



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

5-6 APRIL 2025 *FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C*

Please take a copy of the Massabielle with you for Holy Week Mass times.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday 12/13 April

Saturday 5pm Vigil,
Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Wednesday 16th April

Morning masses 6:45am, 9:15am
Chrism Mass 7:30pm at St Patrick's
Cathedral Parramatta

Holy Thursday 17th April

No morning mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday 18th April

No morning mass
Stations of the Cross 9:30am and
12noon
Stations of the Cross acted out by the
youth of the parish.
Both sessions last approx. 1hr
Passion of the Lord Liturgy 3pm
Reconciliation 10:30am-2:30pm.
No reconciliation after 3pm Liturgy

Easter Vigil 19th April

**No morning mass, No Reconciliation
on Holy Saturday**
Blessing of the Easter Food 11am
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 20th April

Masses as per normal – 7:30am, 9am,
10:30am and 6pm

Easter Monday 21st April

Public Holiday.
8am mass only. Church closed after
mass. Parish Office closed.

Church and office open as per usual Tuesday 22nd April.



Friday 25th April ANZAC Day public holiday.

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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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)

Friday 11th April 7pm-8:30pm in the St Joseph's room
Faith in the time of algorithms

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 are using the Sydney Archdiocese Lenten Companion: Let Your Will Be Done not mine

PASSION PLAY 2025

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To sign up please scan the QR code or email ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 12-13 APRIL 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	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	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Radheen Wettasinghe
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Anabel Formosa Brennie Hassan Jane Lapidario
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A	Mon 14th Apr Jocelyn and Maxime Juste	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	N/A	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Tess De Santo

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FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING
IN OUR PRISONS
AND HOSPITALS**

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or scan the QR code



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Donations can be made via envelopes on the pews or online via the QR code or at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thanks to your generous donations, we have already raised \$1665. When making online donations, please select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to ensure your donation is attributed to our parish quota.

 **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025**

Enrolments are now open for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for 2025. 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


HOUSE OF WELCOME

This year as part of our Holy Thursday Mass, we will be collecting non-perishable donations for the House of Welcome. During the Offertory procession there will be an opportunity to place donations into tubs on the sanctuary steps. The House of Welcome are looking for donations of canned, long-life and dry foods (rice, flour, lentils etc), toiletries and cleaning products. For more details of donations please see the parish noticeboard in the foyer. They **do not** need donations of tinned soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti (they already have an abundance of these items). No alcohol or fresh produce please.




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 **PROJECT COMPASSION 2025**

Please return your Project Compassion box on Holy Thursday to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **unite against poverty**.

Donations can be made online via the QR Code or at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/castle-hill-catholic-parish-2154>



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

This Sunday 6th April our clocks will move back one hour, giving us all an extra hour's sleep.




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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.

CALLING ALL BUILDERS

We are looking for builders who can help repair the damage to the portico of the church. If you are able to provide us with a quote for the work involved, please contact the Parish office.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

April	This Week
Tues 8th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 9th	Wednesday Morning Bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 10th	METANOIA Lenten Program 10am METANOIA Lenten Program 7pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 11th	Senior Youth: faith in the time of algorithms Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
Sun 13th	Passion Play rehearsals 12noon
April	This Month
Fri 25th April	ANZAC Day– public holiday. 8am Mass only. Church closed after mass. Parish Office closed.

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

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

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

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

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Communion Antiphon:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

IF THERE IS ONE OF YOU WHO HAS
NOT SINNED, LET HIM BE THE
FIRST TO THROW A STONE AT HER.'



John 8:7

Readings Next Weekend

12-13 April 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Lk 22:14-23:56

Feast Days This Week

7 April
11 April

Saint John Baptiste de la Salle
Saint Stanislaus

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Noel Miller

Anniversaries: Jean Burridge, Kevin Smith, Joe Younis, Alma Ozolins, Mathai Kurian, Regina Figueira, Peter Gordon

In Remembrance: Achille and Margherita Forestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pope Francis, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles,
Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Mita Dela Pena, Neil Carr-Boyd, Annette Ng