



THE MASSABIELLE

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

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 6th April

8:00am

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

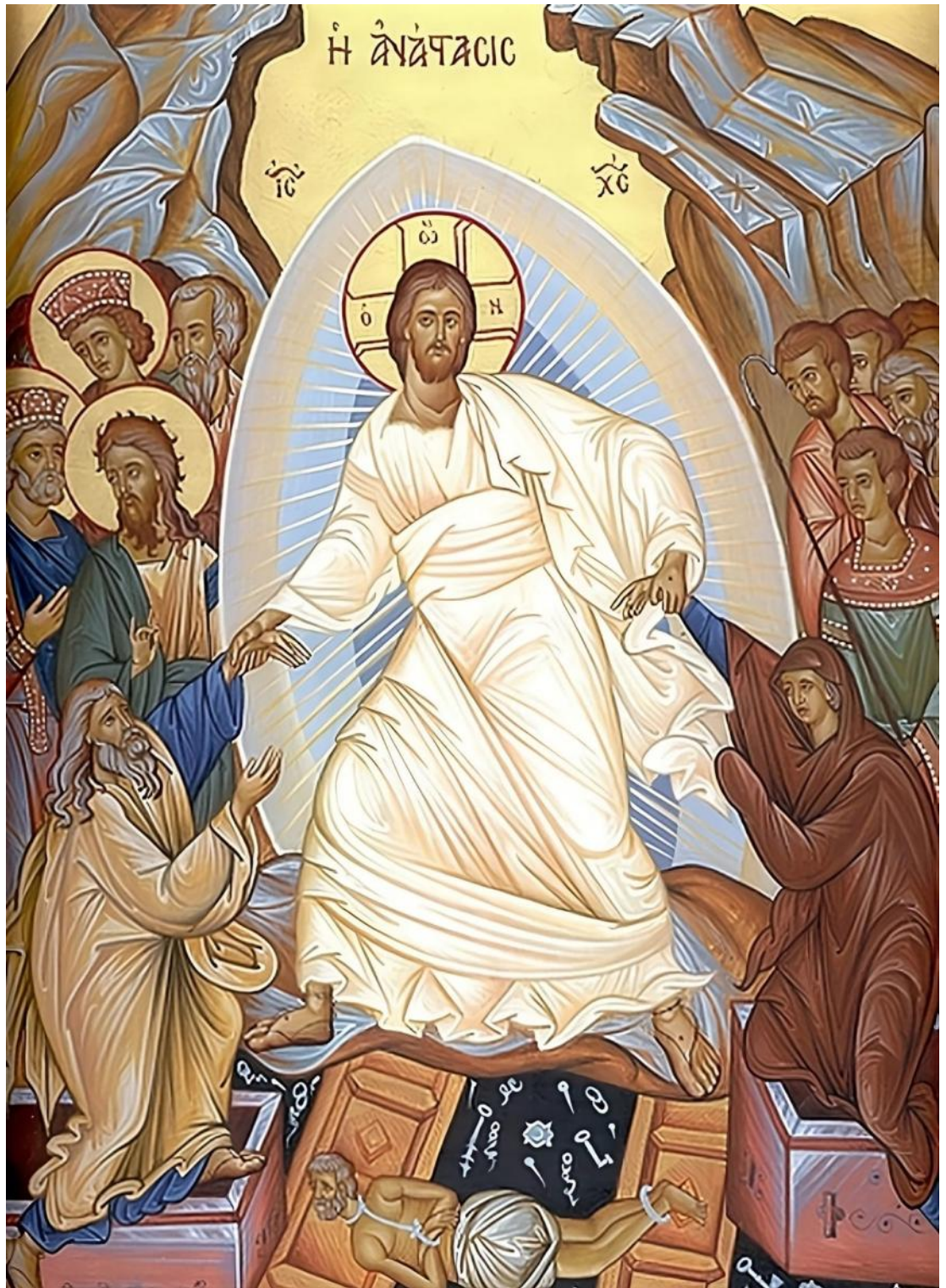
Saturday

8:30am-9:00am,

4:00pm-4:30pm

Or by appointment

5 APRIL 2026 *EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*



Resurrection Icon, Byzantine Painting (unknown date and author, Public Domain)

EASTER MONDAY 6TH APRIL

Public Holiday. 8am Mass only.

Church closed after Mass. Parish Office closed.

Church and office will reopen as per usual Tuesday 7th April.

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 Instagram

@st_bernadettes_youth
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On Facebook

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

JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8) SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

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

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 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 11-12 April 2026

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Garry Tierney Stacey Leong	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Neil Fonseca Rosam Varghese Danielle Vassallo	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Julian Bong Sherryl Rozario David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Anabel Formosa Brennie Hassan Jane Lapidario
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Margaret Jones	Mon 13th April Christine & Hubert Jenneke	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	N/A	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel Michelle Gardoni	Lous and John Donnelly

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you! In this Easter season of 2026, we are all living in very troubled, wounded times. With so much conflict, violence and entrenched hatred, we might even be tempted to occasionally lament: Where is our God?

In such chaotic times it is good to be reminded of a wonderful story about St Teresa of Avila.

One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus? Teresa replied: "You didn't have any wounds – Christ has wounds!"

One of the most striking elements of our Gospel's Resurrection stories is that Jesus is still wounded in all of them. The crucifixion wounds do not disappear. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. It is not until the disciples see the wounds of Christ that they recognise Jesus for who he is.

Our Catholic faith, however, refuses to gloss over our own personal wounds - the wounds of our brothers and sisters, and those of our suffering planet, with hollow positive thinking. Instead, our Holy Father Pope Leo urges us to move beyond passivity. Leo challenges us to become peacemakers!

And we can all become peacemakers in very simple ways. If only we had the eyes of faith we would notice that peacemaking is all around us. To name only a few examples:

- † In the quiet, tender care of our nurses and care-givers in our hospitals, especially to the elderly and the dying
- † In the patient and professional care of our Catholic teachers who generously serve our young people
- † In the quiet heroism of parents as they sacrifice themselves for the good of their children
- † In the outreach of our social services like Catholic Care who help the needy
- † In the lives of ordinary people who refuse to become resentful and instead choose to forgive and love their enemies.

Yes, the wounds of such peacemakers do not embitter them but become fountains of peace and hope for others.

This Easter let us allow the risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts. May we banish all violence from our lives. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all.

For "By His wounds we are healed". A blessed Easter to you all.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



*Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen
OFM
Coadjutor Bishop of Parramatta*

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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

This Sunday 5th April our clocks will move back one hour, giving us all an extra hour's sleep.

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
Registrations close Wednesday 13th April.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes ASAP. We kindly ask you to convert coins to notes where possible to assist us with banking.

MARIAN STATUE

The statue of Our Lady will be removed from the church for the next few weeks as she receives some well-needed repair and restoration work. You are welcome to visit Our Lady at the Grotto (located near the hall) during this time.



CARPARK MAINTENANCE

Tuesday 7th April, please be mindful entering and exiting the carpark from Brisbane Rd, as there will be maintenance work happening in the driveway. Carpark is available for parking. To avoid congestion on the driveway, please utilise Old Northern Road entrances.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

April	This Week
Mon 6th	Easter Monday Public Holiday 8am Mass only. Parish office closed
Tues 7th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 8th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 9th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sat 11th	Spiritual Reading Book Club
April	This Month
Wed 13th April	Communion registrations close
Sun 19th April	Young Adults: Denis Setiyo

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 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

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.

Readings Next Weekend

11-12 April 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Second reading

1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Charles Zady, Chito Redoblado, Marjorie Theresa Perera, Steven Camilleri, Steven Ziraj

Anniversaries: Mary, Joe Younis, Peter Gordon, Regina Figueira, Fahim Laoulach, Antida Camilleri

In Remembrance: Laoulach family, Sassine family, Archilles and Margherita Forestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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