



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

9-10 Nov 2024 *THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

Continued from last week

But what is happiness? What is the happiness that we await and desire? Not some fleeting pleasure, a momentary satisfaction that, once experienced, keeps us longing for more, in a desperate quest that leaves our hearts unsated and increasingly empty. We aspire to a happiness that is definitively found in the one thing that can bring us fulfilment, which is love. Thus, we will be able to say even now: I am loved, therefore I exist; and I will live forever in the love that does not disappoint, the love from which nothing can ever separate me. Let us listen once more to the words of the Apostle: "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39).

22. Another reality having to do with eternal life is God's judgement, both at the end of our individual lives and at the end of history. Artists have often attempted to portray it – here we can think of Michelangelo's magnum opus in the Sistine Chapel – in accordance with the theological vision of their times and with the aim of inspiring a sense of awe in the viewer. We should indeed prepare ourselves consciously and soberly for the moment when our lives will be judged, but we must always do this from the standpoint of hope, the theological virtue that sustains our lives and shields them from groundless fear. The judgement of God, who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8.16), will surely be based on love, and in particular on all that we have done or failed to do with regard to those in need, in whose midst Christ, the Judge himself, is present (cf. Mt 25:31-46). Clearly, then, we are speaking of a judgement unlike any handed down by human, earthly tribunals; it should be understood as a rapport of truth with the God who is love and with oneself, within the unfathomable mystery of divine mercy. Sacred Scripture states: "You have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins, so that... when we are judged, we may expect mercy" (Wis 12:19.22). In the words of Benedict XVI: "At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy".

Judgement, then, concerns the salvation in which we hope and which Jesus has won for us by his death and resurrection. It is meant to bring us to a definitive encounter with the Lord. The evil we have done cannot remain hidden; it needs to be purified in order to enable this definitive encounter with God's love. Here we begin to see the need of our prayers for all those who have ended their earthly pilgrimage, our solidarity in an intercession that is effective by virtue of the communion of the saints, and the shared bond that makes us one in Christ, the firstborn of all creation. The Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy.

23. Indeed, the indulgence is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms "mercy" and "indulgence" were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds.

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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JUNIOR YOUTH

Fri 22nd Nov
Unwrapping Christmas
 7:00-8:30pm in the Hall.

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 16-17 NOVEMBER 2024

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	Micheal Abrahams Danielle Vassallo Raymond Pak	Hanna Pillai Brandon Leyba
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary MacMahon Bernard Home Pauline Homes	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Catherine Chan	Margaret Stedman	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 18th Nov Marie Woodward Elaine Small	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	Nina Irwin Jenny Blacklock	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home	Jane Ng



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.

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.

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 via Trybooking (scan QR Code) or at the Parish Office (Cash only) \$10 ticket includes entry, 1 battery candle, 1 bottled water and 1 gingerbread cookie.



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.

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.



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.

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 0415 800 160 for further details.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP 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/DqWLeGB4J846uCFf6>

November 16-17

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend Vinnies will be making their Christmas Appeal. Envelopes will be available on the pews and in the foyer, and Vinnies members will have donation buckets available at the doors to the church. Please give generously.

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.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

November	This Week
Tues 12th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 13th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 14th	Food Fiesta meeting Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 15th	Senior Youth
Sun 17th	Young Adults
November	This Month
Sun 24th Nov	Fr Matthew's Farewell
Thurs 28th Nov	Coffee and Chat

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Readings Next Weekend

16-17 November 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
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Dan 12:1-3	Heb 10:11-14	Mk 13:24-32
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Feast Days This Week

11 Nov	Saints Martin of Tours
12 Nov	Saint Josaphat
15 Nov	Saint Albert the Great
16 Nov	Saint Gertrude
	Saint Margaret of Scotland

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

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

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