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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

3-4 Aug 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Continued from last week.

After the bitter experience of the Babylonian exile, in which the people of God had the experience of being deprived of their own land, of the temple, of their own consistency as a people; a horizon of hope, of liberation, opened up. Prophecy interprets that which has been experienced. And prophecy is the precious service that a man gives to his own brothers, to his own people, interpreting, with the power of God and with the wisdom given by God, the historical events and happenings in which one was involved.

«The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion -- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit» (Isaiah 61, 1-3a).

The prophet heralds a year of the Lord's favour and not on his own personal initiative, but by means of an unction worked by the Spirit of the Lord: it is a divine gift. And this year expresses itself in two vital, highly positive directions: liberation and consolation. Liberation is from physical evils, from interior lacerations, from the condition of slavery; consolation is a transformation of the way one feels, of the way one exists: from mourning one passes to joy.

In the New Testament, particular importance must be given to the passage in the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus makes a reference to the passage from the prophet Isaiah that we just read. The Gospel is very detail in giving us the narrative of what was the first proclamation of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. In this narrative we see that Jesus "stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me ...!" (Lk 4,16-18; Is 61,1). Very significantly the last line of Isaiah read by Jesus says: "to proclaim the Lord's year of favour" (Lk 4,19; Is 61,2), and immediately afterwards, Jesus' message was a declaration that precisely "this text" was being fulfilled on that day. The expression of Isaiah 61,2 "year of the Lord's favour" clearly refers to the prescriptions in the Book of Leviticus on the *jubilee* year (Lev 25,10-13). Therefore, at Nazareth Jesus was proclaiming a Jubilee year.

The way in which Luke quotes Isaiah presents also details which reveal a certain manner of interpreting the jubilee year. After speaking of "proclaiming (...) to the blind new sight" Luke adds: "to set the downtrodden free", an expression inspired by another passage of Isaiah, (Is 58,6) where it serves to define the "fasting" which pleases God; this authentic fasting does not consist in observing ritual ("hanging your head like a reed, lying down on sackcloth and ashes": Is 58,5), rather, it is "to break unjust fetters and undo the throngs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke": (Is 58,6).

The effect of this addition in the Gospel is therefore greater insistence on the fact that the jubilee year must be a year of liberation. This aspect was already present in the prophecy of Isaiah 61,1-2 which said they were "to proclaim liberty to captives"; the Gospel underlines this, repeating for a second time "set free" (the Greek text uses twice the same word *aphesis*, saying literally: "set the downtrodden free"); furthermore the theme is amplified, because the second time it says not only to "proclaim" but actually "to set free". This evangelical orientation corresponds perfectly with the biblical understanding of the Jubilee in Lev. 25,10.

Continued next week..



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be held at **6.45am, 9:15am, 12noon, and 7.00pm.**

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

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 7:00pm Mass for Holy Hour.



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 9th August 7:00-8:30pm
"Great Power Comes With Great Responsibility"

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.

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 10-11 AUGUST 2024

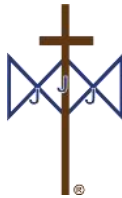
Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Shane Robinson	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Harrison Long Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Elle McMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Sherryl Rozario Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Acherman	Mon 12th August Pauline Home Bernard Home	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	Sandra Emmett Nina Irwin	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Risa Sidik

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MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Thursday 8th August is the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. The St Bernadette's students will be attending the 9:15am Mass on Thursday. We have allocated the centre two aisles for Parishioners. Please be patient with the students as they join us for Mass.

FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to everyone who supported the St Bernadette's Refugee Group last weekend at their BBQ. They raised \$1000, which will go towards supporting their next Refugee family to settle into Australia.

BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD STALL

On the 10th & 11th of August 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.

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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



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.



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 or 9634 2622**

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

August	This Week
Tues 6th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 7th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 8th	Mary MacKillop Feast Day Theology Study: Fulfilled 7pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 9th	Junior Youth Group
Sat 10th	Bethlehem Olivewood Stall
Sun 11th	

August	This Month
Thurs 15th August	The Assumption of Mary Masses at 6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon and 7:00pm (followed by Holy Hour)
Fri 16th August	Holy Hour for Vocations 7:00-8:00pm
Sun 18th August	Young Adults: Canon Law 7:00pm
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:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

*Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'*

John 6:24-35

Feast Days This Week

- 6 Aug** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 Aug** Saints Sixtus II and companions
Saint Cajetan
- 8 Aug** Saint Mary of The Cross MacKillop
- 9 Aug** Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- 10 Aug** Saint Lawrence

Readings Next Weekend

10-11 August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

1 Kg 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Juliette Khouri, Pranoto, ThianTjui Kim, Parlahian

For the Anniversaries Kitty Marren, Kym Holden, Manuel Jose Yu, Joseph S.B D'Silva, Veronica Coorey, Giovanni Palmeri

Oscar Roncal, Cosima Di Quattro, Francesco Di Quattro, Roman Dela Cruz, Fidela Dela Cruz

In Remembrance of Bonaventurada Yu,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Bernie Good, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Rey Abeleda, Terry Pankhurst