



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

4-5 MAY 2024 *SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B*

Hello Everyone!

This week I would like to publish a letter we received from Sister Ailsa Mackinnon RSM, she is the Chancellor of Ministries and the Chair of the Synod Preparatory Commission. The purpose of the letter is to invite everyone to join in the next stage of the synod with your participation in the development of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, is through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the participation of all that this plan will reflect the directions we want to take for the future. I hope you can find different ways to participate and get involved.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Dear Friends,

As the year began, the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, issued a Synodal Decree promulgating the resolutions of our inaugural Diocesan Synod. Following this historic event, a Draft Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church has been discerned and developed by a newly formed Writing Group.

The draft of the Diocesan Plan will now serve as the foundation of our ongoing synodal journey, guiding local Think Tank sessions where leaders and ministry teams will have the opportunity to reflect on and discuss the implementation strategies included in the draft Diocesan Plan, within their unique local contexts.

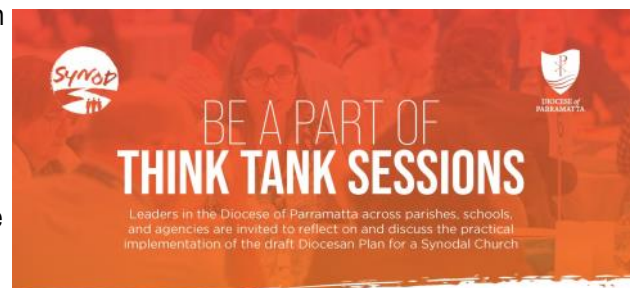
During the listening phase of the Diocesan Synod from May to July last year, we actively sought and heard a variety of voices across our community. In this next phase, we shift our focus to reflecting on the Draft Plan. This is not a continuation of those initial consultations, but rather the next phase where we aim to make meaningful contributions towards the development of a Diocesan Plan.

For more information on Think Tank sessions:

<https://parracatholic.org/thinktanks>

Let us move forward together on our synodal journey as a Diocesan faith community, deeply committed to prayer and collaboration. We call upon the Holy Spirit to enlighten and lead us, fostering active engagement among our local faith communities and their leaders, and helping us create a Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church that will rejuvenate our approach to community and mission, now and in the future.

Sincerely,
Sister Ailsa Mackinnon RSM
Chancellor of Ministries Chair,
Synod Preparatory Commission



LOCAL

Contact your parish, school or community for details.

DIOCESAN

<p>THEME 1: AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CHURCH</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 6:30PM - 9:00PM OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, GREYSTANES</p>	<p>THEME 2: A HUMBLE AND HEALING CHURCH</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 6:30PM - 9:00PM HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MOUNT DRUITT</p>	<p>THEME 3: A LISTENING CHURCH</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 6:30PM - 9:00PM ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, BAULKHAM HILLS</p>
<p>THEME 4: A CHURCH RENEWED IN SPIRIT AND PRAYER</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 6:30PM - 9:00PM GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, PLUMPTON</p>	<p>THEME 5: A CHURCH THAT REACHES TO THE MARGINS</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 6:30PM - 9:00PM ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PARISH, PENRITH</p>	<p>THEME 6: A CHURCH WALKING TOGETHER</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 6:30PM - 9:00PM ST OLIVER PLUNKETT PARISH, HARRIS PARK</p>

REGISTER AT: parracatholic.org/thinktanks

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_bernadettes_young_adults



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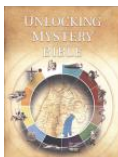
@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
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JUNIOR YOUTH

Junior Youth will return for Term 2 on Friday 17th May. Our Junior youth will be talking about "Why Can't We Be Friends?"

SENIOR YOUTH

Senior Youth will return for Term 2 on Friday 10th May. Our Senior Youth will be talking about "Made In The Image"



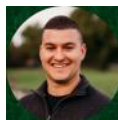
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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.

ROSTERS 11-12 May 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Adelina Tabila Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Sherryl Rozario Leo Stanton	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Harrison Long
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui +1	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando +1	Delphine Fernendes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 13th May Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	Julie James Danielle Vassallo	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Adelina Tabila Constance Fidel	Risa Sidik

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 **\$93,302** 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.



MOTHERS' DAY FLOWER STALL

The youth leaders will be running their annual Mothers' Day flower stall on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May. There will be a range of native bouquets, mixed florals, single flowers, chocolate bouquets, gift tags and cards available for purchase. Prices range from \$2-\$50. Cash and EFTPOS available. Funds will go towards resources for the youth and young adults programs.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Envelopes for the Good Shepherd Appeal can be found on the pews. Donations go towards supporting our seminarians in the Diocese. For any online donations please select **St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL** to ensure the donation is attributed to our quota. We have raised \$6580 so far. Thank you for your generous donations.



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

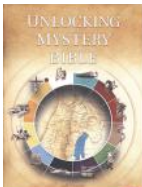
Sunday mass. Many of these parishioners have walking aides. If you are able to assist, please contact Yvonne Desouza on 0419 165 189 or yeedoug5661@gmail.com

FINANCE UPDATE VIDEO

The video which was played during the announcements last weekend is now available on the parish website under News and Events: Parish News. <https://www.stbernadette.org.au> If you wish to update your planned giving details, please take a blue form and once completed, please return to the Parish Office.

FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to all those who purchased a Bacon and Egg roll last weekend. The St Bernadette's Football Club raised \$960. The May fundraiser BBQ on Sunday 26th will be supporting Vinnies.



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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

DIOCESAN SYNOD THINK TANK SESSIONS

The people of God in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to contribute to the development of our 'Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church'.

Local faith communities are encouraged to engage in dialogue, offer valuable insights to the Plan's development, and to continue nurturing leaders through synodal practices through a series of Think Tank Sessions. For more information, and to register your attendance at one of the Think Tank Sessions below, visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod/think-tank-sessions/>

Date	Time	Theme	Location
Wednesday 1 May	6:30 - 9:00pm	Theme 1: An Inclusive and Welcoming Church	Greystanes Parish
Wednesday 8 May	6:30 - 9:00pm	Theme 2: A Humble and Healing Church	Mount Druitt Parish
Wednesday 15 May	6:30 - 9:00pm	Theme 3: A Listening Church	Baulkham Hills Parish
Wednesday 22 May	6:30 - 9:00pm	Theme 4: A Church Renewed in Spirit and Prayer	Plumpton Parish
Wednesday 29 May	6:30 - 9:00pm	Theme 5: A Church that Reaches to the Margins	Penrith Parish
Wednesday 5 June	6:30 - 9:00pm	Theme 6: A Church Walking Together	Harris Park Parish

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

May	This Week
Tues 7th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 8th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 9th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 10th	Senior Youth Group
Sat 11th May	Youth Fundraiser: Mothers' Day Flowers
Sun 12th May	
May	This Month
Fri 17th May	Junior Youth Group
Sun 19th May	Pentecost Sunday
Thurs 23rd May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Sun 26th May	Fundraiser BBQ-Vinnies Young Adults- Simon Carrington

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

*This is my commandment:
Love one another,
as I have loved you*



John 15:12



Readings Next Weekend

11-12 May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

Feast Days This Week

10 May

Saint John De Avila

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Sundiram Pillai, Josephine Davis, Yolanda Roxas (funeral Wed 8th 11am)

Margaret McHugh (funeral Mon 6th 10am) Patricia Grant (funeral Mon 13th 10am)

For the Anniversaries of George Siew Kheng Ngu, Lee Wickramasinghe, Joy Mary Tate, Richard Scott

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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