



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

25-26 MAY 2024 *THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B*

Continued from last week

The eternal mystery of generation, which is in God himself, the one and Triune God (cf. Eph 3:14-15), is reflected in the woman's motherhood and in the man's fatherhood. Human parenthood is something shared by both the man and the woman. Even if the woman, out of love for her husband, says: "I have given you a child", her words also mean: "This is our child". Although both of them together are parents of their child, the woman's motherhood constitutes a special "part" in this shared parenthood, and the most demanding part. Parenthood - even though it belongs to both - is realized much more fully in the woman, especially in the prenatal period. It is the woman who "pays" directly for this shared generation, which literally absorbs the energies of her body and soul. It is therefore necessary that the man be fully aware that in their shared parenthood he owes a special debt to the woman. No programme of "equal rights" between women and men is valid unless it takes this fact fully into account.

Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the woman's womb. The mother is filled with wonder at this mystery of life, and "understands" with unique intuition what is happening inside her. In the light of the "beginning", the mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings - not only towards her own child, but every human being - which profoundly marks the woman's personality. It is commonly thought that women are more capable than men of paying attention to another person, and that motherhood develops this predisposition even more. The man - even with all his sharing in parenthood - always remains "outside" the process of pregnancy and the baby's birth; in many ways he has to learn his own "fatherhood" from the mother. One can say that this is part of the normal human dimension of parenthood, including the stages that follow the birth of the baby, especially the initial period. The child's upbringing, taken as a whole, should include the contribution of both parents: the maternal and paternal contribution. In any event, the mother's contribution is decisive in laying the foundation for a new human personality.



Motherhood in relation to the Covenant

19. Our reflection returns to the biblical exemplar of the "woman" in the Proto-evangelium. The "woman", as mother and first teacher of the human being (education being the spiritual dimension of parenthood), has a specific precedence over the man. Although motherhood, especially in the bio-physical sense, depends upon the man, it places an essential "mark" on the whole personal growth process of new children. Motherhood in the bio-physical sense appears to be passive: the formation process of a new life "takes place" in her, in her body, which is nevertheless profoundly involved in that process. At the same time, motherhood in its personal-ethical sense expresses a very important creativity on the part of the woman, upon whom the very humanity of the new human being mainly depends. In this sense too the woman's motherhood presents a special call and a special challenge to the man and to his fatherhood.

The biblical exemplar of the "woman" finds its culmination in the motherhood of the Mother of God. The words of the Proto-evangelium - "I will put enmity between you and the woman" - find here a fresh confirmation. We see that through Mary - through her maternal "fiat", ("Let it be done to me") - God begins a New Covenant with humanity. This is the eternal and definitive Covenant in Christ, in his body and blood, in his Cross and Resurrection. Precisely because this Covenant is to be fulfilled "in flesh and blood" its beginning is in the Mother. Thanks solely to her and to her virginal and maternal "fiat", the "Son of the Most High" can say to the Father: "A body you have prepared for me. Lo, I have come to do your will, O God" (cf. Heb 10:5, 7).

Motherhood has been introduced into the order of the Covenant that God made with humanity in Jesus Christ. Each and every time that motherhood is repeated in human history, it is always related to the Covenant which God established with the human race through the motherhood of the Mother of God.

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. 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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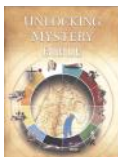
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JUNIOR YOUTH

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

SENIOR YOUTH

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



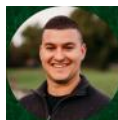
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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 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 1-2 JUNE 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	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	Michelle Barretto Anne Younis Jackson Ryan
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Bernard Home Pauline Home +1	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando +1	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 3rd June Marie Woodward Elaine Small	Karl Procter Anne Cheung Joe Morgan	Danielle Vassallo Laura Burton	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Remy de Leon



FUNDRAISER BBQ

Vinnies will be running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this 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 yedouq5661@gmail.com



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 for enrolments and further details. Enrolments close Friday 31st May.

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.



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.



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 by 15 June 2024.



Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. We raised just over \$1000.

If you would still like to donate, you can donate online via the QR code, or please bring any cash donations into the office by Friday 31st May. Congratulations to Puspa, who won our baking competition with her delicious lemon cupcakes.



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. Next weekend, 1st and 2nd June, 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.

Expression of Interest - PARISH OUTING 8TH OCTOBER 2024

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE

We will be organising a Parish Outing to MtCarmel 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, or download the enrolment form from our website.

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.

May	This Week
Tues 21st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 22nd	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 23rd	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 31st May	Junior Youth Group
June	Next Month
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:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Readings Next Weekend

1-2 June 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ex 24:3-8	Heb 9:11-15	Mk 14:12-16,22-26

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

For the Anniversaries of John Bowen, Catherine Bowen, Tanya Risa Tan-Tiongco, Katy Bauer

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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