



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

8-9 MARCH 2025 *FIRSTS SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C*

Continued from last week



This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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)". Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (1 Tim 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (The Exclamations of the Soul to God, 15:3).

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 February 2025 Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs.

POPE FRANCIS

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025



Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **unite against poverty**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Donations can be made online via the QR Code or at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/castle-hill-catholic-parish-2154>



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 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



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On Instagram

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On Facebook

@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
@St Bernadette's Young Adults

JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 21st March
7:00pm-8:30pm in the hall.
Making Room for Jesus

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 14th March
7:00pm-8:30pm
in the St Joseph's room
Road To Heaven: one or many?

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study is held every Wednesday evening 7:30-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room.
We will be using the Sydney Archdiocese 2025 Lenten Companion: Let Your Will Be Done not mine



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 16TH MARCH

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 16th March 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room.
Brandon Leyba will be sharing with us on the topic Imago Dei: Intellect and Will.
Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 15-16 MARCH 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Wayne Vergano Jacie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Sherryl Rozario	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Hanna Pillai Brandon Leyba Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Bill Lee	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Bernadette Boulos Sylvia Rego	Anabel Formosa Laura Burton Brendan Hassan
Bookshop	Marjorie Anderson	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 17th March Christine and Hubert Jenneke	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	Jody Masina Jenny Blacklock	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem	Belinda Yapp

Congratulations

to John and Pauline Camilleri who, this week, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless them with many more years ahead.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025

We will be holding a Parent Information Night on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

St Bernadette's School P&F will be running a working bee on Saturday 22nd March 8am-12pm to tidy up the school/parish grounds. All volunteer help appreciated. Main focus will be trimming and tidying gardens, especially the shared carpark, and a variety of tasks, both light and heavy duty. BYO gloves, wear suitable footwear & clothes. RSVP is appreciated (but not required). For more details please contact Steve Lavis (0407 280 290) .



CALLING ALL FILIPINO'S

Fr Menard is looking for Filipino's to run a stall at the Food Fiesta on Sunday 8th June. For more info please see Fr Menard.



METANOIA LENTEN PROGRAM

This year we will be facilitating the Wollongong Diocese METANOIA Lenten program in 2 sessions. Fr Menard will be running the program on Thursday mornings at 10am in the St Joseph's Room. Fr Ravi will be running the program on Thursday nights at 7pm in the Marian Centre. Books are available for purchase for \$10 each (cash only) through the parish office or on the day/night while stock lasts.

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR:

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00pm-9:00pm every Thursday evening. Reconciliation will be available during Lent.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be reflecting on the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church. Reconciliation will be available during this time.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Would you like to do something extra during Lent? Come to the Tuesday morning Group at 10 am in Marian Centre. We go through the Sunday Mass Readings and see what we can learn from them. For more information contact Pauline Camilleri on 0407417039.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning bible study Group at 10am in Marian Centre. For more information contact Jill on 0437 307 832

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

meets at the De La Salle Brothers Chapel, 26 Foley Place, Castle Hill, Thursday Evenings 7.15pm-8.15pm. Newcomers very welcome for more information contact Lesley Maker on 0433 051 969 or email lesleyandjohn48@gmail.com

PASSION PLAY 2025

The youth and young adults of the parish present the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday (18th April 2025) at 9:30am and 12noon. All high school aged students and young adults are invited to be involved in this year's Passion Play. There are a number of roles, both speaking and non-speaking, and we are eager to have as many participants as possible. For more information contact the Parish Office. To sign up please scan the QR code or email ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW - KINDERGARTEN 2026

We warmly welcome new families to join our school community. Register for our upcoming Open Day/ School Tours via our school website at

<https://info.parra.catholic.edu.au/open-day/stbernadetteschill>

If you require any further information, please contact the school office on 02 9407 6600.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

March	This Week
Tues 11th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 12th	Wednesday Morning Bible study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 13th	METANOIA Lenten Program 10am
	METANOIA Lenten Program 7pm
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 14th	Senior Youth: Road to Heaven
	Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

March	This Month
Fri 21st March	Junior Youth: Making Room for Jesus
	Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
Sun 23rd March	Fundraiser BBQ: P&F
Tues 25th March	First Holy Communion Parent Information Night 7pm
Thurs 27th March	Coffee and Chat: Safeguarding
	Food Fiesta Meeting 7pm

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Luke 4:1-13

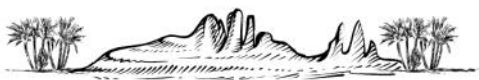
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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LUKE 4:1



Readings Next Weekend

15-16 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Gen 15:5-12, 17-18	Phil 3:17-4:1	Lk 9:28-36

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Charbel Haddad, Michael Darcy, Francis Bailey, Faye Torrijos-Wong

For the Anniversaries of: Elvira Roncal, Eddy Wallace, Jey Thirukumar

In Remembrance Maria Corazon-Cruz-Vincente, Efren De Leon, Roger Bravo

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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