on by the irrepressible joy of Easter that burned in their hearts (cf. v. 32). The same joy that led Peter, on the shore of the Lake of Galilee, after catching sight of the risen Jesus, to leave the boat with the others, to throw himself immediately into the water and to swim quickly towards him (cf. Jn 21:7). At Easter, then, the journey quickens and becomes a race, since humanity now sees the goal of its journey, the meaning of its destiny, Jesus Christ, and is called to make haste to meet him, who is the hope of the world."* (Easter message 2023).

Now that our Lenten journey has come to an end, and that our Holy Week celebrations have finished, let us rejoice constantly in the beautiful message of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Pastoral Team of the Parish, we want to wish you all a very joyful and happy Easter. May this message be present always in our lives, to remind us that even in the darkest moments, and in facing the challenges of life, Jesus is walking along with us, explaining the Scriptures, Breaking the bread of us, and showing us the way to where he is.

Happy Easter to all!



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Congratulations to our four RCIA candidates, Lisa, Selwyn, Timothy, and Edwin, who, on Holy Saturday, received the Sacraments of Initiation and were welcomed as full members of the Catholic Church.



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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 \$40,590 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 FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION

will take place this Friday, 5th April, 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.



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.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

April	This Week
Mon 1st	Public Holiday. Mass 8am only. Parish Office closed. Church closed after 8am Mass.
Tues 2nd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 3rd	Wednesday Bible Study Mexico Pilgrimage Information Night Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 4th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 5th	First Friday Anointing Mass Youth Social- Junior and Senior Youth

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

6-7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Mary Azzopardi, John Chiu, Gerald Connor, Dawn Phillips,

Nida Sarmiento, Janice Pinter, Pauline Kwok, Hans Hendry

For the Anniversaries of Lora Annise, Michael Tchang, Nanette D'Arcy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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