



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

16-17 SEPTEMBER 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Dear Parishioners.

For the next few weeks, I have asked our WYD pilgrims to write some reflections on their pilgrimage to this exciting event. I think, this will give us the chance to first get to know our pilgrims better and second to reflect on the moments we have had a big spiritual experience that changed our lives.

It is my hope that, as we listen to their stories, we continue to offer our prayers and support for the growing Youth Ministry in our Parish. As the saying goes: "it takes a village to raise a child" so it is the same for the faith of our young people in our parish, we all need to contribute in one way or another.

I am very grateful to our pilgrims for agreeing to share their journey with the rest of the Parish. Their stories fill us with hope. The WYD experience has given them a deep encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, present in his Church and inviting them to take the challenge to continue the message of love that He left us. This is the message of salvation the church has been passing on for over two thousand years and now it is time for them to take their place in history and continue with the mission entrusted to us.

I hope you will enjoy their stories and their images as we start getting ready for the next WYD in South Korea in 2027!



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Foremost, I would like to thank all of the parish community who supported and prayed for myself and my fellow pilgrims for our trip to Portugal for World Youth Day.

Some of the greatest highlights of the trip include visiting Lourdes and participating mass at the Grotto of Our Lady as well as participating in the Candle Light Procession in the evening. Later in our pilgrimage, I had the privilege of bearing the statue of Our Lady in the Fatima Candle Light Procession in front of tens of thousands of pilgrims as well as participating in Mass in Portugal celebrated by Pope Francis.



It was astonishingly moving to be accompanied by more than a million other pilgrims travelling throughout Europe and gathering in the sleep-out for Adoration and Mass. In adoration, the presence of our Lord struck complete silence amongst more than a million pilgrims. The mass was exquisitely celebrated in a variety of languages, and all in the exact same structure! - Reminding us of the beautiful universality of our Church.

Having now returned from pilgrimage, there are a quite a few changes that I have realised in my Faith and my day-to-day life. Foremost in the mass: There was an impressive beauty in each of the churches in Europe which I hope to bring back in our local parish community. Though we cannot change the building of our Church, we can revitalise the beauty of the church with our voices! Afterall, the Church is not the building, but the community of the faithful (CCC 752). Having attended the masses in Europe, the experience of the mass celebration was poetically moving having fully participated in singing the mass. Every utterance of prayer and exaltation is all the more moving, especially as a joint community. The beauty of the mass is all the more enhanced when it is sung! So I would like to encourage everyone to participate in singing in the mass from the depths of your heart.

In takeaway from pilgrimage in my day-to-day life: Society offers many distractions which keep us from focusing on God and the truer goods in life. I would like to encourage all of you to set time aside in prayer with true silence and proper focus to realign ourselves with God. Not to find time for Him, but to make time for Him. Outside of our prayer and contemplation, in our day-to-day lives, we should do all things for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31) and choose the higher good and wave off all distractions which keep us from pursuing God. To pursue God when it is tough and when we are tired, because that is when it matters the most. Afterall: "Though the world promises comfort, we were not made for comfort, we were made for greatness"- Pope Benedict XVI.

Brandon Leyba

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 First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation programs for school children please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au or 0433 183 322

For Baptisms, Weddings 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.

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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YOUTH GROUP- FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Friday 22nd September 7:00-8:30pm in the hall

Junior Youth- Yr 5-Yr 8
 THE SAINTS
 Blessed Carlos Acutis

Senior Youth-Yr 9-Yr12
 APOLOGETICS
 The Magisterium



YOUNG ADULTS -SUNDAY 24TH SEPT

Join us on Sunday 24th Sept 7-9pm in the St Joseph's room. Our topic for the night is "The Economy Isn't Catholic and that's the problem" By Anne Younis
 Dinner included. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Our Young Adults are running a weekly Bible Study in the St Joseph's Room on Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30pm. We will be looking at the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading.

ROSTERS 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Garry Tierney Cheryl Braisby	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Mila Mina Karen Lee Hubert Jenneke	Michael Abrahams Raymond Pak	Brandon Leyba Hanna Pillai Nathan Colaco
Communion ministers	Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui +2	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic +1	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celesta McLean	Hilary Fong +4	
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 25th Pauline Home Bernard Home	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	Mary Culjak Laura Burton	Karen D'Souza Cheryl D'Sylva	Melia Shammas

Dear Parishioners:

With joy we welcome the appointment of Fr Raymond Ugwu as an Assistant Priest to St Bernadette, starting on the 15th of October this year. Fr Raymond will join our Pastoral Team as I received a new Episcopal appointment as Vicar General of the Diocese starting the 1st of October. I ask you to please keep me in your prayers as I take this new appointment in faith for the good of our Diocese.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

PARISH OUTING WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

We have organised a Parish outing to visit Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre at Mulgoa. Leaving 9am, returning 4pm. The cost for the day will be \$65pp, including transport and **hot lunch**. If you are interested in attending this day out, please add your name to the **new list** on the clipboard in the foyer by **THIS Sunday**. Payments to be given to Nancy or the Parish Office, in an envelope with your names, Parish Outing and amount written on envelope. Please advise any dietary requirements.

PARISH FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

We will be holding a Parish Family Games night on Saturday 14th October from 6:30pm-9:30pm in the hall. Tickets are \$20pp or \$50 for a family. Prizes to be won! BYO supper/nibbles.No alcohol. Tea and coffee provided.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Thank you to those who have already completed the training. For those who have not yet completed their Safeguarding training please do so **ASAP** or contact Nancy in the Parish Office. To complete the training online visit learning.safeguarding.org.au. This is a legal requirement for all those who volunteer in ministry within the Parish.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

A life changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic. The journey begins on Wednesday 18th October in the Marian Centre. The gatherings are every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622.



BISHOP'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who donated to the Bishop's Fathers' Day Appeal. We raised a total of \$4935 to help support the retired priests of the Diocese. We thank you for your generosity.

ENROL NOW - KINDY 2024 - LIMITED PLACES REMAIN

If you are looking to enrol your child into Kindergarten 2024 and would like to have a tour of our school please contact the school office on 9407 6600. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or to download from the school website www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/enrolment

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS AVAILABLE

First Holy Communion 2023 photos are now available for collection from the Parish Office. The Office is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Photos can also be collected from Nancy or Christine at this weekend's masses. We still have a number of photos from previous sacraments waiting to be collected as well.

St Bernadette's
FUN FAIR
2023
Friday, 27th October
3pm to 8:30pm
357 Old Northern Road Castle Hill

Raffle FUNDRAISER

\$15,000 PRIZE POOL

- ★ 1st Prize **\$5,000 Cash**
- ★ 20 Incredible Prizes
- ★ Exciting incentives for top raffle sellers!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

OR VISIT: www.rafflelink.com.au/funfair2023

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September

This Week

Tues 19th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group
	Reparation Prayer Group
Wed 20th	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs 21st	Young Adults Bible Study
	Holy Hour 8:00pm-9:00pm
Fri 22nd	Youth Group

September

This Month

28th Sept	Coffee and Chat
October	Next Month
4th Oct	Parish Outing– Mulgoa
6th Oct	First Friday
8th Oct	HSC Mass
14th Oct	Family Games Night
26th Oct	Coffee and Chat
27th Oct	St Bernadette's Fun Fair

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Readings Next Weekend

23-24 September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Second reading Gospel

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Mt 20:1-16

Feast Days This Week

19 Sept

Saint Januarius

20 Sept

Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and companions

21 Sept

Saint Matthew

23 Sept

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased Kevin Glesson

For the Anniversaries of Bill Jenkins, Margaret Gordon, Frank Hegerty, Olga Delgado Vivanco, Peter McDermott, Betty Quodling

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ison, Flavia Panto, Brian De Silva, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Maree Malvern, Brian Forwood, Nida Farmiento