



THE MASSABIELLE

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

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 10th June

8am (Public Holiday)

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

8-9 JUNE 2024 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Continued from last week

Virginity for the sake of the Kingdom

20. In the teaching of Christ, *motherhood is connected with virginity*, but also *distinct from it*. Fundamental to this is Jesus' statement in the conversation on the indissolubility of marriage. Having heard the answer given to the Pharisees, the disciples say to Christ: "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry" (Mt 19: 10). Independently of the meaning which "it is not expedient" had at that time in the mind of the disciples, *Christ* takes their mistaken opinion as a starting point for instructing them on *the value of celibacy*. He distinguishes celibacy which results from natural defects - even though they may have been caused by man - from "*celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven*". Christ says, "and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven" (Mt 19:12). It is, then, a voluntary celibacy, chosen for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven, in view of man's eschatological vocation to union with God. He then adds: "He who is able to receive this, let him receive it". These words repeat what he had said at the beginning of the discourse on celibacy (cf. Mt 19:11). Consequently, *celibacy for the kingdom of heaven results not only from a free choice* on the part of man, but also from a special grace on the part of God, who calls a particular person to live celibacy. While this is a special sign of the Kingdom of God to come, it also serves as a way to devote all the energies of soul and body during one's earthly life exclusively for the sake of the eschatological kingdom.

Jesus' words are the answer to the disciples' question. They are addressed directly to those who put the question: in this case they were men. Nevertheless, Christ's answer, in itself, has a *value both for men and for women*. In this context it indicates the evangelical ideal of virginity, an ideal which constitutes a clear "innovation" with respect to the tradition of the Old Testament. Certainly that tradition was connected in some way with Israel's expectation of the Messiah's coming, especially among the women of Israel from whom he was to be born. In fact, the ideal of celibacy and virginity for the sake of greater closeness to God was not entirely foreign to certain Jewish circles, especially in the period immediately preceding the coming of Jesus. Nevertheless, celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom, or rather virginity, is undeniably an innovation connected with the incarnation of God.

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*.

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Continued next week

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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.



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For EFT to the First Collection - supporting the priests

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 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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JUNIOR YOUTH

Junior Youth Friday 14th June. Our Junior youth will be asking the question "Do all dogs go to heaven?"

SENIOR YOUTH

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



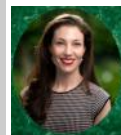
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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 15-16 JUNE 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Adelina Tabila Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Sherryl Rozario Leo Stanton	Harrison Long Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Sherryl Rozario Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Margaret Jones	Mon 17th June Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	Natalie Coghlan Liza Echevarria	Margaret Sinha Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson	Tess De Santo

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.

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.

KING'S BIRTHDAY JUNE LONG WEEKEND

Monday 10th June is the King's Birthday Long Weekend. Mass will be at 8am only. The church will be closed after 8am Mass. The Parish Office will be closed Monday.

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 30 JUNE

Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards. The next Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, on Sunday 30th June for 9:30am Mass. Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. For more information, please contact Laura Burton on laura@stbernadette.org.au

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.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

June	This Week
Mon 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 11th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 12th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 13th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 14th	Junior Youth Group
Sun 16th June	Young Adults: Louisa Spiteri
June	Next Month
Sat 22nd June	
Sun 23rd June	First Holy Communions
Sun 30th June	

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Readings Next Weekend

15-16 June 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Ezek 17:22-24

Second reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

Feast Days This Week

11 June

Saint Barnabas

13 June

Saint Anthony of Padua

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Psalms 18:2

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Judy McAuliffe, Goh Ah Wah, Boulos Youssef Wehbe, Salvatore Zullo (Funeral Fri 14th 11am)

For the Anniversaries of Fred Camilleri, Darcy Crowe, Peter Gilbert Ferguson

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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