



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

2-3 Nov 2024 **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Continued from last week

20. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Saint Paul states this succinctly by the use of four verbs: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve" (1 Cor 15:3-5). Christ died, was buried, was raised and appeared. For our sake, Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit, and made of his humanity the first fruits of our eternal salvation. Christian hope consists precisely in this: that in facing death, which appears to be the end of everything, we have the certainty that, thanks to the grace of Christ imparted to us in Baptism, "life is changed, not ended", forever. Buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death, making it a passage to eternity.

The reality of death, as a painful separation from those dearest to us, cannot be mitigated by empty rhetoric. The Jubilee, however, offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama. It is worth reflecting, in the context of the Jubilee, on how that mystery has been understood from the earliest centuries of the Church's life. An example would be the tradition of building baptismal fonts in the shape of an octagon, as seen in many ancient baptisteries, like that of Saint John Lateran in Rome. This was intended to symbolize that Baptism is the dawn of the "eighth day", the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage (cf. Rom 6:22).

The most convincing testimony to this hope is provided by the martyrs. Steadfast in their faith in the risen Christ, they renounced life itself here below, rather than betray their Lord. Martyrs, as confessors of the life that knows no end, are present and numerous in every age, and perhaps even more so in our own day. We need to treasure their testimony, in order to confirm our hope and allow it to bear good fruit.

The martyrs, coming as they do from different Christian traditions, are also seeds of unity, expressions of the ecumenism of blood. I greatly hope that the Jubilee will also include ecumenical celebrations as a way of highlighting the richness of the testimony of these martyrs.

21. What, then, will become of us after death? With Jesus, beyond this threshold we will find eternal life, consisting in full communion with God as we forever contemplate and share in his infinite love. All that we now experience in hope, we shall then see in reality. We are reminded of the words of Saint Augustine: "When I am one with you in all my being, there will be no more pain and toil; my life shall be true life, a life wholly filled by you". What will characterize this fullness of communion? Being happy. Happiness is our human vocation, a goal to which all aspire.

Continued next week

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12PM ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, AND WILL REOPEN 9AM WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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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JUNIOR YOUTH Fri 8th Nov
Treats Only, No Tricks.
 7:00-8:30pm in the Hall.
 Come dressed as your favourite Saint. Prizes to be won.

SENIOR YOUTH Fri 15th Nov
Ready or Not, Here I Come.
 7:00-8:30pm in St Joseph's room.

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.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 17TH NOVEMBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 17th November 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room.



Our guest speakers, Doctor Andrew Tchang will be speaking to us about the topic *End of Life: Modern Healthcare Vs Catholic Teaching.* Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ROSTERS 9-10 NOVEMBER 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Laura Burton Nathan Colaco Hanna Pillai
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthis 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 McLeam	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny & Brian Blacklock	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 11th Nov Jocelyne & Maxime Juste	David Solomons Joe Harney Jeslin Cyriac	Julie James Sandra Emmet	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Lois & John Donnelly



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2024

This year with the current increase in cost of living, there are many families who need our support. We are again asking for the generous support of our parishioners, to help bring the spirit of Christmas into the homes of families that our St Vincent de Paul members visit throughout the year, as well as assisting families through Catholic Care Social Services (CCSS) at Emerton. If you can assist with a donation of a hamper, please take a hamper label from the Church foyer, and return the hampers to the Church on the weekend of **7th and 8th December**. Information is available on the notice board regarding the assembly of the hamper and suggestions for its contents and size. Please be mindful of the weight of hampers. For more info contact Carole on 0438 014 070.



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.

YOUTH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

As we are approaching the end of the year, we are preparing a few things for next year including our leadership team. We are opening opportunities to all young people of our parish (age 16 and above) to grow more in our Catholic faith, to be involved more and be part of our leadership team 2025. We invite you to fill out the nomination form online at <https://forms.gle/DgWLeGB4J846uCFf6>

FUNDRAISER BBQ

The St Bernadette's Refugee Group raised \$890 last weekend. Thank you for your generous support and donations throughout the year to our various groups and ministries. We will be back February 2025.



NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes are available in the foyer for November Mass offerings. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased relatives and friends on the envelope which can be placed in the collection boxes or given in to the Parish Office. From there the names will be put into the "Book of Remembrance" which will be placed on a temporary altar on the Sanctuary throughout November. Masses will be offered during the month of November for our friends and family who have gone before us.



NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2025

Planned Giving envelopes for the next 12 months are available in the foyer. Should you wish to move to credit card or direct debit please contact the parish office.



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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED—CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

If you would like to help with keeping the church clean and tidy, with light duties once every 6 weeks, please contact Andrea Tomic on 0415800160 for further details.

FOR SALE

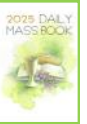


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD

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.



THE LIGHT: ADVENT BOOKS

The Wollongong Diocese Advent Reflection books are available from the bookshop and Parish Office \$7 each. Cash only.

JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2025

With inspirations from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Available from the bookshop. \$13 each. Cash Only.



FR MATTHEW'S FAREWELL

Please join us as we farewell Fr Matthew on Sunday 24th November after the 10:30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

November

This Week

Tues 5th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 6th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 7th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 8th	Junior Youth

November

This Month

Thurs 14th Nov	Food Fiesta meeting
Sun 17th Nov	Young Adults
Sun 24th Nov	Fr Matthew's Farewell
Thurs 28th Nov	Coffee and Chat

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R) I love you Lord, my strength.

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

You must love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30



Readings Next Weekend

9-10 November 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

1 Kg 17:10-16

Second reading

Heb 9:24-28

Gospel

Mk 12:38-44

Feast Days This Week

4 Nov

Saints Charles Borromeo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: V K Scaria, Emma Noronha, Meena Jha

For all the names in the Book of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Andrew Tchang, Minda Robles, Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Michael Ng, Erin Baker