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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 21st April

8:00am

Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am,

Friday 25th April

8:00am

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

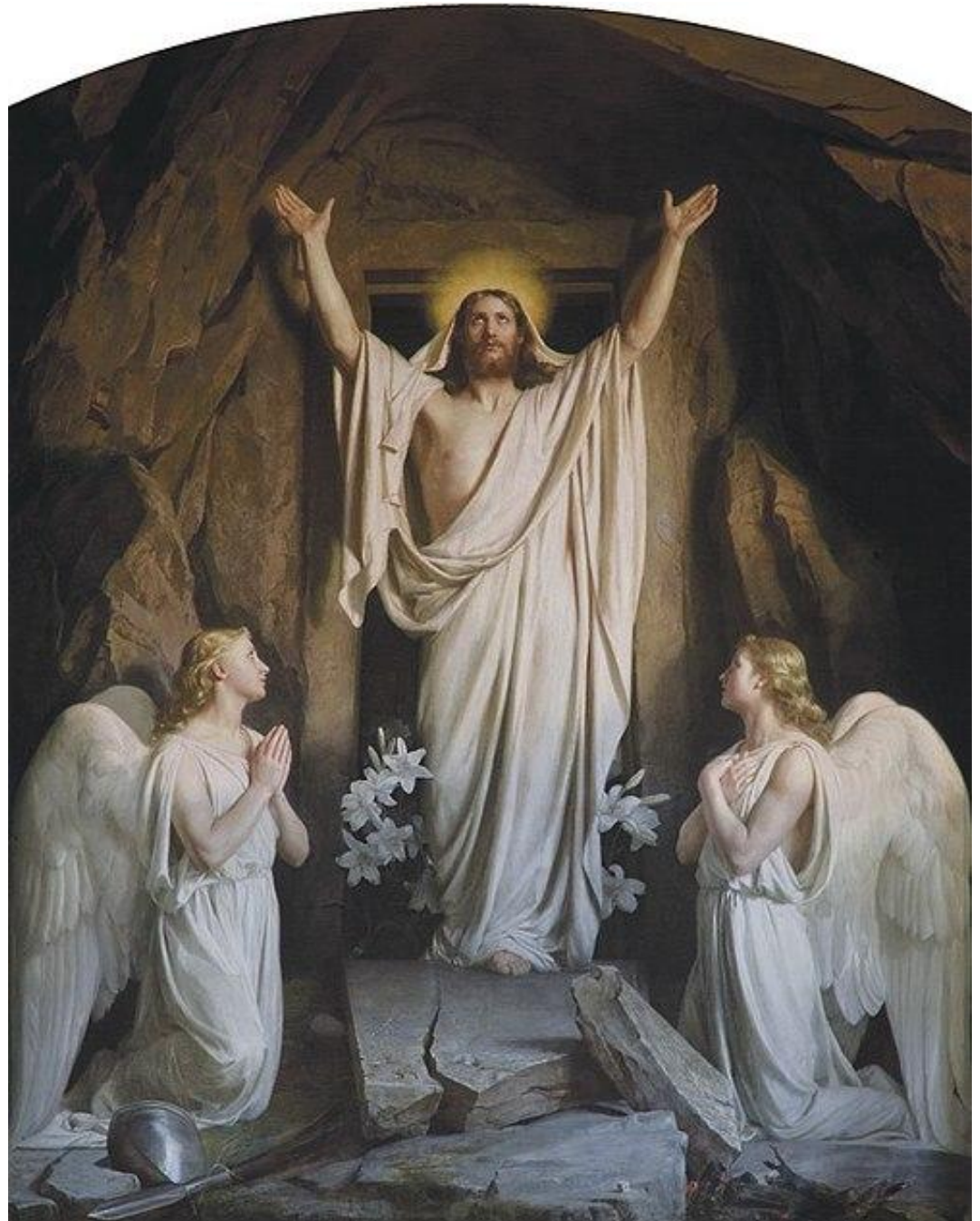
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THE MASSABIELLE

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

20 APRIL 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR C



The Resurrection by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1881

EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL

Public Holiday. 8am Mass only.

Church closed after Mass. Parish Office closed.

Church and office will reopen as per usual Tuesday 22nd April.



Friday 25th April ANZAC Day public holiday.

Mass 8am only. Church closed after Mass. Parish Office closed.

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

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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

St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill
Youth

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JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

On break for Easter holidays. We will return in Term 2. Keep an eye out for further details and dates.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

On break for Easter holidays. We will return in Term 2. Keep an eye out for further details and dates.

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.

MOTHEHS' DAY FLOWERS FUNDRAISER

Our youth will be holding their annual Mothers' Day flower stall on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May. A range of bouquets, single stems and boxed arrangements will be for sale, as well as variety of chocolates and cards.

PASSION PLAY

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's Passion Play. Keep an eye out for the photographs taken by the Diocese photographer.

ROSTERS 26-27 APRIL 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Danielle Vassallo Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa
Communion Ministers	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 Jayaraj Winslow	Mandy Leong Don de Leon Puspa Winendiah
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 28th April Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Karl Procter Anne Cheung Joe Morgan	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem	Tess De Santo

Dear sisters and brothers,

The Resurrection isn't simply something we look forward to in the afterlife! The Resurrection of Christ affects us right now, existentially and fundamentally.

This is what happened at our Baptism. We didn't simply go into the water to express our intent to die to sin and then come out of the water to express our intent to try to live a new life anchored in Christ. There's more to it than that.

Jesus didn't die a peaceful death in his sleep. His body was subject to torture and humiliation in the last hours of his life. On the cross, he was naked, beaten, tormented and completely broken. But in death, Jesus underwent a total transformation. On Good Friday he was a wreck, and on Easter Sunday his broken body was transfigured. As St Paul puts it, "the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality".

The crucifixion, death and glorious Resurrection of Jesus teach us that our human existence is not simply extended. It is transformed by virtue of our being made one with him. Christ emerged from the tomb with a transformed, human, risen life. We emerged from our Baptism with a participation in the same life Christ received when he rose from the dead.

This is the only life Christ has, and it is this life that he gives to us: his transformed, human, and risen life.

Think about it. This is the life that is nourished within us at every Eucharist. At the Eucharist we join with Christ in his dying and rising. At Communion we come forward and sacramentally unite with the Risen Christ. What we celebrate at Easter then is too big to be put into mere words. That's why the main Easter celebration - the Easter Vigil - is full of symbols: darkness, light, fire, the Easter Candle, water, oil, Baptisms, Confirmations, Alleluia's, music everywhere.

That's why we have all those readings that tell the core stories of Creation, Abraham, the Exodus, and the prophets... And to really appreciate what we celebrate at Easter time, let's never forget to think of the real people who have died: our parents, grandparents, children, loved ones, victims of war and violence.

As we ponder and pray about our loved ones gone before us 'marked with the sign of faith', we take in all these symbols, and the full realisation comes over us, "They're alive, really living. They're with God. They're with us in a living bond, and a love that still runs back and forth between us." And somewhere deep down inside us we say, "I really believe this. I know it to be true."

Of course, we can only dare to believe in such a great mystery - because of our hope in Jesus of Nazareth.

Perhaps that is why Pope Francis calls us in this Jubilee year of 2025 to deepen our hope. He wants us to become people of hope and encourage our fellow pilgrims on the journey of faith.

That's not so easy at times! For so many in our chaotic world of 2025 - especially marginalised communities - life seems so hopeless, unjust and unfair. And our beautiful planet is being hopelessly damaged by those who put greed, self-interest and personal ambition before God.

But take heart! Christ by his dying on the cross and his rising to a transformed human life, has opened the door of hope, and shown the way for us all. Let us live the hope of the Resurrection here and now as we journey towards its fulfilment in God's Kingdom.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Wishing you and your families a blessed and holy Easter.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Congratulations to our three RCIA candidates, Bitu, Adrian, and Keiran, who, on Holy Saturday, received the Sacraments of Initiation and were welcomed as full members of the Catholic Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025

Enrolments close 23rd April for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for 2025. Please note the

Monday session is now **full**. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacraments 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



PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

Please return your Project Compassion box ASAP to support Caritas Australia. We kindly ask you to convert coins to notes where possible. Donations can also be made via the QR code.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

April

This Week

Tues 22nd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 23rd	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 24th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 25th April	ANZAC Day- public holiday. 8am Mass only. Church closed after mass. Parish Office closed.

May

Next Month

Thurs 1st May	Food Fiesta Meeting
Fri 2nd May	First Friday Mass and Anointing
Sat 3rd May	Sisters of Belarus stall
Sun 4th May	
Sat 10th May	Mothers' Day Flowers- Youth fundraiser
Sun 11th May	
Thur 22nd May	Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

26-27 April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

Second reading

Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31



Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Michael Whitbread, Patrick Chong, Michael Shield

Anniversaries: Yolanda Roxas, Miriam Alsakka, Alan Ozolins, C.C Varghese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pope Francis, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Sylvia Fagan

Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Mita Dela Pena, Neil Carr-Boyd, Annette, Michael Wilson, Yvonne Back