



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

6-7 APRIL 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Hello Everybody!

Happy Easter to all of you, may the Peace of the Risen Christ come to you in this especial time of happiness!

A few years ago I used a very famous icon to explain the mystery of the trinity. In my spiritual life I find icons to be a very inspiring source for my meditation and prayer. On this occasion I would like to invite you to meditate on the Icon of the Resurrection of Christ. There are different versions of it, but they all have the same basic characteristics that can improve our meditation and pray in this time of Easter.

The *Icon for the Resurrection* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is technically the *Icon of Christ's Descent into Hades* but is commonly called the *Anastasis* or *Resurrection Icon*. The Icon is not a photograph taken at the time of the resurrection of the Lord but rather a spiritual representation of the significance, reality and importance of what Christ accomplished. Many of the elements that we see come from the apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus and although the details vary from icon to icon, the essential elements remain the same: We read from *The Acts of Pilate*, from the text of Nicodemus "The bronze gates were broken in pieces and the bars of iron were snapped; and all the dead who were bound were loosed from their chains, and we with them. And the King of Glory entered like a man, and all the dark places of Hades were illumined..." Christ is shown standing on the gates of Hades which are suspended over a black hole in the form of a cross. Hades is depicted as a person, conquered, and bound.

- In this icon sometimes Satan is depicted with two heads to show his multiplicity and lack of integration or personhood. The hardware that held the gates in place is shattered and scattered, showing that the gates will never be closed again.
- Christ is dressed in a garment of white, orange or sometimes even dark hews of blue, or brown, but with gold highlights emanating light from His transfigured body, showing that He is the Light of the world. Sometimes His cape flies to show that He is not ascending, going up, but descending into Hades, and having resurrected He is shown in His glory. This is signified by the blue Mandorla behind Him, which we also see in the Transfiguration and in the icon of the Koimoseis or Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary.



Continued next week



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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



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@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
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YOUTH ON BREAK

The youth are now on break for the Easter Holidays. Youth will return in Term 2

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. 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 13-14 APRIL 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Hyacinth Jones Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Harrison Long
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Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 15th Apr Jocelyne & Maxime Juste	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	N/A	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza	Lois & John Donnelly

FR RAYMOND'S 50TH BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA

We will be holding a morning tea on 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.



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SUNDAY 7TH APRIL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville. From 1:00pm. Mass at 3:00pm. Relic of St Faustina, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD- 14TH APRIL

Please join St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday 14th April for the Day of the Unborn Child. Mass at 10:30am followed by the angelus at 12noon, a street procession, guest speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous, and benediction at 1:30pm. For more information contact Life and Family Institute, Sydney on (02) 9002 0354 or info@lifeandfamily.com.au



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to those who have already returned their Project Compassion boxes during Holy Week. If you have not returned your Project Compassion Box, please bring it with you to mass, or hand in to the Parish Office.



HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

Thank you to all those who brought food donations on Holy Thursday for the House of Welcome. They are very thankful for your generous support.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LANDS APPEAL

Thank you to all those who made generous donations to the Good Friday Holy Lands Appeal. We raised just under \$9,000 for Christians living in the Holy Lands.

PASSION PLAY

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's Passion Play. It was a beautiful, prayerful opportunity for everyone to reflect on the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion Play gives us an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the prayer, picture ourselves in the crowd, and understand Christ's Sacrifice for us.



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 \$47,790 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.

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 8am mass. The Parish Office will be closed and will reopen Friday 26th 9am.

FUNDRAISER BBQ



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



Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
April	This Week
Tues 9th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 10th	Wednesday Bible Study
	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 11th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
April	This Month
Sun 21st April	Fr Raymond's 50th Morning Tea
	Young Adults Night- Andrew Gorkic
Thurs 25th April	ANZAC day. 8am Mass only. Public Holiday. Parish Office Closed.
Sun 28th April	Fundraiser BBQ

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

13-14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	1 Jn 2:1-5	Lk 24:35-48

Feast Days This Week

8 Apr
11 Apr
13 Apr

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Saint Stanislaus
Saint Martin I

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Dawn Phillips, Janice Pinter, Pauline Kwok, Hans Hendry, Eileen Tye (funeral St Bernadette's 9th April 10am)

For the Anniversaries of Joe Younis, Kevin Smith, Peter Gordon, Wilma Collignon

In Remembrance of Archilles and Margherita Forrestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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