



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

9-10 MARCH 2024 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B*

Dear Parishioners:

After the sudden trip to Mexico, I am finally back. I want to thank you all for all the prayers, letters and cards with your messages of sympathy and condolences for my Dad's passing.

As you can imagine, this is one of those events that change your life forever, I am grateful for the chance to fly back home to be with my mother and my sisters during this time of grief. I usually say that "you are never ready to see your parents go" and it was my turn to experience the loss of someone who gave me not only the chance to live but also the encouragement to live my life according to my dreams.

The time in Mexico was good, given the circumstances, it was time mostly spent with mum at home, where we shared together stories about Dad and their time together. It was a source of healing to be able to grieve with my mother together for my father who is now enjoying the rewards of his sufferings on earth.

As painful as it was to leave my family back in Mexico, I am also very happy to be back in my Parish and in the country that has been my home for the last 17 years. Seeing you all last week brings a sense of joy very much needed after my time in Mexico. Thank you all for welcoming me back and for your generous support during this time.

At the time of writing this small message, we received news that approval for expenditure has been approved by the Bishop's office. I know most of you have experienced a very hot summer in the Church for the lack of air conditioning. I want to thank Fr Raymond, Fr Matthew, the Parish office staff and members of the Finance committee for their due diligence in securing the quotes that will help us to fix our very much needed air conditioning.

In the coming weeks, with the support of the Finance Committee, the parish will engage in a very much needed fundraising drive to get the funds to meet our financial needs with this project. As we start this project, I want to thank you in advance for your support. In times of need, family come together to support each other. This is the time for all us to come together to give our church a very much needed air conditioning that will help us all to listen, worship and talk to God.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday 23/24 March	Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
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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JUNIOR YOUTH FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Friday 15th March in the St Joseph's Room. Our Junior Youth (Yrs 5-8) will be looking at Miracles. 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 16-17 MARCH 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Gary Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fifa	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Danielle Vassallo Raymond Pak	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Harrison Long
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
Bookshop	Marjorie Anderson	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 19th March Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	Nina Irwin Jenny Blacklock	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan	Belinda Yapp

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. 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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LOST PROPERTY

Please check the Lost Property Box in the Church Foyer for any missing items. We have several sets of keys, reading glasses, and items of jewellery. The box will be emptied on Monday.



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.

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. 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 an Open Day in March. Yr 7 2025 open day 14th March 9:30am-10:30am.

For more info visit <https://stgabriels.nsw.edu.au/open-days-tours>



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



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 or email us at palms@palms.org.au

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

March	This Week
Tues 12th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 13th	Wednesday Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 14th	PIETA Lenten Program 7:00pm Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Fri 15th	Junior Youth Group 7:00pm-8:30pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

**Because it is by grace
that you have been
saved, through faith;
not by anything of
your own, but by a
gift from God**
Ephesians 2:8-9

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Readings Next Weekend

16-17 March 2024

5th Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Jer 31:31-34	Heb 5:7-9	Jn 12:20-20

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Des McDonell, Bill Buckley, Sujata Aanandan

For the Anniversaries of Percival Marc Gregory, Nora Lai, Efram de Leon, Helena Loanny Limoa

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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