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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

10-11 Aug 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Hello everyone!

In the last couple of weeks, I have been sharing with you about the biblical foundations of the Jubilee year. To continue with the sharing about this event, I would like to share with you today something about the historical development of the Jubilee year.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

The first ordinary Jubilee was proclaimed in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII a member of the noble Caetani family, with a Bull, "*Antiquorum Habet Fida Relatio*". Throughout Christendom (the known world at that time) there was great suffering, caused by wars and diseases such as the plague and all kinds of ills: among the people there was a great desire to return to a more holy way of living. So with great faith the Christians determined to travel (on foot) to Rome, to pray at the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul and to receive the Pope's blessing, in order to obtain the grace and strength to carry on. They came in their thousands at Christmas in 1299. Due to their great number the Pope, having enquired and learned the reason for their coming, full of admiration for their faith proclaimed a "year of forgiveness of all sins". A similar year would be held in future, every hundred years. Outstanding names are recorded among the pilgrims of that first Jubilee: Dante, Cima Bue, Giotto, Carlo de Valois brother of the King of France, with his wife Catherine. Dante Alighiere who writes of the event in his "Divine Comedy" in Canto XXXI of Paradise.

While the Apostolic See was transferred to Avignon in France (1305-1377) there were many requests for the second Jubilee to be held earlier, in 1350 instead of 1400. Clement VI gave his consent and set a period of fifty years between jubilees. Besides visiting the Basilicas built over the tombs of Peter and Paul the pilgrims were also required to visit to Saint John Lateran, the city's Cathedral, being the first Church of the Bishop of Rome who is the Pope. Later Pope Urban VI decided to reduce the period to thirty three years in memory of the earthly life of Jesus. When Pope Urban died, however, the new Pope, Boniface IX opened the Holy Door on Christmas Eve 1390, but since the numbers of pilgrims were so great he called a second Holy Year at Christmas 1400.

In 1425, and not in 1433, as it had been formerly set, Pope Martin V proclaimed the Holy Year 1425 with two novelties: a special commemorative Jubilee Medal and the opening of a Holy Door in the Cathedral of Saint John in the Lateran. Nicholas V called the 1450 Holy Year and in 1470 Pope Paul II issued a Bull to fix the Jubilee for every twenty-five years. The next Holy Year 1475 was proclaimed by Sixtus IV. And for the occasion the Pope wished to adorn Rome with more works of art: he ordered the building of the Sistine Chapel and the Ponte Sisto or Sixtus Bridge over the River Tiber (both named after him). Several renowned artists were working in Rome at that time: Verrocchio, Signorelli, Ghirlandaio, Botticelli, Perugino, Pinturicchio, Melozzo da Forli.



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The school will be attending the 9:15am and 12noon masses.

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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

St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill
Youth

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JUNIOR YOUTH (YR 5-8)

Friday 23rd Aug 7:00-8:30pm
Our Junior youth will be learning about "sophrosune"

SENIOR YOUTH (YR 9-12)

Friday 16th August 7:00-8:45pm
We will be attending the Holy Hour For Vocations

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 will begin the study 'Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother' By Dr Sri this Wednesday 14th. This program runs for 7 weeks.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 16TH AUGUST 7:00-8:00PM

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Bernadette's Castle Hill with Fr Matthew on Friday 16th August 7:00-8:00pm



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 18TH AUGUST

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 18th August 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Guest Speaker David Sebastian will be sharing on "Marriage and Canon Law: How it applies to you." Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 17-18 AUGUST 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burrigde	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Venetia Lee	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Rheza Tan Laura Burton Brandon Leyba
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Catherine Seddon	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 19th Aug Jocelyne and Maxime Juste	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	Natalie Coghlan Julie James	Maria Mochnik Yvonee Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza	Remy de Leon

CATECHISTS WANTED

We are looking for volunteers who are available to take a half-hour lesson on a **Wednesday or Friday** at one of our local public school. All our teachers are provided with the training and support required, as well as the lesson plans and resources used in the classroom. For more information please contact Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322



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BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD STALL

This weekend there will be handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem by catholic families. Money raised will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and help maintain the Holy sites there.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

For Parishioners who need to update their safeguarding training, you have an opportunity to do the refresher course (Modules 4 & 5) Face-to-face on Saturday 17 August at St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. For more information, please email: 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.

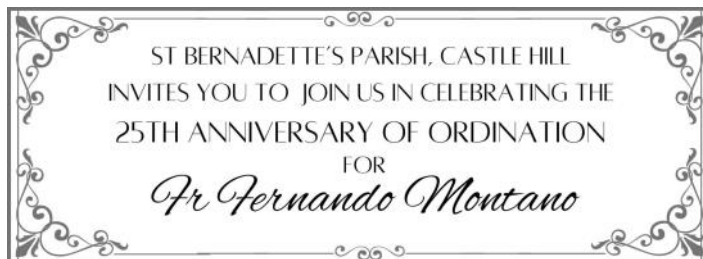
LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will commence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Communion to the Sick and Dying. If you are interested please contact Nancy in the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or pa@stbernadette.org.au



GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS

It's National Vocations Awareness Week and our very own Fr Matthew Dimian and Ai Ling Lim, will be getting #Active4Vocations with Deacon Menard Gaspi, his Holy Spirit Seminarian brother Macky Amores, and a faithful group of Diocesan parishioners in the 14km City2Surf, this Sunday 11 August, to promote priestly vocations and support our seminarians' formation. Please spur Fr Matthew and Ai Ling on with your prayers and a donation to help our seminarians become priests. Scan this QR code to donate or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations



Fr Fernando's 2th Anniversary of Ordination
30th August. 7pm Mass followed by reception.
Please RSVP by August 15 2024
for catering purposes to the Parish Office
at admin@stbernadette.org.au or 9634 2622

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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.

August	This Week
Tues 13th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 14th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 15th	The Assumption of Mary Masses at 6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon and 7:00pm (followed by Holy Hour) Theology Study: Fulfilled 7pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 16th	Holy Hour for Vocations 7:00-8:00pm
Sun 18th	Young Adults: Canon Law 7:00pm
August	This Month
Thurs 22nd August	Coffee and Chat 10am
Sun 25th August	Fundraiser BBQ: Care Group
Fri 30th Aug	Fr Fernando's 25th Anniversary Mass

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

*I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes
has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.*



John 6:47

Readings Next Weekend

17-18 August 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Prov 9:1-6	Eph 5:15-20	Jn 6:51-58

Feast Days This Week

12 Aug	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
13 Aug	Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
14 Aug	Saint Maximilian Kolbe
15 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16 Aug	Saint Stephen of Hungary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

For the Anniversaries Kevin McCann, Felice Zadro

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Rey Abeleda, Bernie Good, Sarah Brkic, Kathy Brkic