



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

21-22 MARCH 2026 *THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A*

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Monday 30th March	Tenebrae: St. Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta 7:30pm
Wednesday 1st April	Morning masses 6:45am, 9:15am Chrism Mass 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta
Holy Thursday 2nd April	<u>No morning mass</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Good Friday 3rd April	<u>No morning mass</u> 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 Good Friday Night Walk 9pm-7am St Patrick's Church, Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
Holy Saturday 4th April	<u>No morning mass, No Reconciliation</u> Blessing of the Easter Food 11am Vigil Mass 7:00pm
Easter Sunday 5th April	Masses as per normal -7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm
Easter Monday 6th April	8am mass only. Public Holiday 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

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.au

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 Facebook

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

JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

are now on break for the Easter Holidays. Keep an eye out for Term 2 details!

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 27th March 7:00-8:30pm
 In the St Joseph's Room
 This Friday we will be discussing the Stations of the Cross

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.

PASSION PLAY 2026

The youth and young adults of the parish present the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday (3rd April) at 9:30am and 12noon. All high school aged students and young adults are invited to be involved. For more information contact ym@stbernadette.org.au.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 19TH APRIL

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 19th April 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall. Guest speaker Denis Setiyo will be sharing on "living against the grain" Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 28-29 MARCH 2026

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	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Amber McLean	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Anabel Formosa Jane Lapidario
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahan Bernard Home Pauline Home	Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee +1	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	Darren Edwards Remy de Leon Dess Gutierrez
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	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 30th March Conni and Garry Tierney	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	N/A	Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem Laurie Burridge	Tess De Santo



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2026

Enrolments are now open for First Holy Communion 2026. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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

If you require any further information, please call 9407 6600.



PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

St Bernadette's Football Club are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this Sunday. Bacon & Egg Rolls \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.

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. They **do not** need donations of tinned soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti (they have an abundance of these items). No alcohol or fresh produce please.



CARPARK MAINTENANCE

The top carpark will be unavailable for parking over the next few Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am-2pm.

We are having work done on the gardens and several parking spaces will be blocked off during these times for safety. The carpark will still be available for morning masses, but please do not leave cars parked in the top section of the carpark on these days.

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR:

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



FRIDAY 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.

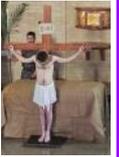
COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this Thursday morning after the 9.15am mass. All welcome. Guest speaker Pamela Chedid is a catholic author and speaker who was inspired by the love she felt for Christ to write poetry to glorify Him. She experienced the tragedy of stillbirth, but out of her suffering Christ showed her that a greater good was coming. "Letters to Heaven" is her first official book. She hopes to inspire others with her poetry and that her testimony will encourage others to seek their own relationship with Christ.



PASSION PLAY 2026

The youth and young adults of the parish present the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday (3rd April) 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. Rehearsals will be held at 7pm on Sunday 22nd and 29th March. For more information contact the Parish Office at ym@stbernadette.org.au or speak to Fr Menard.



CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to register for the walk, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/gfnw/>

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
March	This Week
Tues 24th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 25th	Wednesday morning bible study
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 26th	Coffee and Chat: Pamela Chedid
	Lenten Program with Fr Menard 7pm
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 27th	Senior Youth: Stations of the Cross
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April	Next Month
Sat 11th April	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Wed 13th April	Communion registrations close

Readings Next Weekend		
28-29 March 2026		
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Mt 26:14-27:66

Feast Days This Week	
25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord

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 Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.'

The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Dolly Michael, Ronald Lewis Cross, Joan Panutti

Anniversaries: Nanette D'Arcy, Thomas George Kalluparambil

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Steven Ziraj, Tien Phung