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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

THE MASSABIELLE

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

3-4 MAY 2025 *THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C*

Hello everyone!

The Church continues to mourn the death of Pope Francis and reflecting on his words and legacy for the universal Church. At the same time, Catholics have been asked to offer prayers and sacrifices for the upcoming Conclave, we are invited to offer our prayers for the Cardinals who will have to make this important decision for the church of Christ.

This week, I would like to offer you the first homily that Pope Francis gave as a newly elected Pope, he gave this homily to the College of Cardinals on the following day after his election as the successor of St Peter.

The Missa pro Ecclesia-Mass for the Church- was said and the summary of the readings tells us that the first reading was from the Book of the Prophet, Isaiah: "And in the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be prepared on the top of mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it."

The Responsorial Psalm was taken from Psalm 97: "Let us sing to the LORD a new song". The Second Reading was from the 1st Letter of St Peter: "you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." The Gospel reading was from St Matthew: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Pope then said on his first homily: "In these three readings I see that there is something in common: it is movement. In the first reading, movement is the journey [itself]; in the second reading, movement is in the up-building of the Church. In the third, in the Gospel, the movement is in [the act of] profession: walking, building, professing.

Walking: The House of Jacob. "O house of Jacob, Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." This is the first thing God said to Abraham: "Walk in my presence and be blameless." Walking: our life is a journey and when we stop, there is something wrong. Walking always, in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, seeking to live with that blamelessness, which God asks of Abraham, in his promise.

Building: to build the Church. There is talk of stones: stones have consistency, but [the stones spoken of are] living stones, stones anointed by the Holy Spirit. Build up the Church, the Bride of Christ, the cornerstone of which is the same Lord. With [every] movement in our lives, let us build!

Third, professing: we can walk as much we want, we can build many things, but if we do not confess Jesus Christ, nothing will avail. We will become a pitiful NGO, but not the Church, the Bride of Christ. When one does not walk, one stalls. When one does not build on solid rocks, what happens? What happens is what happens to children on the beach when they make sandcastles: everything collapses, it is without consistency. When one does not profess Jesus Christ—I recall the phrase of Leon Bloy—"Whoever does not pray to God, prays to the devil." When one does not profess Jesus Christ, one professes the worldliness of the devil.

Walking, building-constructing, professing: the thing, however, is not so easy, because in walking, in building, in professing, there are sometimes shake-ups—there are movements that are not part of the path: there are movements that pull us back.

This Gospel continues with a special situation. The same Peter who confessed Jesus Christ, says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I will follow you but let us not speak of the Cross. This has nothing to do with it." He says, "I'll follow you on other ways, that do not include the Cross." When we walk without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, and when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly, we are bishops, priests, cardinals, Popes, but not disciples of the Lord.

I would like that all of us, after these days of grace, might have the courage—the courage—to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Cross of the Lord: to build the Church on the Blood of the Lord, which is shed on the Cross, and to profess the one glory, Christ Crucified. In this way, the Church will go forward.

My hope for all of us is that the Holy Spirit, that the prayer of Our Lady, our Mother, might grant us this grace: to walk, to build, to profess Jesus Christ Crucified. So be it."

As we reflect on the words of the Pope, I will invite you to offer your prayers for the Conclave. I found this prayer that I would like to recommend for your daily use during this time and during the length of the Conclave.

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave.

Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition.

Amen.



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.



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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.

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)

Our Junior youth will be kicking off Term 2 this Friday 9th May with an Easter Party! 7:00pm-8:30pm in the hall.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Senior youth returns for Term 2 next Friday 16th May with a social games night. 7:00pm-8:30pm in the St Joseph's room.

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 reading through the coming Sunday's readings through Lectio Divina.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 18TH MAY



Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) Sunday 18th May 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room. Rhiannon Athaide will be talking to us about "Navigating Modern Psychology" Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 10-11 MAY 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina John Fernando Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Edwin Zambrano Raymond Pak	Michelle Barreto Laura burton Radheen Wettasinghe
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Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 12th May Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	Julie James Lolita Suyko	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel Michelle Gardoni	Mandy Leong





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**Thurs 22nd May
after 9:15am mass
in the Marian Centre**

Donations at the door.
Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
\$5 donations to join in games
Prizes to be won!



MOTHERS' 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. This year, we will also be selling a range of baked goods, along with our usual chocolate bouquets. Prices from \$5. Cash and EFTPOS available.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH SPIRIT TASTING FUNDRAISER

We will be hosting a Spirit Tasting fundraiser event on Friday 11th July at 7pm in the hall. Locally based JANCE Distillery will be sharing a variety of spirits and information with us. Tickets on sale now via the QR code \$30pp, \$50 per couple or \$180 per table of 8. Charcuterie boxes will also be available for pre-order.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding department will be holding Face-to-face training at St Bernadette's on Saturday 24th May for all those needing to complete modules 4 & 5. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, contact safeguarding@parracatholic.org

CALLING ALL PERFORMERS

If you are interested in performing at this years Food Fiesta on Sunday 8th June, please contact Steve Lavis on 0407280290 or stevenlavis1@gmail.com. We would love to showcase different cultural dancers, singers and performers.

Save the Dates

Sun 8th June	Pentecost Food Fiesta 11am-3pm in the school grounds Huge range of international foods Performances by schools, cultural groups and parishioners
Thurs 12th June – 31st July	Bible Study Fr Fernando will be running an 8 week course on Hebrews.
Fri 11th July	Spirit Tasting fundraiser Locally based JANCE Distillery will be sharing a variety of spirits and information with us. Tickets now on sale! See above for ticket details.
Thurs 11th September	Parish Outing Join Nancy and Fr Menard on an outing to Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow, one of the Jubilee pilgrimage sites.
Tues 4th November	Melbourne Cup The Parish Council will be hosting a Melbourne Cup function at the Heritage House, Kenthurst. Tickets on sale soon
Fri 19th December	Parish Christmas Carols Join us for Christmas Carols and reflections in the church. Performances from our local schools and parish choirs.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

May	This Week
Tues 6th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 7th	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 8th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 9th	Junior youth: Easter Party
Sat 10th	Mothers' Day Flowers– Youth fundraiser
Sun 11th	
May	This Month
Fri 16th May	Senior youth: social Games night
Thurs 22nd May	Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea
Sat 24th May	Safeguarding Training: Modules 4 & 5
Sun 25th May	Fundraiser BBQ: Football Club
Fri 30th May	Liturgy of Life

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

Communion Antiphon:

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

10-11 May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 13:14, 43-52	Rev 7:9, 14-17	Jn 10:27-30

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Robert John Faehrmann

Anniversaries: Luis Alberto Rovayo, Lee Wickramasinghe, P E Thomas, Mary Magdaline Ariyanayagam

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Sylvia Fagan, Marion Heron,
Geoff Roney, Mita Dela Pena, Neil Carr-Boyd, Annette Ng, Michael Wilson, Yvonne Back, Rick Green