



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,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 6th Dec

6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon

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

30 NOV-1 DEC 2024 *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C*

Hello everyone!

I hope you enjoyed the long reading of the document about the Jubilee Year that will start on the 25th of December this year.

Now we are starting the holy season of Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus, both at the end of times and also his coming in the flesh over two thousand years ago.

For the next four weeks I just want to present some simple articles about four words usually associated with this season of Advent and Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These short articles do not pretend to be an exhaustive study and deep theological reflection but something that we find in the Bible and the particular way how Christians see those words mainly as gifts that God brings to us with his incarnation in Jesus Christ, especially, hopefully it will be something that you can use for your daily prayers and meditations during this season of Advent.

HOPE

By now, I am sure you have read a lot about Christian hope in the document about the proclamation of the Jubilee Year. You might also notice that the Bible almost never uses the word "hope" the way we do. For us, "hope" refers to something like a "wish" or a "dream." But in the Bible, "hope" refers to an "expectation"—a future certainty. Christian hope is when God has promised that something is going to happen, and you put your trust in that promise. Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass because God has promised it will come to pass. The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). This implies that hope, like faith, is also strengthened by the word of God. Hope comes from reading his precious and very great promises and looking to Christ who is our source of hope.

Hope in the Bible

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13)

"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength..." (Isaiah 40:31)

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" (Romans 12:12)

"Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy" (Hebrews 10:23)

Quotes from the Saints

"I plead with you — never, ever give up on hope; never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." (St John Paul II)

"That fear is useful which is buoyed up by hope and is not weighed down by despair." (St Isidore of Seville)

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." (St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

"Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him." (St. John of The Cross)

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.



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For EFT to the First Collection - supporting the priests

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Reference 6006 Your name

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Account Name Castle Hill Catholic Church
Reference Second Collection (Your Name)

SACRAMENTS

For Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation programs for school children please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at sacraments@stbernadette.org.

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 SENIOR YOUTH

Are now on break for the year. We wish you a merry Christmas, and look forward to youth in 2025.

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—NORTHERN DEANERY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTING: WED 18TH DEC

The Young Adults of the Northern Deanery are planning an outing into the city to explore the Christmas lights displays Sydney city has to offer!

Who: all young adults 18-35 yrs are invited

When: Wednesday December 18th 5:30pm till late

Following 5:30pm mass at St Mary's Cathedral in the city, we will grab dinner as a group and explore the Christmas lights Sydney has to offer from Darling Harbour to the Cathedral.

ROSTERS 7-8 DEC 2024

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Laura Burton Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Catherine Chan	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 9th Dec Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	Karl Procter Anne Cheung Joe Morgan	N/A	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel Michelle Gardoni	Nicky Karatsiolis



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2024

Please return all hampers to the Church next Weekend, **7th and 8th December**. The hampers will be sorted on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, and delivered on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th. Please be mindful of the weight of the hampers as they need to be lifted on and off the truck for delivery. **If you are available to help with sorting or distributing Hampers please contact Carole on 0438 014 070.**

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT-tickets on sale now!



On Friday 13th December, the Parish will be holding a Christmas Carols evening in the church.

Tickets on sale \$10 per person. Tickets available for purchase via Trybooking (scan QR Code), at the Parish Office (Cash only) or this



weekend after all masses (cash or EFTPOS) \$10 ticket includes entry, 1 battery candle, 1 bottled water and 1 gingerbread cookie. Dolce Cannoli & Co, Shire Gluten Free, and The Blacktop Coffee will have a variety of goods available for purchase on the night.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 6th December at 12noon followed by a light lunch in the Marian Centre. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after 6:45am mass until 12noon. All welcome. If you require transport please contact Maureen Fearnside on 9634 3329.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-RECONCILIATION 2025



Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, enrolments are now open. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 2 and above (yr 3 2025), who have received the sacrament of Baptism. For enrolment information, please contact the Parish Office at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

Thursday 5th Dec	8:00pm - 9:00pm during Holy Hour	
Saturday 7th Dec	8:30am - 9:00am	4:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 12th Dec	8:00pm - 9:00pm during Holy Hour	
Saturday 14th Dec	8:30am - 9:00am	4:00pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 19th Dec	8:00pm - 9:00pm during Holy Hour	
Saturday 21st Dec	8:30am - 9:00am	4:00pm - 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5:00pm	Children's mass
24th December	7:30pm	Family Mass
Christmas Eve	9:30pm	Youth Mass
	12:00am	midnight mass Carols from 11:30pm
Wednesday	7:30am	
25th December	9:00am	
Christmas Day	10:30am	
	No evening mass on Christmas Day	

PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

**Homeless young mothers
and their children desperately
need your help this Christmas**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will provide practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.



Donation envelopes can be found on the pews and in the Church Foyer. When making donations online, please remember to select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to ensure the donation is attributed to our quota.

FOR SALE

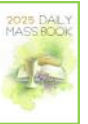


LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD

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.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS \$7

Pack of 10 Christmas cards available from the bookshop after Sunday masses. \$7 each. Cash only.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

December

This Week

Tues 3rd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 4th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 5th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm Confessions available
Fri 6th	First Friday Mass and Adoration
Sat 7th	Vinnies Hampers
Sun 8th	

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Luke 21:28

Readings Next Weekend

7-8 Dec 2024

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Baruch 5:1-9	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11	Lk 3:1-6

Feast Days This Week

3 Dec	Saint Francis Xavier
6 Dec	Saint Nicholas
7 Dec	Saint Ambrose

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Antoinetta Ardizzi (Funeral 9th Dec 11am), Therese Hanna Touk

For the Anniversaries of: Jaime Barreto, Maria Cardoso, Agripina da Silva, João Barreto, Ernestina de Jesus, José da Silva, Celestino Magno, Arminda Cardoso, Domingos Barreto, Aurélia da Costa

In Remembrance of: Henry and Theresa D'Souza

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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