



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

18-19 JUNE 2022 *THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR C*

This weekend the Church invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, usually known by its Latin name of Corpus Christi. This particular celebration allows us to come together and reflect on the gift of Jesus who is truly present in the forms of bread and wine.

In the last few years, one of the challenges we had to face was the closing of Churches. With the help of God, we are able to look back and reflect together on the role that technology played during those difficult days. One of the creative ways to support the faithful during the pandemic was the initiative to stream the Mass online. As we are slowly finding our way out from the difficult months of the pandemic is also important to adapt ourselves to the new reality and come to appreciate the gift of the Eucharist as the "source and summit of the Christian life".

Very early, at the time when the practice became the normality during the pandemic, Pope Francis already warned us of the dangers of communicating, even religiously, through the means of communication. In his homily on the 17th of April 2022 the Holy Father said that:

This familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous. It can become, let's say, a gnostic familiarity, a familiarity for me by myself, detached from the people of God. The apostles' familiarity with the Lord is always a community familiarity. It always takes place at the table, a sign of the community. It was always with the Sacrament, always with the Bread.

I say this because someone made me reflect on the danger that we are living in this moment, this pandemic that has made us all communicate, even religiously, through the means of communication. Even this Mass, we are all communicants, but not together, we are spiritually together. The people gathered are few. There is a large number of people: we are together, but not together. The Sacrament too: today you receive the Eucharist, but the people linked up with us, only spiritual communion. And this is not the Church: this is the Church in a difficult situation, which the Lord permits, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the Sacraments. Always.

Later on in his homily he advised us to be careful not to make the Church virtual, viral; not to make the sacraments virtual, not to make the people of God virtual. The Church, the sacraments, the people of God are concrete. It is true that in this moment we must provide this familiarity with God in this way, but so as to come out of the tunnel, not to stay inside it. And this is the familiarity of the apostles: not gnostic, not virtual, not selfish, for each one of us, but a concrete familiarity, in the people. Familiarity with the Lord in everyday life, familiarity with the Lord in the sacraments, in the midst of the people of God. They went on a journey of maturation in their familiarity with the Lord. Let us learn how to do this as well. From the very first moment, they understood that familiarity was different to what they had imagined, and they arrived at this. They knew that there was the Lord, and they shared everything: the community, sacraments, the Lord, peace, feasting.

The words of the Holy Father, reminds us the importance of the community who gathers around the Eucharistic table, hopefully after all these months we have come to appreciate better the importance of being together in person around this table that the Lord himself invites us to participate. The Masses online, even when they are a very good tool to bring the message of the Lord to those who cannot attend Mass in person are in no way a substitute for the active participation of the faithful in Mass.

As you know, I just came back a few weeks ago from my long service leave. I am very grateful for the time I spent with my family, especially my ageing parents. That is an experience that I will treasure for ever in my life. Although I try to video call them as frequent as possible I know that seeing my parents through the screen of my phone will never be the same as being next to them and enjoy their company and for them to see me around the house. In the same way, I invite you all to reflect on the importance to come and participate of the Eucharistic table as frequent as possible now that we are able to go back to the normal number of Masses and with no restrictions on the number of people that we can have in a place of worship.

For this reason, and as I mentioned in the previous weeks, this weekend will be the last weekend when we will be streaming the Mass online. I am very grateful for all those who faithfully supported this initiative attending the Mass online and leaving their comments of support. I am sure this will be an experience that we will remember for many years to come. Many thanks also to the team of volunteers who have made this possible. Their dedication and commitment to this project is something that was only seen by those trying to set up the account, the phone to stream the service, checking microphones and the many different tasks attached to the online Masses. May the Lord, who is more generous than we are, repay your generosity and we pray that, with the help of God, we do not need to go back to this challenging reality.

For those who cannot attend Masses online, I will invite you to attend the "Mass for you at home" which is broadcast on Channel 10 across Australia. This particular ministry is especially designed to support and accompany spiritually those who by different reasons need to follow the Mass from home.

Thank you all for your support and understanding. Finally, we also give thanks to the Lord for the young candidates who this weekend will receive their First Holy Communion. We offer prayers for them and their families for this important event in their journey of faith.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading 1 Cor 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Readings Next Weekend

25-26 June 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
1 Kg 19:16, 19-21	Gal 5:1, 13-18	Lk 9:51-62

Feast Days This Week

21st June	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
22nd June	Saints John Fisher and Thomas More
23rd June	Saint Paulinus of Nola
24th June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
25th June	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased Graeme Hardy, Bernard Wrightson, Vince Tongue, John Granata, Alice Nolan, Robyne Bietola, Mirtha Hilia, Maya Sahabu and Marthaningsih Sutjiati
For the anniversaries of Dean Jarrett, Jane Holtom, and Miguel Fidel

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

For Colleen Woodhead, Mysha Said, John Abernethy, Patricia Jack, Cathy Jones, Sylvia Fagan, Eleanor Ross, Richard Curtis, Kym Holden, Victoria Rix, Betty Granata, Ron Parker, Yvonne Hill, June Phelan, Helen Shaw, Grace Boitano.

Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light



PARAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 18-19TH JUNE



Congratulation to the 62 parish children who, this weekend, will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith and love for God.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2022

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend our information evening being held on **Tuesday, 21st June at 7.00pm** in the Parish Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in **Year 6 and above**, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The evening will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622.



CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED



We are looking for people who would be available to teach a half-hour lesson on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings in our public schools. Training and resources provided. For more information contact Christine Jenneke on 0433 183 322

St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW *good works*

WINTER APPEAL
June 25-26, July 2-3

The next two weekends, St Vincent de Paul members will have collection buckets at the doors of the church for cash donations. Winter Appeal envelopes will be available on the pews or in the church foyer for Credit Card donations. Donation envelopes can be placed in the parish collection boxes or the Vinnies donation buckets.

LIVE STREAMING

We will no longer continue to live-stream the Sunday 7:30am mass after this weekend. Thank you to all those who have helped with the live-streaming.

Youth



intoLife (yrs 5-8)

Friday 17th June

Inside Out: Joy

Joy gives us a sense of hope, keeps us going through the tough times, and often is borne out of suffering. The church gives us joy, as we remember the suffering Jesus went through for us, and the hope we have in eternal life.

LifeNight (yrs 9-12)

Sunday 19th June 7:00-9:00pm

This term we are running the Alpha Youth series.

Bring a gold coin donation for dinner.



For more information please contact Laura Burton (youth minister) at ym@stbernadette.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY

All books that are returned must be left in the return tub until they have been marked off as returned. Please do not help yourself to these books. Books can be borrowed from the library at the designated masses, and recorded.

The library is currently fully stocked. No further book donations are required at this time. Thank you.

The library operates on the following schedule.

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
7:30am	9am, 10:30am	6:00pm	5pm vigil

VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Office for Safeguarding

New guidelines have been

sent by the Diocese of Parramatta. **ALL volunteers over 18** are now required to undertake formal training provided by the Office of Safeguarding.

We have arranged for a representative from the Safeguarding Office to conduct face-to-face training here in the Parish hall. Saturday 6th August, 10am-3pm (lunch provide) OR Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th August, 7:00pm-8:30pm. Zoom meetings are also available if you wish to complete the training online.

For further information and to register for any of the training sessions, please contact the parish office at 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – there will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on Saturday 25th June 2.30pm in the Church.



Lectors – there will be a meeting for all Lectors on Saturday 25th June, 3pm in the Church.

For more information contact the parish office on 9634 2622 or pa@stbernadette.org.au

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MASS TIMES

Mon, Tues	6.45am
Wed, Thurs, Fri	6.45am & 9.15am
Saturday & public holidays	8.00am
Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday	7:30am (live streamed), 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays 8:30am-9:00am, 4:00pm-4:30pm
Or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 for bookings and further details.

Baptisms are held on the 1st, 2nd and 5th 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]*

St Bernadette's Parish Staff

Very Rev Fernando Montano	Parish Priest
Rev Jobi Payyappilly	Assistant Priest (on leave)
Mr Jack Elkazzi	Seminarian
Mrs Nancy Eberhaut	Pastoral Associate
Ms Laura Burton	Admin and Office Support Youth Minister Acting Sacramental coordinator
Mr Darren Edwards	Groundsman

St Bernadette's Primary School

Mrs Bianca Cooke Principal
Ph: 9407 6600



KINDERGARTEN 2023

Our enrolment process is underway for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are asked to contact the school office on **9407 6600** to arrange a school tour/interview. Please submit enrolment forms together with relevant paperwork by end of June 2022.

ROSTERS 25-26 JUNE

MASS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	BOOKSHOP	1ST COLLECTION	2ND COLLECTION
VIGIL	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Charles D'Emanuele Keith D'Sylva Kristine Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Marjorie Anderson	N/A	N/A
7.30AM	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Bill Lee	Catherine Seddon	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	HOUSEKEEPING ROSTER
9.00AM	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Shane Robinson	David Askey Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste Mc Lean	Christine & Hubert Jenneke	Liza Echevarria Danielle Vassallo	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home
10.30AM	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Mark Beard Bernadette Boulos	Maria Gobbo	FLOWER ROSTER	CHURCH LINEN ROSTER
				Lucy Achermann	Remy de Leon