



## ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH

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### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 27th Jan

8am only

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

# THE MASSABIELLE

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

25-26 JAN 2025 *AUSTRALIA DAY*

Hello Everybody!

As I mentioned last week, we are already at the beginning of the Ordinary time, this time gives us the chance to reflect on the mystery of the incarnation and the salvific work that Jesus has done for us. In the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, in the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy known as *Sacrosanctum Concilium* we read that the "Holy Church celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year with sacred remembrance. Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, she commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity, together with his blessed Passion. In fact, throughout the course of the year the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and observes the birthdays of the Saints. (no. 1)"



Since I have started writing these little articles and sharing some of the Church's documents with you, I have seen this, as an opportunity to learn more about our Faith and our holy tradition as Catholics. Sometimes, themes to write about come very easily, sometimes it takes more time to think about something you might find relevant to your faith.

This year, I thought it would be a good idea to write about some of the saints that the church celebrates throughout the year. Some weeks we have feast and memorials almost every day, however some other days, it might be a bit more difficult. I hope you enjoy the readings for this year.

In the coming week we will be celebrating Saints Timothy and Titus and St Angela Merici on the 27<sup>th</sup>; then St. Thomas Aquinas on the 28<sup>th</sup> and St John Bosco on the 31<sup>st</sup>. This week, I would like to focus on St Thomas Aquinas.

St Thomas Aquinas was born around the year 1224/25 in Roccasecca, near Aquino in the Kingdom of Sicily (now Italy). He died on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March in 1274 in Fossanova, near Terracina, Latium, Papal States. He was canonized on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1323 and before the reforms to the Liturgical Calendar, his feast was celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Since this date commonly falls within Lent, the 1969 revision of the calendar moved his memorial to 28 January, the date of the translation of his relics to Church of the Jacobins, Toulouse.

St Thomas Aquinas was a member of the Order of St Dominic, known as the Dominicans. He developed his own conclusions from Aristotelian premises, notably in the metaphysics of personality, creation, and Providence. As a theologian, he was responsible in his two masterpieces, the *Summa theologiae* and the *Summa contra gentiles*, for the classical systematization of Latin theology, and, as a poet, he wrote some of the most gravely beautiful eucharistic hymns in the church's liturgy. The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by Thomas Aquinas, to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Having recognized in 1264 the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, on the input of Aquinas, the pontiff, then living in Orvieto, established the feast of Corpus Christi as a Solemnity and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church. St Thomas Aquinas is credited for creating the Hymns and Prayers we use on the day.

Pope Pius V proclaimed St. Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church on 15 April 1567, and ranked his feast with those of the four great Latin fathers: Ambrose, Augustine of Hippo, Jerome, and Gregory. At the Council of Trent, Thomas had the honour of having his *Summa Theologiae* placed on the altar alongside the Bible and the Decretals.

All these, speak briefly on the importance and influence St Thomas Aquinas has given to the Church. A short article like this in a parish bulletin is not enough to mention his achievements and his contributions to our understanding of the mystery of faith. St Thomas Aquinas is known as the patron saint of Universities and Students.

As our students are ready to return to school in these coming days, we ask the intercession of St Thomas to help them in the year ahead.

St Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!



Peace in Jesus

*Fr. Fernando Montano*

### 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

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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### JUNIOR YOUTH SENIOR YOUTH

We will be kicking off our year with a combined Junior and Senior youth Welcome Back BBQ on Friday 21st February at 7pm.

### YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study will return Wednesday 5th February at 7:30pm. Fr Neil will be joining us for Lectio Divina on the coming weeks readings.



### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 16TH FEBRUARY

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 16th February 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Guest Speaker Fr Neil will be speaking to us about "Knowing Me, Knowing You" Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).



### YOUTH LEADERS MEETING

Interested in getting involved in Youth Ministry? Please come along to our first meeting for 2025 with Fr. Neil on Friday 31st Jan at 6pm in the St. Joseph's room. Please RSVP to Puspa at [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).

## ROSTERS 1-2 FEBRUARY 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
<b>Lectors</b>	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Shane Robinson	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Jackson Ryan Nathan Colaco
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	Remy de Leon Patricia Chia Rason Chia
<b>Bookshop</b>	Marjorie Anderson	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>Church Linen</b>
Olivia Cheng	Mon 3rd February Christine and Hubert Jenneke	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem	Jane Ng

### AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This **Monday 27th January**, there will be **8am Mass** only, and the church will be closed after Mass. The Parish Office will be closed. The church and Office will reopen as per normal Tuesday 28th Jan.



### REKINDLE THE SPARK WORKSHOP SATURDAY 8TH FEB

Join with other married couples looking to rekindle the spark by improving communication and understanding. The day will commence 9:30am at St Bernadette's Castle Hill with morning tea and a wine & cheese afternoon tea provided. Please BYO lunch. The cost for the day is \$30 per couple to cover resources. Please RSVP to Carolyn on 0425 329 609 by Friday 31st January.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-RECONCILIATION 2025

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, **Registrations close Thursday 20th February**. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 3 (2025) and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism. For enrolment information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or via email at [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au)

### CHILDRN'S LITURGY-9am MASS

Our Children's Liturgy program will be returning shortly for 2025. We are looking for more volunteers to join the roster to run the lessons for the children. Commitment 1-2 lessons per term. All worksheets and readings are provided. Children are split into younger (kindy-yr2) and older (yr3-6) groups, with one teacher on each age group. Lessons run approx. 15-20 minutes. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au)



### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, or Communion to the Sick. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or [nancy@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:nancy@stbernadette.org.au). Registrations close 28th January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.



### JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Parramatta invites young people to join them on its official pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome in July 2025. The Diocesan pilgrimage will take place over 18 days from 19 July to 5 August 2025 and will include a visit to Greece to follow in the footsteps of Saint Paul, before traveling onto the Jubilee of Youth in Rome. For more information visit <https://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025/>

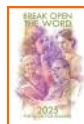
### BACK TO SCHOOL 2025

As our teachers and students prepare to return back to school we wish them a god year ahead with lots of learning. May they be inspired to study and reach their full potential.



School zones recommence Friday 31st January.

### FOR SALE

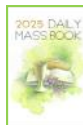


### LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD

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.



### CATECHISTS WANTED



We are incredibly fortunate to still have the opportunity to go into the local public schools and spread the Word of God with primary school students at a number of public schools in our area. As the number of families in the Hills continues to grow, so does the number of students attending Public Schools.

St Bernadette's currently provide Catechist teachers to 5 local public schools, and we are looking for more teachers to assist in this growing need. All our teachers are provided with the training and support required, as well as the lesson plans and resources used in the classroom.

Our volunteer teachers currently consist of a fantastic team of parents, grandparents and young adults from various backgrounds, careers and experiences. We are looking for volunteers who are available to take a half-hour lesson on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at one of our local public school. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

### January

### This Week

Mon 27th	Australia Day Public Holiday <b>8am mass</b> <b>Church closed after Mass. Office closed</b>
Tues 28th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Thurs 30th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 31st Jan	Youth Leaders Meeting 6pm

### February

### Next Month

Wed 5th Feb	Young Adults Bible Study
Fri 7th Feb	First Friday Mass and Adoration
Sun 16th Feb	Young Adults: Fr Neil
Thurs 20th Feb	Reconciliation Registrations close
Fri 21st Feb	Youth welcome back BBQ

## Today's Readings

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to you, for your mercy reaches to the heavens, and your truth to the skies.

### **First Reading Isaiah 32:15-18**

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9**

(R) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget his benefits.

### ***Readings Next Weekend***

***1-2 February 2025***  
***The Presentation of the Lord Year C***

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Mal 3:1-4	Heb 2:14-18	Lk 2:22-40

### ***Feast Days This Week***

<b>26 Jan</b>	Australia Day
<b>27 Jan</b>	Saints Timothy and Titus, Saint Angela Mericia
<b>28 Jan</b>	Saint Thomas Aquinas
<b>31 Jan</b>	Saint John Bosco

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF**

Recently Deceased: Peg (Margaret) McNamee, Margaret Jordan (funeral Tues 28th 10am)

For the Anniversaries of: Rod Tubin, Hermine Eberhaut, Malwina Ratajszczak

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Joseph Victor Poon