



THE MASSABIELLE

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

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 7th October

8am-Public holiday

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

5-6 OCT 2024 *TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

Continued from last week

10. During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of prisoners who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention and its restrictions, lack of affection and, in more than a few cases, lack of respect for their persons. I propose that in this Jubilee Year governments undertake initiatives aimed at restoring hope; forms of amnesty or pardon meant to help individuals regain confidence in themselves and in society; and programmes of reintegration in the community, including a concrete commitment to respect for law.

This is an ancient appeal, one drawn from the word of God, whose wisdom remains ever timely. It calls for acts of clemency and liberation that enable new beginnings: "You shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants" (Lev 25:10). This institution of the Mosaic law was later taken up by the prophet Isaiah: "The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Is 61:1-2). Jesus made those words his own at the beginning of his ministry, presenting himself as the fulfilment of the "year of the Lord's favour" (cf. Lk 4:18-19). In every part of the world, believers, and their Pastors in particular, should be one in demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. In order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

11. Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.

Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.

12. Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life's beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

Continued next week

PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER
8AM MASS ONLY. CHURCH CLOSED AFTER MASS
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Please remember to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour this Sunday at 2am for daylight saving

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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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)

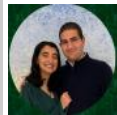
Our Young Adults Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. We are using the study 'Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother' By Dr Edward Sri.



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. Guest Speakers Anne Younis and Christopher Iannuzzi will be talking about East Vs West: The differences and similarities between the Eastern and Western Rites of the Catholic Church.

Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 12-13 OCTOBER 2024

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Gary Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Danielle Vassallo Raymond Pak	Rheza Tan Laura Burton Brandon Leyba
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Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Catherine Seddon	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Olivia Cheng	Mon 14th Oct Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan	Melia Shammass

FAREWELL FR MATTHEW

Fr Matthew has been appointed as the new Assistant Priest of St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill. He will begin his appointment on 8th December. We are very thankful for the dedication, generosity, and spiritual direction Fr Matthew has shared with us in his time here at Castle Hill. A formal farewell for Fr Matthew will be held in November. Details to be announced shortly.



PARRAMATTA DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING ART COMPETITION

Thank you to all those who entered into the Diocese Safeguarding Art Competition held earlier this year. Congratulations to our two parishioners, Aaliya Rodrigues and Madison Melloy, who both won prizes for their artworks.

PARISH OUTING: TUES 8TH OCTOBER

Please meet at St Bernadette's in the Brisbane Rd bus bay at 8:15am for an 8:30am departure. The bus should return to St Bernadette's around 4:30-5:00pm. Please bring a hat and a bottle of water with you and wear comfortable walking shoes.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr Matthew will be holding an Altar Server training session 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 Thursday 10th Oct at 7pm in the church.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

A life changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic. The journey begins on Wednesday 16th October in the Marian Centre. The gatherings are every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622.

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.

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



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 emu Plains@parracatholic.org



A PARISH HSC PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we bring before you our HSC students.
Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage.
Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.
May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.
We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.
May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

2025 Annuals FOR SALE

LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD



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

DAILY MASS BOOKS

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



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October	This Week
Mon 7th Oct	Public Holiday 8am Mass only
	Parish Outing: Mt Carmel
Tues 8th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 8:00pm
Wed 9th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 10th	Altar Server Training 7pm
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
October	This Month
Thurs 24th Oct	Coffee and Chat
Sun 27th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Readings Next Weekend

12-13 October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Wis 7:7-11

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-27

Feast Days This Week

7 Oct

Our Lady of the Rosary

11 Oct

Saint John 23rd

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MARK 10: 14

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Corazon Flores, Dita Montes, Felicity Allen, Nona Mary Lynch (funeral Tues 8th 11am)

For the Anniversaries of: Martin Centeno, Efren de Leon, Aurora Haboc, Elizabeth Kurian, Angela Crowe, Claramma, Joseph Jacob, Mary and Chris Millgate, Adam and Sofija Sustek

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Marion Heron, Geoff Roney