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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, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 7th June

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

## 1-2 JUNE 2024 *THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B*

*Continued from last week*

Does not Jesus bear witness to this reality when he answers the exclamation of that woman in the crowd who blessed him for Mary's motherhood: "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!"? Jesus replies: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:27-28). Jesus confirms the meaning of motherhood in reference to the body, but at the same time he indicates an even deeper meaning, which is connected with the order of the spirit: it is a sign of the Covenant with God who "is spirit" (Jn 4: 24). This is true above all for the motherhood of the Mother of God. *The motherhood* of every woman, understood in the light of the Gospel, is similarly not only "of flesh and blood": it expresses a profound "*listening to the word of the living God*" and a readiness to "safeguard" this Word, which is "the word of eternal life" (cf. Jn 6:68). For it is precisely those born of earthly mothers, the sons and daughters of the human race, who receive from the Son of God the power to become "children of God" (Jn 1:12). A dimension of the New Covenant in Christ's blood enters into human parenthood, making it a reality and a task for "new creatures" (cf. 2 Cor 5: 17). The history of every human being passes through the threshold of a woman's motherhood; crossing it conditions "the revelation of the children of God" (cf. Rom 8: 19).



*"When a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world" (Jn 16: 21). The first part of Christ's words refers to the "pangs of childbirth" which belong to the heritage of original sin; at the same time these words indicate the link that exists between the woman's motherhood and the Paschal Mystery. For this mystery also includes the Mother's sorrow at the foot of the Cross - the Mother who through faith shares in the amazing mystery of her Son's "self-emptying": "This is perhaps the deepest 'kenosis' of faith in human history".*

As we contemplate this Mother, whose heart "a sword has pierced" (cf. Lk 2: 35), our thoughts go to *all the suffering women in the world*, suffering either physically or morally. In this suffering a woman's sensitivity plays a role, even though she often succeeds in resisting suffering better than a man. It is difficult to enumerate these sufferings; it is difficult to call them all by name. We may recall her maternal care for her children, especially when they fall sick or fall into bad ways; the death of those most dear to her; the loneliness of mothers forgotten by their grown up children; the loneliness of widows; the sufferings of women who struggle alone to make a living; and women who have been wronged or exploited. Then there are the sufferings of consciences as a result of sin, which has wounded the woman's human or maternal dignity: the wounds of consciences which do not heal easily. With these sufferings too we must place ourselves at the foot of the Cross.

But the words of the Gospel about the woman who suffers when the time comes for her to give birth to her child, immediately afterwards express joy: it is "*the joy that a child is born into the world*". This joy too is referred to the Paschal Mystery, to the joy which is communicated to the Apostles on the day of Christ's Resurrection: "So you have sorrow now" (these words were said the day before the Passion); "but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (Jn 16: 22-23).

*Continued next week*

### 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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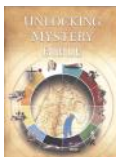
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### JUNIOR YOUTH

Junior Youth Friday 14th June. Our Junior youth will be Asking the question "Do all dogs go to heaven?"

### SENIOR YOUTH

Senior Youth Friday 7th June. Our Senior Youth will be looking at "Keeping the Peace"



### 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. We have started the series: *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*



### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 16TH JUNE

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 16th June 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room



Guest Speaker Louisa Spiteri will be sharing on "Integrity in Professional Life" Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).

## ROSTERS 8-9 JUNE 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burrige	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Rick Di Cristoforo	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui +1	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Elaine Small	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	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	Tues 11th June Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	Nina Irwin Jenny Blacklock	Bernadette Logue Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Mandy Leong

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION**



will take place this Friday, 7th June 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-TRANSPORT MINISTRY**



We are in need of drivers who are able to pick up some of our elderly parishioners who would like to attend Sunday mass. Many of these parishioners have walking aides. If you are able to assist, please contact Yvonne Desouza on 0419 165 189 or [yeedouq5661@gmail.com](mailto:yeedouq5661@gmail.com)

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024**

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend our information evening being held on Monday 1st July at 7.00pm in the Parish Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 6 and above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The evening will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au) or Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Coordinator) on 0433 183 322.

**THEOLOGY STUDY WITH FR FERNANDO**

Fr Fernando will be running a seven week theological study *Fulfilled- uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism*. Beginning July 4th, and running for the next 7 Thursday evenings, until Thursday 15th August. Workbooks are available from the Parish Office for \$35 (cash only) while stocks last.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024**

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 27th August, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. For more information please contact the Parish Office.



**MINISTRY TO THE SICK IN HOSPITALS**

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact [bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) by 15 June 2024.



**FUNDRAISER BBQ**

Thank you to all who supported Vinnies with their fundraising BBQ last weekend.



Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend, we welcome to our parish Kylie Cullen, an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

**PARISH OUTING 8TH OCTOBER 2024  
MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE**



We will be organising a Parish Outing to Mt Carmel retreat centre, Varroville on Tuesday 8th October. Cost \$100 per person includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea and bus hire. If you would like to join us, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard in the foyer.



**Enrolments for Kindergarten 2025 (& Yrs 1 to 6 2025)**

It has been lovely meeting all of our new families and students for next year. If you would like to enrol your little one in Kindergarten 2025 or other grades, please contact the school office.

**AIR CONDITIONER UPDATE**

Work has commenced on replacing the old air conditioning system with a new system. The concrete slab for the units was poured last week, and the new units are being installed and connected in the coming week. The system should be up and running early June. Thank you for your generous support. Donation envelopes can be placed in the collection boxes or the Parish Office.



**Upcoming Events**

Please see notices for further details.

June	This Week
Tues 4th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 5th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 6th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 7th	First Friday Adoration and anointing Senior Youth Group
June	Next Month
Mon 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Sun 16th June	Young Adults: Louisa Spiteri
Sat 22nd June	First Holy Communions
Sun 23rd June	
Sun 30th June	

PARAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

**Strengthen dignity for struggling mums**

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

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## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### First Reading Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

### Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

### Sequence

When the sacred bread is broken, all receive the Christ as one. By his love Christ is transforming, though so many we are one; all the scattered are united, all the lonely welcomed home. Come, behold, the bread of angels, this our strength on pilgrims' way. For the children God is giving manna for our bread each day. Now the sign of Isaac telling: Christ has conquered on this day. Hear our prayers, O kindly Shepherd, be for us true living bread. Grant us peace in all our doings, to our resting place be led, forth with all the saints now dwelling, we the body, you the Head.

### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

#### Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

### Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## Readings Next Weekend

8-9 June 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Gen 3:9-15	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Mk 3:20-35

## Feast Days This Week

- 3 June Saint Charles Lwanga and companions
- 5 June Saint Boniface
- 6 June Saint Norbert, Saint Marcellin Champagnat
- 7 June **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 8 June The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Bok-Soon Chae, Margaret Hiser (funeral Tues 4th 10:30am)

For the Anniversaries of Ben Morgan, Carmel Pillai, Samir Atalla, Borges D. Fernandes, Arielle Bradshaw, Marie Lise Tin, Mary Fabat, David Eric Fife

In Remembrance of Yolanda Roxas

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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