



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

Friday-during Stations of the cross

7:30pm-8:30pm

Saturday

8:30am-9:00am

4:00pm-4:30pm

Or by appointment

18-19 MARCH *FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A*

Continued from last week

The penitent comes before the merciful judgment of God and approaches the Lord in sorrow, admitting guilt before his representative. It is in the person of Christ that the priest hears the confession of guilt. The words spoken in Confession are guarded by the most solemn obligation of complete confidentiality. In fact, Church law prescribes a serious penalty for any confessor who directly violates the "seal of Confession."



It is in the name of Christ that the priest pronounces the Saviour's mercy: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The Catechism reminds us that "*absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused*" (1459). Thus, the priest imposes a penance on the penitent, which can take the form of "*prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbour, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear*" (1460).

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation. We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We should harbour in our hearts a sense of sorrow for all we have done. The motivation for our sorrow may be out of love of God or even fear of the consequences of having offended God. Whatever the motive, contrition is the beginning of forgiveness of sin. We need to have sorrow at least to the extent that we regret it, resolve not to repeat it and intend to turn back to God.

With this disposition of heart, we should review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words and actions to discover those that did not conform to God's love, to his law or to the laws of the Church. This is what is known as an "Examination of Conscience."

To complete the process, a penance is imposed. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all disorders caused by sin. While we are not capable of truly satisfying God for the evil we have done and its consequences, we must make satisfaction for our sin through some action or prayer that will express our desire to make amends and to repair something of the disorder, damage or harm which our sinful actions have brought into the world. The penance imposed takes into account the penitent's personal situation and serves to support his or her spiritual good. It corresponds as much as possible to the gravity of the sins confessed. It may be a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, sacrifices or service to another. But this penance is in a real way our share in the Cross and helps us to be more closely joined to Christ.

In the *Introduction to the Rite of Penance*, we are reminded that true conversion is completed by acts of penance or satisfaction for the sins committed, by amendment of conduct, and also by the reparation of injury. The kind and extent of the satisfaction should be suited to the personal condition of each penitent. In this way the penitent is helped to be healed of the evil which caused him to sin. Therefore, it is necessary that the act of penance really be a remedy for sin and a help to renewal of life.

Continued next week

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.



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.

Welcome

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.

Youth

St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill
Youth

Junior Youth

(yrs 5-8)

Youth is on break

Senior Youth

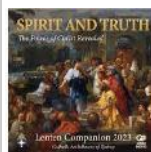
(yrs 9-12)

Youth is on break

Young Adults

(18-35 years)

Monday 3rd April
7:00-9:00pm
In the basement



Our Young Adults will be starting a weekly Bible Study in the Basement on Thursday nights. We will be using the Spirit and Truth Lenten program by the Sydney Archdiocese. We will meet in the basement from 7:00-8:00pm and then head over to Holy Hour in the church.

PASSION PLAY 2023

The youth and young adults of the parish present the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday (7th 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.

For more information or to sign up, please speak to Fr Matthew Dimian, or contact the Parish Office. Rehearsal on Palm Sunday (2nd April) 12pm-4pm in the church.



ROSTERS 25-26 MARCH 2023

	Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry						
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Hyacinth Jones Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego Gemma Saccassan Peter Saccassan		
Communion ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kristine Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Lena Madry Gabrielle Jamison	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph		
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucne	Remy De Leon	
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen	
N/A-Lent	Mon 27th Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	Liza Echevarria Sandra Emmet	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Adelina Tabila Constance Fidel	Nicky Karatsiolis	


PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



"God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called."
— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.

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



GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL Please remember when making online donations to select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to ensure it is attributed to our parish quota.

TRIUMPH LENTEN PROGRAM

Fr Matthew will be running the Wollongong Diocese TRUMMPH Lenten program on Thursday nights during Lent from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Marian Centre. All welcome.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be celebrated on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church. Reconciliation will be available during this time.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023

This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism and have received or are currently undertaking the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Registrations close Mon 27th March.** For information on how to register please contact Mrs Christine Jenneke (Sacramental Coordinator) at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au



COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 23RD MARCH

Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this coming Thursday morning after the 9.15am mass. All welcome.

MASTERCLASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES: 24 MARCH

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 24 March at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples. If you are unable to attend in-person, a follow up Zoom session will be held for interested couples on Saturday 1 April at 10am. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

CHOIR LOFT

Following our Fire Safety Audit and WHS Audit, the choir loft and the stairs leading to it are for musicians and projectionists ONLY. The stairwell is not a safe space to sit, or for children to play, as it is a fire safety hazard.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday 1st/2nd April	Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm youth
Wednesday 5th April	Morning masses 6:45am, 9:15am Chrism Mass 7:30pm at St Patricks Cathedral Parramatta
Holy Thursday 6th April	No morning mass Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Good Friday 7th April	No morning mass Stations of the Cross 9:30am and 12noon Stations of the Cross acted out by the youth of the parish. Both sessions approx. 1hr Passion of the Lord Liturgy 3pm Reconciliation 10:30am-2:30pm. No reconciliation after 3pm Liturgy
Easter Vigil 8th April	No morning mass Blessing of the Easter Food 11am Vigil Mass 7:00pm No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday 9th April	Masses as per normal -7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm
Easter Monday 10th April	8am mass-public Holiday

Readings Next Weekend

25-26 March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ezek 37:12-14	Rom 8:8-11	Jn 11:1-45

Feast Days This Week

- 20th March** Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 25th Mar** The Annunciation of the Lord

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased Jey Thirukumar, Effie D'Souza, and Christine Grant
For the Anniversaries of Ernestina Santos, Sofija Sustek

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

For Barbara Ison, Brian De Silva, Elaine Geoghegan, Victoria Rix, Claudia Abernethy, Richard Curtis, Eleanor Ross, Kathy Whitbread, Kym Holden, Ron Parker, Yvonne Hill, Helen Shaw, Grace Boitano.

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who

used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.