



# 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

## 11-12 MAY 2024 *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B*

Hello everyone!

In the following weeks, I would like to run a section of the marvelous Apostolic Letter on the Dignity and Vocation of Women. The Letter was written by then Pope John Paul II in 1988 to celebrate the Year of Mary.

This Apostolic Letter gives prominence to women's issues and given that this month is the month of Mary I thought it would be good to publish the whole of chapter VI, which deals with two dimensions of women's vocation, also found in Mary: Virginité and Motherhood.

It is my hope that this short chapter inspires you to go and read the whole document and also awaken in us the constant need to advocate for women's issues, and also to grow in mutual understanding and love.

I offer this small chapter also to all women out there, especially those who play a particular role model in the life of many.



Peace in Jesus

*Fr. Fernando Montano*

### MOTHERHOOD - VIRGINITY

#### *Two dimensions of women's vocation"*

17. We must now focus our meditation on virginity and motherhood as two particular dimensions of the fulfillment of the female personality. In the light of the Gospel, they acquire their full meaning and value in Mary, who as a Virgin became the Mother of the Son of God. These two dimensions of the female vocation were united in her in an exceptional manner, in such a way that one did not exclude the other but wonderfully complemented it. The description of the Annunciation in the Gospel of Luke clearly shows that this seemed impossible to the Virgin of Nazareth. When she hears the words: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus", she immediately asks: "How can this be, since I have no husband?" (Lk 1: 31, 34). In the usual order of things motherhood is the result of mutual "knowledge" between a man and woman in the marriage union. Mary, firm in her resolve to preserve her virginity, puts this question to the divine messenger, and obtains from him the explanation: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" - your motherhood will not be the consequence of matrimonial "knowledge", but will be the work of the Holy Spirit; the "power of the Most High" will "overshadow" the mystery of the Son's conception and birth; as the Son of the Most High, he is given to you exclusively by God, in a manner known to God. Mary, therefore, maintained her virginal "I have no husband" (cf. Lk 1: 34) and at the same time became a Mother. Virginity and motherhood co-exist in her: they do not mutually exclude each other or place limits on each other. Indeed, the person of the Mother of God helps everyone - especially women - to see how these two dimensions, these two paths in the vocation of women as persons, explain and complete each other.



### 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. *Welcome*  
 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.

## Youth



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



On Instagram

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 @st\_bernadettes\_young\_adults



On Facebook

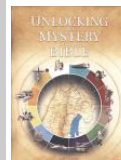
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### JUNIOR YOUTH

Junior Youth Friday 17th May.  
 Our Junior youth will be talking about  
 "Why Can't We Be Friends? "

### SENIOR YOUTH

Senior Youth Friday 24th May.  
 Our Senior Youth will be looking at the question  
 "Do I Have Free Will?"



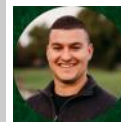
### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. We will be starting the series :Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on Wednesday 22nd May.



### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 26TH MAY

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 26th May 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room.



Guest Speaker Simon Carrington is coming to talk on "How To Date with Passion and Purpose." Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).

## ROSTERS 18-19 May 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Ministry</b>					
<b>Lectors</b>	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Hyacinth Jones Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Timothy Leong Anne Younis Jackson Ryan
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Sherryl Rozario Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Coney Lau	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>
Lucy Achermann	Mon 20th May Pauline and Bernard Home	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	N/A	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Belinda Yapp



# Happy Mothers' Day

We would like to wish all mothers, grandmothers, and those who play a motherly role in our lives, a happy Mothers' Day.

## MOTHERS' DAY FLOWER STALL

The youth leaders are running their annual Mothers' Day flower stall this weekend while stocks last. Prices range from \$2-\$50. Cash and EFTPOS available. Funds will go towards resources for the youth and young adults programs.



## 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 [yeedoug5661@gmail.com](mailto:yeedoug5661@gmail.com)

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE LITURGY

Please join us in the Church Friday 24th May 7.30pm to celebrate and remember those we love who have died. Please feel free to bring a photo of your loved ones to display during the liturgy. A light supper will follow in the Marian Centre. All welcome to attend.

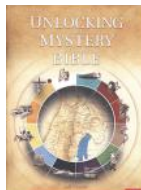


## BAPTISM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Due to the increase in requests for children in the PARISH who have not yet received the sacrament of Baptism we will be holding a formation session for parents and child/children to attend in preparing to be welcomed into St Bernadettes Church. Children must be of primary school age and at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic. The sessions will be Saturday 15th June & Saturday 22nd June at 2pm, parents and child/children must attend both sessions. Please contact the Parish office on 9634 2622 or [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au) for enrolments and further details. Enrolments close Friday 31st May

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## FULFILLED BIBLE STUDY WITH FR FERNANDO

Fr Fernando will be running a 5 week bible study beginning Thursday 4th July at 7pm in the hall. He will be looking at the program *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Foundations of Catholicism*. Details to follow.



## AIR CONDITIONER UPDATE

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 **\$97,705** 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.



*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**

All donations go to  
**Cancer Council Australia.**

Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Gold coin donations to join in games and activities. Prizes to be won!

**Calling all bakers!**  
We will also be running a baking competition! \$10 entry fee. Fr Matthew will be judging the best cake/slice/biscuit etc. Prizes to be won!

## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

May	This Week
Tues 14th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 15th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 16th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 17th	Junior Youth Group
Sun 19th May	Pentecost Sunday
May	This Month
Thurs 23rd May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Fri 24th May	Senior Youth Group Celebration of Life Liturgy
Sun 26th May	Fundraiser BBQ-Vinnies Young Adults- Simon Carrington



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### First Reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



### Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## Readings Next Weekend

18-19 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 2:1-11	Gal 5:16-25	Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

## Feast Days This Week

13 May	Our Lady of Fatima
14 May	Saint Matthias
18 May	Saint John I

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Sundiram Pillai, Josephine Davis, Louise Simiana, Kalim Azar, Carlos Serafin, Patricia Grant (funeral Mon 13th 10am)

For the Anniversaries of Maria and Lues Robayo, Trevor Simcock, Renold and Marshall Sequeira, Alex and Joanna Rebello

In remembrance of Augusto De Leon, Antonio Echevarria, Nemesia Echevarria

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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