



# 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

6-7 JULY 2024

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

*Continued from last week*

### **Motherhood according to the Spirit**

21. Virginité according to the Gospel means *renouncing marriage and thus physical motherhood*. Nevertheless, the renunciation of this kind of motherhood, a renunciation that can involve great sacrifice for a woman, makes possible a different kind of motherhood: motherhood "according to the Spirit" (cf. *Rom 8:4*). For virginity does not deprive a woman of her prerogatives. Spiritual motherhood takes on many different forms. In the life of consecrated women, for example, who live according to the charism and the rules of the various apostolic Institutes, it can express itself as concern for people, especially the most needy: the sick, the handicapped, the abandoned, orphans, the elderly, children, young people, the imprisoned and, in general, people on the edges of society. *In this way a consecrated woman finds her Spouse*, different and the same in each and every person, according to his very words: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (*Mt 25:40*). Spousal love always involves a special readiness to be poured out for the sake of those who come within one's range of activity. In marriage this readiness, even though open to all, consists mainly in the love that parents give to their children. In virginity this readiness is open to *all people, who are embraced by the love of Christ the Spouse*.

Spousal love - with its maternal potential hidden in the heart of the woman as a virginal bride - when joined to Christ, the Redeemer of each and every person, is also predisposed to being open to each and every person. This is confirmed in the religious communities of apostolic life, and in a different way in communities of contemplative life, or the cloister. There exist still other forms of a vocation to virginity for the sake of the Kingdom; for example, the Secular Institutes, or the communities of consecrated persons which flourish within Movements, Groups and Associations. In all of these *the same truth about the spiritual motherhood* of virgins is confirmed in various ways. However, it is not only a matter of communal forms but also of non-communal forms. In brief, virginity as a woman's vocation is always the vocation of a person - of a unique, individual person. Therefore the spiritual motherhood which makes itself felt in this vocation is also profoundly personal.

This is also the basis of a specific *convergence between the virginity* of the unmarried woman and *the motherhood* of the married woman. This convergence moves not only from motherhood towards virginity, as emphasized above; it also moves from virginity towards marriage, the form of woman's vocation in which she becomes a mother by giving birth to her children. The starting point of this second analogy is *the meaning of marriage*. A woman is "married" either through the sacrament of marriage or spiritually through marriage to Christ. *In both cases marriage* signifies the "sincere gift of the person" of the bride to the groom. In this way, one can say that the profile of marriage is found spiritually in virginity. And does not physical motherhood also have to be a spiritual motherhood, in order to respond to the whole truth about the human being who is a unity of body and spirit? Thus there exist many reasons for discerning in these two different paths - the two different vocations of women - a profound complementarity, and even a profound union within a person's being.

*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

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



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



On Instagram

@st\_bernadettes\_youth  
 @st\_bernadettes\_young\_adults



On Facebook

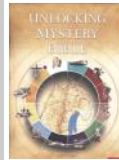
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### JUNIOR YOUTH

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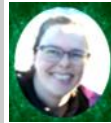
### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

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).



Vinnies  
good works

## ROSTERS 13-14 JULY 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Ministry</b>					
<b>Lectors</b>	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Venetia Lee	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Harrison Long Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Campion Fernando +1`	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Sherryl Rozario Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
<b>Bookshop</b>	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Coney Lau	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>
Dashi Wettasinghe	Mon 15th July Marie Woodward Elaine Small	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	N/A	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Belinda Yapp

## 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.



## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal last weekend. Your generous donations totalled close to \$4000. Donation envelopes can still be placed in the collection boxes.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024

Registrations are now open. For more information, please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Coordinator) on 0433 183 322 or [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto: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*. Thursdays 7pm in the hall.

## 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/>



## 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.



## 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 9th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 10th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Young Adults Bible Study
Thurs 11th	Theology Study: Fulfilled Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
July	This Month
Sun 21st July	Young Adults: A Faith That Does Justice
Thurs 25th July	Coffee and Chat



## Today's Readings

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### **First Reading Wisdom Ezekiel 2:2-5**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2**

(R) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

### **Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

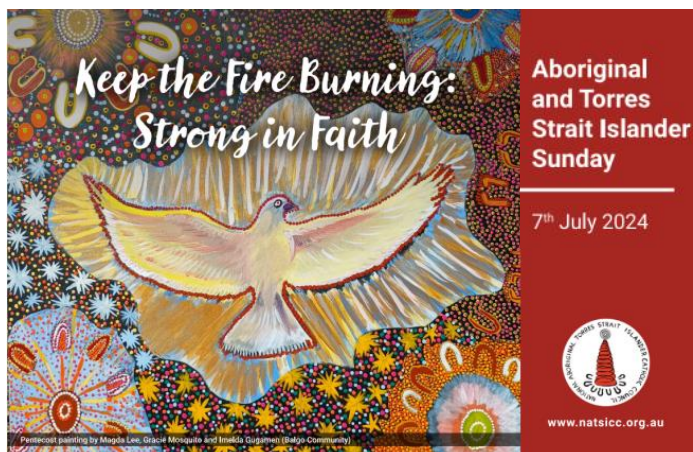
**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



### **Readings Next Weekend**

13-14 July 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**First Reading**

**Second reading**

**Gospel**

Amos 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

### **Feast Days This Week**

**9 July** Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions  
**11 July** Saint Benedict  
**13 July** Saint Henry

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF**

Recently Deceased Ralph Amerasinghe, Graham Hunt

For the Anniversaries of Adele Small, Mira Mihaljevic, Tom Edwards, Dasan Corera, Sunarto Gunawan

In remembrance of Romulo D Ramos

### **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