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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

# THE MASSABIELLE

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

13-14 JULY 2024

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

*Continued from last week*

### **"My little children with whom I am again in travail"**

22. The Gospel reveals and enables us to understand precisely this *mode of being of the human person*. The Gospel helps every woman and every man to live it and thus attain fulfilment. There exists a total equality with respect to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, with respect to the "mighty works of God" (Acts 2:11). Moreover, it is precisely in the face of the "mighty works of God" that Saint Paul, as a man, feels the need to refer to what is essentially feminine in order to express the truth about his own apostolic service. This is exactly what Paul of Tarsus does when he addresses the Galatians with the words: "*My little children, with whom I am again in travail*" (Gal 4:19). In the First Letter to the Corinthians (7: 38) Saint Paul proclaims the superiority of virginity over marriage, which is a constant teaching of the Church in accordance with the spirit of Christ's words recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (19: 10-12); he does so without in any way obscuring the importance of physical and spiritual motherhood. Indeed, in order to illustrate the Church's fundamental mission, he finds nothing better than the reference to motherhood.

The same analogy - and the same truth - are present in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. *Mary is the "figure" of the Church*: "For in the mystery of the Church, herself rightly called mother and virgin, the Blessed Virgin came first as an eminent and singular exemplar of both virginity and motherhood. ... The Son whom she brought forth is He whom God placed as the first-born among many brethren (cf. Rom 8: 29), namely, among the faithful. In their birth and development she cooperates with a maternal love". "Moreover, contemplating Mary's mysterious sanctity, imitating her charity, and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, the Church *herself becomes a mother* by accepting God's word in faith. For by her preaching and by baptism she brings forth to a new and immortal life children who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God". This is motherhood "according to the Spirit" with regard to the sons and daughters of the human race. And this motherhood - as already mentioned - becomes the woman's "role" also in virginity. "The Church *herself is a virgin*, who keeps whole and pure the fidelity she has pledged to her Spouse". This is most perfectly fulfilled in Mary. The Church, therefore, "imitating the Mother of her Lord, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, ... preserves with virginal purity an integral faith, a firm hope, and a sincere charity".

The Council has confirmed that, unless one looks to the Mother of God, it is impossible to understand the mystery of the Church, her reality, her essential vitality. *Indirectly* we find here a *reference* to the *biblical exemplar of the "woman"* which is already clearly outlined in the description of the "beginning" (cf. Gen 3:15) and which proceeds from creation, through sin to the Redemption. In this way there is a confirmation of the profound union between what is human and what constitutes the divine economy of salvation in human history. The Bible convinces us of the fact that one can have no adequate hermeneutic of man, or of what is "human", without appropriate reference to what is "feminine". There is an analogy in God's salvific economy: if we wish to understand it fully in relation to the whole of human history, we cannot omit, in the perspective of our faith, the mystery of "woman": virgin-mother-spouse.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

St Bernadette's  
Parish Castle Hill  
Youth

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



On Instagram

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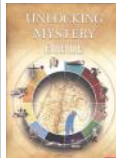
@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill  
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### JUNIOR YOUTH

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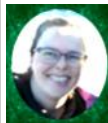
### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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" looking at Vinnies, how we can get involved, and social justice initiatives in our community. We will be preparing Snack Packs for the Vinnies van. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).

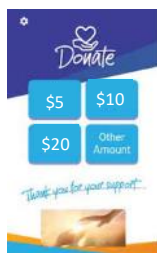


## ROSTERS 20-21 JULY 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
<b>Lectors</b>	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Sherryl Rozario Leo Stanton Hyacinth Jones	Rheza Tan Laura Burton Brandon Leyba
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>Church Linen</b>
Olivia Cheng	Mon 22nd July Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan	Nicky Karatsiolis

## PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers (year 6 and above) to assist with our church projections at the Saturday Vigil 5pm. All training provided.



## NEW TAP-AND-GO MACHINES

This week, the Commonwealth Bank have upgraded our tap-and-go machines. The new devices provide more options. You can now select \$5, \$10, \$20 or Other Amount, where you can type in your own preferred donation amount. We hope these upgraded devices will make donations more simple.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024

Registrations close **Wednesday 24th July**. For more details, please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Coordinator) on 0433 183 322 or [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au)



## KIDS' VOICES ART COMPETITION:

### MY CHURCH COMMUNITY IS A SAFE PLACE FOR ME

Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people aged 5-19 yrs. The competition is open from 17 June to Friday 26 July 2024. For more information visit <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/kids-voices-art-competition/>

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FACE-TO-FACE

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. For more information, or to register, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## 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. 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.



## Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf Sunday 11 August

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team.

Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.



ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH, CASTLE HILL  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE  
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION  
FOR  
*Fr Fernando Montano*  
Friday 30th August 2024  
The Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm  
(Clergy please bring white vestments)  
A Reception will follow in the Parish Hall (18+ only)  
  
St Bernadette's Catholic Church  
367 Old Northern Rd  
Castle Hill, 2154  
  
Please RSVP by August 15 2024  
for catering purposes to the Parish Office at  
[admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au) or 9634 2622



## SNACK PACKING DONATIONS

On Sunday 21st July, the Young Adults will be assembling snack packs for Vinnies, which will be distributed by the Vinnies food vans to those in need. These snack packs can often be the difference to a disadvantaged child. Having a packed lunch and morning tea will mean they are more likely to attend school. The Young Adults will be collecting donations of the following items to go into these packs: juice poppers, 2 minute noodles, snack tins of tuna, chewy muesli bars (nut free) LCM's, single serve/snack sized chips/biscuits (shapes, tiny teddies, mini oreo's etc) single serve fruit packs (sultanas, fruit cups, etc) Donations can be dropped to the Marian Centre during the weekend masses (13/14 & 20/21 July), or to the Parish Office during the week.



## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

July	This Week
Tues 16th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 17th	Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 18th	Theology Study: Fulfilled Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sun 21st	Young Adults: A Faith That Does Justice
July	This Month
Thurs 25th July	Coffee and Chat



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### First Reading Wisdom Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

### Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

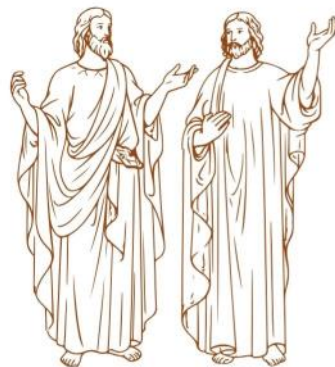
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

### Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



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## Readings Next Weekend

20-21 July 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Jer 23:1-6	Eph 2:13-18	Mk 6:30-34

## Feast Days This Week

15 July	Saint Bonaventure
16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
20 July	Saint Apollinaris

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Ralph Amerasinghe, Graham Hunt, Frank Sajn, Vincenzo Schirripa, Ester Cerato, Gregorio Concon,  
For the Anniversaries of Mary Noffre, Bernadita Yu, Dorothy Barbour, Ulrich Pragst, Henry D'Souza, Tim Anderson

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Flavia Panto, Brian De Silva, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Elizabeth Mifsud,  
Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Andrew Bowman, Rey Abeleda, Terry Pankhuurst, Bede Ireland, Susan Hauser