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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Friday

6:45am, 9:15am

Thursday 25th (ANZAC DAY)

8:00am mass only

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

20-21 APRIL 2024 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B*

### Preparing seminarians to "go out into the deep" and nurture faith

For Menard Gaspi and Macky Amores, who are both studying at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park, learning to become a Catholic priest involves so much more than being well-versed in the teachings of the Bible.

As well as studying theology, each is also learning to follow Jesus' exhortation to "go out into the deep" (Luke 5:4) and experience a world outside the Diocese – an important part of their formation, in which they are immersed in other countries, and cultures.

This is helping prepare our seminarians for priestly life where ministering to a congregation means being aware of each parishioner's individual faith journey and knowing how best to meet their needs so they can continue to grow in their relationship with God.

For Menard, this was brought into focus during a two-month immersion in Central Australia in 2023. Organised by the Holy Spirit Seminary and The Divine Word Missionaries in Alice Springs, the trip exposed Menard to Australia's outback geography, culture, hospital ministry, and pastoral care for the many Indigenous communities in the region.

Menard said the experience was "so much more than I'd expected or hoped for".

"I believe the best preparation for anything in life is to go in with an open mind and an open heart, Be willing to get involved, listen to the people and respect their space and their stories."

He said this trip broadened his horizons and showed him how his own preconceptions and biases could affect the way that he did ministry.

"Going to the Northern Territory, getting involved with the people, and actually getting to know them and their background, their art, and their culture, helped me to get in touch with each person. People will always have different ways of growing and different needs, and a priest should be open to that. I believe that the more you know your flock, the better you can help them cultivate their faith and create a Christian life that can flourish."



Menard and Macky were also fortunate to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023, where they got to meet young people from all over the world. Menard said this coming together of so many peoples of faith from so many different countries had a profound effect on him. As a young person with faith, you can sometimes feel alone or in a minority. But going to World Youth Day, it was very encouraging to witness millions of people from all over the world sharing the same faith." He said it reminded him of the diversity of cultures in Australia, and how a priest needed to recognise this diversity, but that "bringing everyone together under the umbrella of our faith and humanity goes beyond culture".

Macky's experience of World Youth Day was similarly energising for his faith. He found that everyone there was eager to be involved in the experience. And during the many long walks, he found himself talking to others. "We had a common goal to be with Christ and experience His presence in the company of one another. As someone with a shy personality, I found myself talking to strangers and having positive experiences. Now I'm more comfortable approaching people in my parish placement at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains. This newfound confidence is a great change for me and has given me the ability to take the first step in approaching others."

Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep". To make your donation please call (02) 8838 3482, or visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-shepherd-co-appeal-24](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-shepherd-co-appeal-24)



### 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](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



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 @st\_bernadettes\_young\_adults



On Facebook

@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill  
 @St Bernadette's Young Adults

### YOUTH ON BREAK

The youth are now on break for the School Holidays. Senior Youth will return for Term 2 on Friday 10th May. Junior Youth will return for Term 2 on Friday 17th May.

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

Our Young Adults Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings from 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. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).



Guest Speaker Andrew Gorkic will be sharing with us on The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on our faith. Andrew works with AI in his role as a Lead Data Science Consultant, and is passionate about how AI impacts our everyday life, but also what it means for us as Catholics. What impact does AI have on our faith? Why are some priests using AI to write their homilies, and is that dangerous?

## ROSTERS 27-28 APRIL 2024

Ministry	Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Shane Robinson	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan	
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow		
<b>Bookshop</b>	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josie and Seng Yeoh	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>	
Olivia Cheng	Mon 29th April Christine and Hubert Jenneke	John Giorgiutti Joseph Boudib Mila Mina	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan	Lois and John Donnelly	

**FR RAYMOND'S 50TH BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA**

We will be holding a morning tea this Sunday 21st April to celebrate Fr Raymond's 50th Birthday. The morning tea will be in the hall from 11:30am (after the 10:30am mass.) All welcome. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.



**TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**

Come to the Tuesday morning Group at 10:00am in the 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.



**AIR CONDITIONER UPDATE**

**St. Bernadette's Parish Castle Hill**  
**Parish Maintenance Fund Raising**  
Donations are NOT tax deductible

**St Bernadette's**  
 Parish Castle Hill

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 **\$58,800** 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.

**GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL**

Envelopes for the Good Shepherd Appeal can be found on the pews. Donations go towards supporting our seminarians in the Diocese. For any online donations please select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to ensure the donation is attributed to our quota.

**Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep."**

 PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

**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 year is on the noticeboard in the foyer. For enquiries and bookings please contact Janina Mousley on 9899 6060 or 0444 599 502

**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.



**ANZAC DAY TUESDAY 25th APRIL**

Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day. This is a Public Holiday, and mass will be at 8am. The church will be closed after 8:00am mass. The Parish Office will be closed and will reopen Friday 26th 9:00am.



**FUNDRAISER BBQ**

The St Bernadette's Football Club will be running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses next Sunday 28th April. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each.



**Australia's Biggest morning tea**

 **Cancer Council**  
 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Scan to donate 

**Thurs 23rd May**  
 after 9:15am mass  
 in the Marian Centre

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
April	This Week
Tues 23rd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 24th	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 25th	ANZAC day. 8am Mass only. Public Holiday. Parish Office Closed. Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sun 28th April	Fundraiser BBQ
May	Next Month
Sun 12th May	Mothers' Day Youth Fundraiser: Mothers' Day Flowers
Sun 19th May	Pentecost Sunday
Thurs 23rd May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Sun 26th May	Fundraiser BBQ Young Adults- Simon Carrington

## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

### Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

### Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

John 10:14

### **Readings Next Weekend**

27-28 April 2024

*Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B*

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 9:26-31	1 Jn 3:18-24	Jn 15:1-8

### **Feast Days This Week**

<b>23 Apr</b>	Saint George, Saint Adalbert
<b>24 Apr</b>	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen
<b>25 Apr</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>26 Apr</b>	Saint Mark
<b>27 Apr</b>	Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF**

Recently Deceased Zabrina Kibellis, Salvatore Vinci

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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