



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

21-22 SEPT 2024 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Continued from last week

6. The Holy Year of 2025 is itself in continuity with preceding celebrations of grace. In the last Ordinary Jubilee, we crossed the threshold of two millennia from the birth of Jesus Christ. Then, on 13 March 2015, I proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee for the sake of making known and encouraging an encounter with the "merciful face of God", the core message of the Gospel for every man and woman of every time and place. Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ. The Holy Year will also guide our steps towards yet another fundamental celebration for all Christians: 2033 will mark the two thousandth anniversary of the redemption won by the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We are about to make a pilgrimage marked by great events, in which the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope (cf. *1 Thess 1:3*).

Sustained by this great tradition, and certain that the Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope, I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. On the following Sunday, 29 December 2024, I will open the Holy Door of my cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on 9 November this year will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of its dedication. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, 28 December 2025.

I further decree that on Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. For celebrations in co-cathedrals, the bishop's place can be taken by a suitably designated delegate. A pilgrimage that sets out from a church chosen for the *collectio* and then proceeds to the cathedral can serve to symbolize the journey of hope that, illumined by the word of God, unites all the faithful. In the course of this pilgrimage, passages from the present Document can be read, along with the announcement of the Jubilee Indulgence to be gained in accordance with the prescriptions found in the ritual indications mentioned above. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025; in the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy.

The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!

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 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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COMBINED YOUTH OUTING

Our Junior and Senior youth will be going bowling on Friday 27th September. For more information contact ym@stbernadette.org.au

HSC MASS

Sunday 6th October at 6pm we will be giving a special blessing to all those students who are about to begin their HSC. Please wear your own Year 12 Jersey to show our support. All welcome.



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 study 'Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother' By Dr Edward Sri.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 20TH OCTOBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 20th October 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 28-29 September 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	Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Connie Tierney	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Dorothy Finucane
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 30th Sept Jocelyn and Maxime Juste	David Tye Cosimo Miccoli Chris Clancy	N/A	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza	Risa Sidik

WELCOME FR JOHN HOGAN

We welcome Fr John Hogan, who will be assisting Fr Matthew for the next 6 weeks while Fr Fernando is away. We thank Fr John Hogan for coming to support our Parish during this time.



FUNDRAISER BBQ

The St Bernadette's Vinnies are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this Sunday 22nd September. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.



COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this Thursday morning after the 9.15am mass. All welcome



PARISH OUTING: TUES 8TH OCTOBER

For those who expressed an interest in the Parish Outing to the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre on Tuesday 8th October, payment of \$100 per person is **now overdue**. If you are still interested in attending, please place your money (CASH ONLY) in an envelope labelled with your name and contact number, and give to Nancy at mass, or hand into the Parish Office by Monday 23rd.



RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 25th September at 7:00pm in the Marian Centre for those adults interested in becoming Catholic. Further details of the program will be explained at the meeting. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or nancy@stbernadette.org.au



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT

On Friday 13th December, the Parish will be holding a Christmas Carols evening in the church, with performances by some of the parish choirs and music groups, solos and duets, local school groups, and other local parishes. If you are interested in performing or being part of the house choir or band, please contact Steve Lavis at steve@teachingservices.com.au



TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets next weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 16 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

2025 Annuals FOR SALE

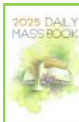


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2025

Break Open the Word for 2025 books are available for sale at the Parish Office. Cost \$30 each. Cash only.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2025 \$25

2025 Daily mass books available from the bookshop and the Parish Office. \$25 each. Cash only.



SAVE THE DATE: FOOD FIESTA MEETING

We will be holding a planning meeting on Thursday 14th November at 7pm in the Marian Centre to discuss next year's Pentecost Food Fiesta (Sunday 8th June 2025). If you are interested in being involved in the food fiesta, please come along to our meeting.



BAPTISM FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN PROGRAM

Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, is offering a Baptism program for primary school children in Term 4 this year. Children will attend a blessing Mass and be baptised in their home parish but complete a 4-week preparation program at OLOW. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact OLOW on (02) 4735 1041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr Matthew will be holding 2 Altar Server training sessions for anyone interested in becoming an altar server at the Saturday 5pm Vigil or Sunday masses. Altar Servers must be in year 4 or above, and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Training will be held on Thursday 3rd Oct at 11:30am or Thursday 10th Oct at 7pm in the church.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September	This Week
Tues 24th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 25th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm RCIA Information Night
Thurs 26th	Coffee and Chat 10am Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 27th	Combined Youth Outing
Sat 28th	Toongabbie Legal Centre raffle tickets
Sun 29th	
October	Next Month
Thurs 3rd Oct	Altar Server Training 11:30am
Sun 6th Oct	HSC Mass 6pm
Mon 7th Oct	Public Holiday 8am Mass only
Tues 8th Oct	Parish Outing: Mt Carmel
Thurs 10th Oct	Altar Server Training 7pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Coffee and Chat
Sun 27th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R) The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading James 3:16 – 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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MARK 9:36

Readings Next Weekend

28-29 September 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Num 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Feast Days This Week

23 Sept

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

27 Sept

Saint Vincent de Paul

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Pete Concepcion, Yvonne Gangemi (funeral Friday 27th 11am)

For the Anniversaries of: Margaret Gordon, Marie Gregory, Ante Vidovic, Merwyn D'Sylva

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Catherine Deveros