



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

18-19 MAY 2024 *PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B*

Continued from last week

Motherhood

18. In order to share in this "vision", we must once again seek a deeper understanding of the truth about the human person recalled by the Second Vatican Council. The human being - both male and female - is the only being in the world which God willed for its own sake. The human being is a person, a subject who decides for himself. At the same time, man "cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of self". It has already been said that this description, indeed this definition of the person, corresponds to the fundamental biblical truth about the creation of the human being - man and woman - in the image and likeness of God. This is not a purely theoretical interpretation, nor an abstract definition, for it gives an essential indication of what it means to be human, while emphasizing the value of the gift of self, the gift of the person. In this vision of the person we also find the essence of that "ethos" which, together with the truth of creation, will be fully developed by the books of Revelation, particularly the Gospels.



This truth about the person also opens up the path to a full understanding of women's motherhood. Motherhood is the fruit of the marriage union of a man and woman, of that biblical "knowledge" which corresponds to the "union of the two in one flesh" (cf. Gen 2:24). This brings about - on the woman's part - a special "gift of self", as an expression of that spousal love whereby the two are united to each other so closely that they become "one flesh". Biblical "knowledge" is achieved in accordance with the truth of the person only when the mutual self-giving is not distorted either by the desire of the man to become the "master" of his wife ("he shall rule over you") or by the woman remaining closed within her own instincts ("your desire shall be for your husband" Gen 3:16).

This mutual gift of the person in marriage opens to the gift of a new life, a new human being, who is also a person in the likeness of his parents. Motherhood implies from the beginning a special openness to the new person: and this is precisely the woman's "part". In this openness, in conceiving and giving birth to a child, the woman "discovers herself through a sincere gift of self". The gift of interior readiness to accept the child and bring it into the world is linked to the marriage union, which - as mentioned earlier - should constitute a special moment in the mutual self-giving both by the woman and the man. According to the Bible, the conception and birth of a new human being are accompanied by the following words of the woman: "I have brought a man into being with the help of the Lord" (Gen 4:1). This exclamation of Eve, the "mother of all the living" is repeated every time a new human being comes into the world. It expresses the woman's joy and awareness that she is sharing in the great mystery of eternal generation. The spouses share in the creative power of God!

The woman's motherhood in the period between the baby's conception and birth is a bio-physiological and psychological process which is better understood in our days than in the past, and is the subject of many detailed studies. Scientific analysis fully confirms that the very physical constitution of women is naturally disposed to motherhood - conception, pregnancy and giving birth - which is a consequence of the marriage union with the man. At the same time, this also corresponds to the psycho-physical structure of women. What the different branches of science have to say on this subject is important and useful, provided that it is not limited to an exclusively bio-physiological interpretation of women and of motherhood. Such a "restricted" picture would go hand in hand with a materialistic concept of the human being and of the world. In such a case, what is truly essential would unfortunately be lost. Motherhood as a human fact and phenomenon, is fully explained on the basis of the truth about the person. Motherhood is linked to the personal structure of the woman and to the personal dimension of the gift: "I have brought a man into being with the help of the Lord" (Gen 4:1). The Creator grants the parents the gift of a child. On the woman's part, this fact is linked in a special way to "a sincere gift of self". Mary's words at the Annunciation - "Let it be to me according to your word" - signify the woman's readiness for the gift of self and her readiness to accept a new life.

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 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. *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



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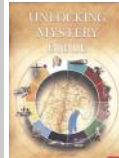
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JUNIOR YOUTH

Junior Youth Friday 31st May.
 Our Junior youth will be Asking the question "Does the environment really matter?"

SENIOR YOUTH

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



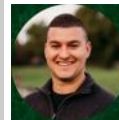
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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 Hall



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.

ROSTERS 25-26 May 2024

Min-	Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Gary Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Danielle Vassallo Raymond Pak	Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan	
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Angla Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow		
Bookshop	Marjorie Anderson	Catherine Seddon	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon	
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen	
Margaret Jones	Mon 27th May Jocelyne and Maxime Juste	David Tye Cosimo Miccoli Chris Clancy	Natalie Coghlan Lolita Suyko	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza	Melia Shammas	



Australia's
Biggest
morning tea

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea



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!



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.

FUNDRAISER BBQ

Vinnies will be running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses next Sunday 26th May. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.



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

MOTHERS' DAY FLOWER STALL

Thank you to all our suppliers and volunteers involved in our Mothers' Day flower stall. The youth raised \$2696. Funds will go towards resources for the youth and young adults programs.

AIR CONDITIONER UPDATE

Thank you for your generous support. We have almost reached our target of \$150,000. Donation envelopes can be placed in the collection Boxes or the Parish Office.



ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024

For those adults (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a formation day on Saturday 24th August. For more information contact the Parish Office.

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@sternadette.org.au for enrolments and further details. Enrolments close Friday 31st May



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, or download the enrolment form from our website.

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
May	This Week
Tues 21st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 23rd	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 24th May	Senior Youth Group Celebration of Life Liturgy
Sun 26th May	Fundraiser BBQ-Vinnies Young Adults- Simon Carrington
June	Next Month
Fri 31st May	Junior Youth Group
Fri 7th June	First Friday Adoration and anointing Senior Youth Group
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	

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

25-26 May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity Year B

First Reading

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Second reading

Rom 8:14-17

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

Feast Days This Week

20 May

Mary, Mother of the Church

21 May

Saints Christopher Magallanes and companions

22 May

Saint Rita of Cascia

24 May

Our Lady, Help of Christians

25 May

Saint Gregory VII, Saint Bede,

Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Louise Simiana, Kalim Azar, Carlos Serafin

For the Anniversaries of William Pak, Joseph Lai, Rohan Abhayaratna, Margaret Gordon, Allan Gordon, Peter Gordon, Philomena Bowen, Cathleen Bowen, Kathleen Sullivan, Severo Yu, June Macky

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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