



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,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday

6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon

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

29-30 JUNE 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Continued from 8-9/6/24

From the moment of Christ's coming, the expectation of the People of God has to be directed to the eschatological Kingdom which is coming and to which he must lead "the new Israel". A new awareness of faith is essential for such a turn-about and change of values. Christ emphasizes this twice: "He who is able to receive this, let him receive it". Only "those to whom it is given" understand it (Mt 19:11). *Mary* is the first person in whom this *new awareness* is manifested, for she asks the Angel: "How can this be, since I have no husband?" (Lk 1:34). Even though she is "betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph" (cf. Lk 1:27), she is firm in her resolve to remain a virgin. The motherhood which is accomplished in her comes exclusively from the "power of the Most High", and is the result of the Holy Spirit's coming down upon her (cf. Lk 1:35). This divine motherhood, therefore, is an altogether unforeseen response to the human expectation of women in Israel: it comes to *Mary* as a gift from God himself. This gift is the beginning and the prototype of a new expectation on the part of all. It measures up to the Eternal Covenant, to God's new and definitive promise: it is a *sign of eschatological hope*.

On the basis of the Gospel, the meaning of virginity was developed and better understood as a vocation for women too, one in which their dignity, like that of the Virgin of Nazareth, finds confirmation. The Gospel puts forward *the ideal of the consecration of the person*, that is, the person's exclusive dedication to God by virtue of the evangelical counsels: in particular, chastity, poverty and obedience. Their perfect incarnation is Jesus Christ himself. Whoever wishes to follow him in a radical way chooses to live according to these counsels. They are distinct from the commandments and show the Christian the radical way of the Gospel. From the very beginning of Christianity men and women have set out on this path, since the evangelical ideal is addressed to human beings without any distinction of sex.

In this wider context, *virginity* has to be considered *also as a path for women*, a path on which they realize their womanhood in a way different from marriage. In order to understand this path, it is necessary to refer once more to the fundamental idea of Christian anthropology. By freely choosing virginity, women confirm themselves as persons, as beings whom the Creator from the beginning has willed for their own sake. At the same time they realize the personal value of their own femininity by becoming "a sincere gift" for God who has revealed himself in Christ, a gift for Christ, the Redeemer of humanity and the Spouse of souls: a "spousal" gift. *One cannot correctly understand virginity - a woman's consecration in virginity - without referring to spousal love*. It is through this kind of love that a person becomes a gift for the other. Moreover, a man's consecration in priestly celibacy or in the religious state is to be understood analogously.

The naturally spousal predisposition of the feminine personality finds a response in virginity understood in this way. Women, called from the very "beginning" to be loved and to love, in a vocation to virginity *find Christ* first of all as the Redeemer who "loved until the end" through his total gift of self; *and they respond to this gift with a "sincere gift"* of their whole lives. They thus give themselves to the divine Spouse, and this personal gift tends to union, which is properly spiritual in character. Through the Holy Spirit's action a woman becomes "one spirit" with Christ the Spouse (cf. 1 Cor 6:17).

This is the evangelical ideal of virginity, in which both the dignity and the vocation of women are realized in a special way. In virginity thus understood the so-called *radicalism of the Gospel* finds expression: "Leave everything and follow Christ" (cf. Mt 19:27). This cannot be compared to remaining simply unmarried or single, because virginity is not restricted to a mere "no", but contains a profound "yes" in the spousal order: the gift of self for love in a total and undivided manner.

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

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 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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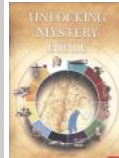
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JUNIOR YOUTH

Will be on break for the school holidays. Returning in Term 3.

SENIOR YOUTH

Senior Youth Friday 5th July. Our Senior Youth will be holding a social movie night.



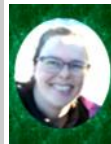
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. We are using the series: *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 21ST JULY

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 21st July 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room



Guest Speaker Bec Hall will be sharing on "A Faith That Does Justice"
 Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ROSTERS 6-7 JULY 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
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	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui +1	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 8th July Jocelyne and Maxime Juste	David Solomons Joe Harney Jeslin Cyriac	N/A	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza	Jane Ng



FR RAYMOND'S FAREWELL

Fr Raymond's farewell will be after the 5:00pm Mass on the 6th of July. As it is the tradition in the Parish, the farewell will happen in the Parish Hall, and we invite you to bring a plate of finger food to share. A Wishing Well will be available over the weekend masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Congratulations to our 16 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass this weekend. Please join us in praying for these candidates as they prepare for their special day.

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 **this Thursday** July 4th, and running for the next 7 Thursday evenings, until Thursday 15th August. Workbooks are available from the Parish Office or on the night for \$35 (cash only) while stocks last.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION

will take place this Friday, 5th July at 12noon followed by a light lunch in the Marian Centre. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after 6:45am mass until 12noon. All welcome. If you require transport please contact Maureen Fearnside on 9634 3329.



KIDS' VOICES ART COMPETITION: MY CHURCH COMMUNITY IS A SAFE PLACE FOR ME

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! The competition is open from 17 June to Friday 26 July 2024 and there will be a winner in each category: Primary (aged 5-10 years), Secondary (11-15 years) and Young Adults (16 -19 years). All the information is found on the diocese website, including the criteria for entry, the judges and very importantly, the prizes. <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/kids-voices-art-competition/>

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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WINTER APPEAL June 29-30

This weekend, Vinnies members will have collection buckets at the doors of the church for cash donations. Winter Appeal envelopes will be available on the pews or in the church foyer for Credit Card donations. Donation envelopes can be placed in the parish collection plates, the collection boxes, or the Vinnies donation buckets. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

July	This Week
Mon 1st	Confirmation Parent Information Night
Tues 2nd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 3rd	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 4th	Theology Study: Fulfilled
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 5th	First Friday Adoration and anointing
	Senior Youth Group
Sat 6th	Fr Raymond's Farewell

July	This Month
Sun 21st July	Young Adults: A Faith That Does Justice
Thurs 25th July	Coffee and Chat

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

*Do not be afraid;
only have faith.*

Mark 5:36

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Readings Next Weekend

6-7 July 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ezek 2:2-5	2 Cor 12:7-10	Mk 6:1-6

Feast Days This Week

3 July	Saint Thomas
4 July	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
5 July	Saint Anthony Zaccaria
6 July	Saint Maria Goretti

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Jo-Anne Brinley, Mo Har Wong, Martha Ng,
For the Anniversaries of Giuseppina Chine, Eugene Ali, Antonio Roco

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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