



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY

6-7 AUGUST 2022 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
RECONCILIATION: HEALING WOUNDS, RECEIVING GIFTS DECREE



The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia decrees:

Article 1

That each Catholic school, parish, diocese, eparchy or organisation will respond to the recommendations contained in the NATSICC position paper, "Embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Life of the Catholic Church" in the following ways:

- a. acknowledges in a prominent and appropriate manner the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which their buildings stand;
 - b. includes the online Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context course developed by NATSICC and approved by the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the orientation and/or ongoing formation of staff and volunteers to enable more effective and appropriate ministry;
 - c. ensures that any retreats and other formation activities offered are culturally appropriate;
 - d. works actively to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on its committees, boards and decision-making bodies.
- Article 2

That the advisory councils of the Bishops' Commission for Liturgy, in partnership with NATSICC, will develop options for the liturgically and culturally appropriate use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander symbols and rituals in Catholic liturgical contexts, with respect for the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

The Eastern Catholic Churches in Australia will interpret the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia in accordance with the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and the traditions of each church *sui iuris*.

In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, this decree is not to be promulgated until it has been reviewed by the Apostolic See. It will be promulgated in Australasian Catholic Record and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

Signed: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB President
Bishop Shane Mackinlay Vice-President

Hello Everybody! I would like to take the space left on this week's parish bulletin to introduce our new Youth Minister, James Weppner. Many of you would recognize James as an active member of our Parish. He has been involved in Altar Serving and more recently also as an Acolyte. Being one of our own, James has a deep understanding of the Parish and the needs of our Youth. He comes with new ideas and hopefully we can all give our support to encourage his ministry in the Parish and also help him to make our Youth ministry in the Parish grow.

I also would like to thank Laura Burton who has been our Youth Minister for the last four and a half years and is now the friendly face of the Parish at the Parish Office.

Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano



Hello everybody. I'm super keen to take up the role of youth minister here at St Bernadette's. I have many ideas and plans I hope to share with the parish. I look forward to seeing you all around the church.

James Weppner
Youth Minister



Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v. 12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Readings Next Weekend

13-14 Aug 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

Feast Days This Week

8th August Saint Mary of the cross Mackillop
10th August Saint Lawrence
11th August Saint Clare

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION : Monday 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 6.45am and 7.30pm.



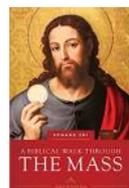
COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM AUGUST 2022

Catholic Care is running a 7 week Bereavement Support Program at St. Bernadette's Parish on Thursday mornings 10am-12pm, in the Basement. Commencing on Thursday 11th August for men and women whose spouse or partner have died. To register please Contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or Rita Chater at Catholic care on 8843 2500.

"A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS" PROGRAM



We will be re-commencing the "biblical walk through the mass" program that we started before COVID. **Join Fr Fernando in the Hall at 7pm Every Thursday from 8th September.** Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Commencing 5th September 2022 for those who are new to the Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, or Communion to the Sick and Dying. Please see the parish office for further details at admin@stbernadette.org.au or 9634 2622 .

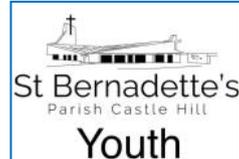


VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



Thank you to all who attend the face-to-face training on Saturday. There is still time to book into the Wednesday night session if you wish to complete the face-to-face training. To register for the online training modules, visit the website via the QR code or visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Youth



intoLife (yrs 5-8)

Friday 5th August 7:00-8:30pm
Social

LifeNight (yrs 9-12)

Sunday 7th August 7:00-9:00pm
Alpha program

For more information please contact James Weppner at ym@stbernadette.org.au or 0477 948 348

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Pope Francis once again invites the young Church to join him at the 16th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal next August 2023. It is the third chapter in his Marian journey and features the theme; "Mary arose and went with haste" (LK 1:39)

Potential pilgrims, including clergy, aspiring group leaders and those interested in this significant youth engagement strategy are invited to attend the launch event on Thursday 18 August from 7pm at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. More information and registration can be found at www.parrawyd.org



#ACTIVE4VOCATIONS

On Saturday 14 August, a group of our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community members will be participating in Parramatta Catholic Foundation's #Active4Vocations team and you're invited to join them. To register or spur them on with a donation visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. Your generosity will help our seminarians to become priests.

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

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Account Name Castle Hill Catholic Church
Reference Second Collection (Your Name)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased Lindsay Budge

For the anniversaries of John Busuttill, Antonia Busuttill, Valentina de Morales, Barbara Wells, Roman Dela-Cruz, Aida West, Fidela Dela Cruz, Francesco Agostino, Theresa Thung, Maria Martini, Leny Porccuircula and Lola Magcalas

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

For Jan Hayworth, John Abernethy, Patricia Jack, Cathy Jones, Eleanor Ross, Richard Curtis, Kathy Whitbread, Kym Holden, Victoria Rix, Betty Granata, Ron Parker, Yvonne Hill, June Phelan, Helen Shaw, Grace Boitano.

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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, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
Mon 15th Aug	8.45am, 7:30pm

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
Rev Jack Elkazzi	Deacon
Mrs Nancy Eberhaut	Pastoral Associate
Ms Laura Burton	Admin and Office Support
Mr James Weppner	Youth Minister
Mr Darren Edwards	Groundsman

St Bernadette's Primary School

Mrs Bianca Cooke Principal
Ph: 9407 6600



SACRAMENTS

For baptisms, weddings and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au

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

ROSTERS 13-14 August

MASS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	BOOKSHOP	1ST COLLECTION	2ND COLLECTION
VIGIL	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Tina Walsh Katrina Fitzalan Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Doug Desouza	Elaine Small	Mon 15th Aug Bert and Helga Hofstaetter	N/A
7.30AM	Adelina Tabila Ross Pinkerton Sue Pinkerton	Andrea Tomic +3	Liz De Jesus	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	HOUSEKEEPING ROSTER
9.00AM	Trevor O'Shea Brian Blacklock Joanne O'Shea	Trevor O'Shea Joanne O'Shea Dawn Wickramasinghe Rick/Robyn Di Cristoforo Chris Clancy	Margaret Stedman	Nina Irwin Jenny Blacklock	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Pauline Home
10.30AM	Jane Beard Jan Crawford Leo Stanton	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Ludes Fernando +1	Coney Lau	FLOWER ROSTER	CHURCH LINEN ROSTER
				Lucy Achermann	Nicky Karatsiolis