



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY CASTLE HILL

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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

15-16 JUNE 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Hello everybody!

I wanted to write a few words to you and thank you for supporting our project for the air-conditioning system. It is through your generosity and support that we have been able to reach our target for this project and for that I want to thank you all.



Your support for this initiative has been just a source of inspiration for us, the three priests who serve at this generous and active parish. At the beginning of the project, we wondered how long it would take us to reach the target and what initiatives we could take to make this a reality. However, you responded quickly and generously. We appreciate each donation we have received, and which brought us closer to the target, we see the dedication and love you all have for this place that you have made your spiritual home.

This project has been for me the largest maintenance project I have undertaken in this parish and your support has just been extraordinary. From the cheques delivered personally to the Parish office, the contributions we received through the envelop designed to collect your donations and even the great example of one generous young donor who decided that for his birthday gifts he asked his family and friends to donate to the air conditioning of the church he attends regularly. To all of you my deepest gratitude and my humble prayers for your intentions.

The project has been completed and we can all enjoy the results of this big effort. As we are still learning about the new system, we ask for your patience as we are still learning how it works and the differences with the old system. For such a big place like the church, we need to adjust the right temperature for the seasonal weather. We do not want the church to be too hot or too cold as this will also affect our participation in the liturgy. Hopefully you will also understand that each person reacts to the weather in different ways and the air conditioning company, and the parish staff, are working hard to find the middle ground that would fit most of the parishioners.

I would like to finish with some thoughts from Pope Benedict XVI which I think in one way, or another inspired each of you to support the Parish with this project. He said *"Each of you has a personal vocation which He has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him and give Him the best of ourselves. This is what the saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord ... and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone."*



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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
 @St Bernadette's Young Adults

JUNIOR YOUTH

Junior Youth Friday 28th June. Our Junior youth will be holding a social movie night.

SENIOR YOUTH

Senior Youth Friday 21st June. Our Senior Youth will be asking the question "Do You Know the Way?"



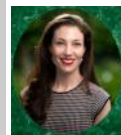
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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.

ROSTERS 22-23 JUNE 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Hyacinth Jones Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Rheza Tan Laura Burton Brandon Leyba
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Maria Gobbo	Mon 24th June Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	N/A	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Adelina Tabila Constance Fidel	Lois and John Donnelly

Thank you for your generous donations to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal. Donations can be made online via the QR code. Please ensure to select ST BERNADETTE'S **CASTLE HILL** to ensure all donations are allocated to our quota.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES
 Congratulations to our 66 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the coming weekends. Please join us in praying for these candidates as they prepare for their special day. Please be mindful and patient as their family and friends join us for Mass on 22nd and 23rd June at the 5pm Vigil, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm masses, and Sunday 30th June at the 10:30am mass. Please be especially mindful with movement and parking in the carpark.

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 Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Coordinator) on 0433 183 322 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

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.

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 on 9407 6600.

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
June	This Week
Tues 18th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 19th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 20th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 21st	Junior Youth Group
Sat 22nd	First Holy Communion Masses 5pm Vigil, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
Sun 23rd	
June/July	Next Month
Thurs 27th June	Coffee and Chat
Fri 28th June	Junior Youth— Movie night
Sat 29th June	Vinnies Winter Appeal
Sun 30th June	
	First Holy Communion Mass 10:30am
Mon 1st July	Confirmation Parent Information Night
Thurs 4th July	Theology Study: Fulfilled
Fri 5th July	First Friday Anointing and Adoration
Sun 21st July	Young Adults: A Faith That Does Justice
Thurs 25th July	Coffee and Chat

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

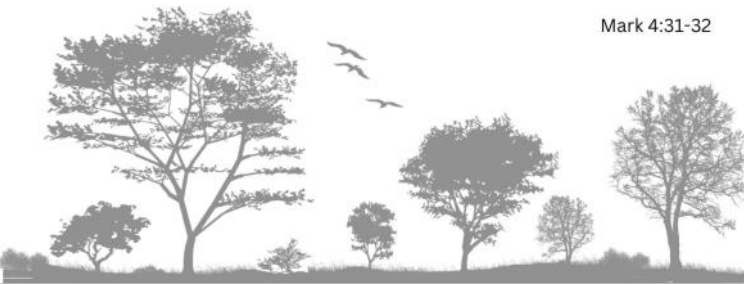
Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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Mark 4:31-32



Readings Next Weekend

22-23 June 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Job 38:1, 8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

Feast Days This Week

19 June

Saint Romuald

21 June

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

22 June

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Judy McAuliffe, Goh Ah Wah, Boulos Youssef Wehbe, Salvatore Zullo, Elisa Buitti

For the Anniversaries of Nelita D'Costa, Sarkis Hovsepien

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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