



The Massabielle

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Parish Community, Castle Hill, NSW

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BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST AVARICE OF ANY KIND

It is the beginning of a new financial year. With confidence that parishioners would support the refurbishment of the sanctuary, I have gone ahead with the work and the sanctuary is nearing completion. We need some help to pay for this new work. Already parishioners have donated specific items and I thank them for their generosity. On the seats you will find a white "Contribution by Credit Card" form on one side and a "Request for Debiting Amounts by the Direct Debit System" on the other side. I am appealing to parishioners who, at the moment, only make cash contributions on the plate to think about joining our parish Planned Giving System.

There are many advantages to the parish when those who are our parishioners make a weekly or monthly contribution in a way that is accountable. For the parish it means that we can budget accurately because we know how much money is coming in. It takes the guess work out of the calculations when parishioners, at the end of the financial year, are able to say accurately and honestly how much they contributed to the running expenses of their parish. Every one can contribute a little so that the expenses are shared, each according to what they earn. We think that giving one hour's worth of money a wage-earner receives is reasonable. I believe that parishioners are good-willed and generous and would want to be part of the financial aspect of parish life. Of course there are those who say they want to give anonymously. The debiting by credit card with merely a name, a number and an amount respects that wish and they can get frequent-flyer points at the same time as they contribute to parish finances. From the parish side, we still get their money even when they are enjoying themselves in Disneyland or on holidays in the Bahamas.

To those parishioners who are not contributing to the parish finances, and there are many good reasons for this situation, I appeal to you to start today by filling out one of the white forms on the seats and handing it to one of the priests after Mass.

Part of my reason for bringing the finances to the attention of parishioners this weekend is because of the First and Third Readings. The depressing sage who writes, in the First Reading, "For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his

own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, we would agree is vanity and a great injustice!" Qoheleth's words are reinforced by Jesus who warns us to be on our guard against avarice of any kind. I am expecting a nervous but enthusiastic response to these readings with parishioners thrusting white Direct Debit & Credit Card Contribution forms at the priests following today's readings which are a definite God-send by way of motivation to join the parish's Planned Giving scheme.



Sr Judy McLeod RSM

The parish staff farewelled Sister Judy with a small morning tea on Wednesday. Sister Judy is taking a sabbatical and will arrive in Dublin on Monday. She will stay at the international Sisters of Mercy house in Baggot Street, Dublin, where Catherine McAuley lived, and later died, in 1841. The Venerable Mother Catherine Elizabeth McAuley, born on September 29, 1778, founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831. The Order has always been associated with teaching and operating hospitals. There are some 10,000 Sisters of Mercy worldwide. Sister Judy is one of these Sisters of Mercy. There are two Mercy convents in our parish. In 1978, the cause for the

beatification of the *Servant of God* Catherine McAuley was opened by Pope Paul VI, and in 1990, upon recognition of her heroic virtues, Pope John Paul II declared her *Venerable*. This places her on the path towards possible sainthood. It would be a great experience to live in the house in Baggot Street where the founder lived. Sister Judy will return to us from Ireland in early November.

About the election on August 21. Ross Gittins, writing in Wednesday's *Sydney Morning Herald*, said, "The paradoxical truth is that modern election campaigns are aimed at those who aren't much interested in the topic. Swinging voters are assumed to be completely self-interested and short-sighted, driven by emotion rather than intellect, ill-informed and easily conned by slogans and television ads... This election is the battle of the scare campaigns. Pollies are trying to frighten us about big new taxes, the return of Work Choices, the threat from boat people, and deficits and debt."

We are expected, listening to the two major parties, to vote for the leaders, yet we cast our vote for a candidate in our area who stands for parliament. We sometimes know next to nothing about the candidates. Our vote hardly matters unless we are a marginal seat. And the major parties are not interested in us unless we are marginal. In a family-centred parish bulletin like this one we should avoid talking about politics or religion. Both are so intimately linked, however, that nothing gets a conversation going like talking about either.

Today's Second Reading advises, "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth." That's why I am opposed to the introduction of the Worm in homilies. Instead of reading the parish bulletin during homilies, people would be fiddling with those dials. I am against it! It would give the parishioners too much power as they turned the dial hard left when the priest talked about money, avarice and dying (leaving huge amounts of money to people who had not toiled for it). The priest would be under pressure to talk about subjects - like in today's Second Reading - to get parishioners' interest, turning the dial hard right when he spoke about "fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed." [Col 3:1-5]. There will be no Worm at Castle Hill!

Father John.

LITURGY CORNER

The gospel highlights the right use of wealth and money - this in one of Luke's major themes. The quest for material comfort and security can be a cause of distraction from what is really important. We so easily get caught up with acquiring 'things' rather than attitudes and values. Pope John Paul II has said, '*It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards "having" rather than "being"*' (*Centesimus Annus*, 36). Contemplate the image of being 'rich in the sight of God.' *The Summit*



Today's Readings

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23. People may strive all their life but have to give someone else everything they have worked for when they die.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11. Paul encourages his readers to think of heavenly things, not the things of this world.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21. In answer to a plea to sort out an inheritance, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who fills his barn with his goods and tells his soul that his life will be easy.

Next week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48

Feast Days this Week

Wednesday 4 - *St John Vianney*
Thursday 5 - *St Dominic*
Friday 6 - *Transfiguration of the Lord*

HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION this Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION this Friday following 6.45am Mass until 9.15 and following 9.15 Mass until 11.45am.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place this Friday, August 6 at 12 noon followed by a light lunch in the Marian Centre. All welcome. If you can help with transport or by providing sandwiches, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Marion Heron on 9659 9385.

REPARATION PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays at 8pm in the Parish Office Basement. All welcome.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS ... To mark the canonization of Bl Mary MacKillop and Beatification of Cardinal Newman, the Institute for Mission has planned a series, '*For All the Saints*' over 3 Wednesday evenings at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown from 7 to 9pm on Wednesdays, August 4, September 8 and October 13. Presenters are Bishop Anthony Fisher, Daniel Ang and Sr Bridie O'Connell RSJ. More details can be found on the noticeboard.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND NEXT WEEKEND

The Diocesan Works Fund Appeal will be held in our parish next weekend. The quota for this appeal is \$26,909.00.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS AGAIN THIS WEEK:

During renovations to the church sanctuary, weekday masses will be celebrated in the parish hall (under the church) and an Adoration Chapel has been set up in the Marian Centre.

ALPHA COURSE: The Alpha courses commenced last week. It's still not too late to register. Invite a Non Churched or Non Christian friend, neighbour or family member to learn more about Jesus and Christianity. Come and be refreshed yourself. The courses (held in the evenings on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays) will take place over the next 10 weeks. Enquiries to Mike and Von on 9899 1383. Course content details on Alpha.org.au.



CONGRATULATIONS to the children who received Sacraments during the 2010 Sacramental Programme and who were presented with their certificates last Friday. Those who were unable to attend the Liturgy can collect their folders from the parish office during office hours.



CAN YOU SPARE VINNIES A LITTLE

TIME? From August 21 - 29, the St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its annual Doorknock Appeal in our Diocese to raise funds to help families in need. Are you

able to spare a few hours of your time on the weekend of 21/22 (or 28/29) August to join the great St Bernadette's Vinnies Doorknock Team? Encourage your family and friends to join you! No one too old! If you haven't received a letter, please call Margaret Hawkes on 0413013390 or Greg Piggott on 0413747214.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY: All are welcome to come to read and reflect on the **Acts of the Apostles** starting this Wednesday 4th August at 9.45am in the Marian Centre for 10 weeks. Come and be inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit of God. Please ring the Parish office ASAP so your books can be ordered. Books are \$18.00.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: We are down to the last 2 Parramatta/Hills editions of the Entertainment Book and just a few Sydney North and Sydney editions. Don't miss out. Get yours now from the Parish Office during office hours.

MACKILLOP: Tickets are now on sale for *MacKillop*, the new Australian musical to be staged as part of the Canonisation celebrations. Performances will be held from 1-9 October at the Seymour Centre. Exclusive Parish Pre-Sale from August 1-17. Tickets from \$35 (groups of 7+) via the website www.mackillop.info.



Youth & Young Adults Ministry

LIFE Nights presents "**Death by Chocolate**" (for grades 9 to 12) next Sunday night, 8th August after the Youth Mass in the Hall under the church till 8:30pm. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink

Into Life is on this Monday 2 August, 7 - 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring \$2 donation for food & drink. All in Years 7 - 8 are welcome to attend.

Young Adults: *Alpha Course* on this Tuesday Night for the next 10 weeks 7-9:30pm. Join together with other Young Catholics for inspiration. For more information contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

Spring Camp 2010 Registration is here !!!

Registration is open online at www.lifeteencastlehill.com.au. Early bird rate is \$165 - afterwards \$185.



Into Life "Dr Seuss" (Grades 7-8) is on 10-12th September.

Life Night "Pulse" (Grades 9 -12) is on 17-19th September. Both are at La Salle Youth Camp Kincumber.

Leadership and Parent Support: If you wish to be a leader (ages 16yrs+) in our parish youth ministry programs or a parent support, we have our first training and information night this Sunday night 1st August in the hall after the youth mass till 8:30pm. For more information contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org.au

Coming soon is WYD2011 Madrid (ages 15 - 34). More information nights coming up so stay tuned. For information wydtours.com.au (Parramatta diocese) or contact the youth ministry on 0420 594 277.



40 Hour Famine – Take the challenge!

Do the 40 Hour Famine and raise money to fight the Global Food Crisis. Contact youth ministry on 0420 594 277 or email ym@stbernadette.org. Auto pick up your famine book and do something real!

Join our facebook group

"WYD2011 St.Bernadettes Parish Castle Hill"

A TESTIMONY ON DIVINE MERCY with Brother Stanley Villavicencio at St Agatha's Catholic Church, 20 Boundary Rd, Pennant Hills on Tuesday, 10 August at 7.30pm. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2010 - 2011

Faith Formation Course: Those who are interested in registering for the Faith Formation Course must ensure their registration form is received at the parish office by this Monday, 2 August. The first session commences on both Tuesday 3 August and Saturday 7 August.

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 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45 am
 Tue 6.45am
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am, 12 noon
 Sat 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for Cosimo D'Urso (funeral at Kellyville on Wed at 10.30am), Mary Beleski, Bill Miller and Louie Lebnan who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Pacita Cavanna, Henry D'Souza, Julius Nazareth and Stanislaw Retajszczak and in remembrance of Kit and George Clews.

Prayers for the Sick: Jim Reardon, Jo Martin, John Peters, Pedro Hornedo, Mick Kutera, David Edhouse, Michael Dowson, Patrick Ferris and Caroline Wooster.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 7 & 8

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL Michael Lopez S8	Jenny Quinn John Geoghegan Daniel Mezger	Joanne Barrett, Carol Cividin, Esther Coleiro, Beverley Curtis, Lucille Wilson, Maureen Fearnside, Stephanie Coleiro, Maria Tunchon, Warren Hiser
7.30AM Joe Lorenzo S9	Catherine Seddon Paul Hennessey Sue Pinkerton	Joe Busuttill, Patricia Bright, Hilary Burton, Margaret Elder, Ken Short, Peter Grace
9.00AM John Maker S10	Sharon/Edwin Rogers Aida Pereira Lina Josue	Stephen Suen, Howard Woodward, Janice Bonaccorso, Marcia Bosen, Shane Robinson, Rosalind Yeo, Elizabeth Vasta, Angela Stenglin, Patricia Williams
10.30AM Stephen MacMahon S6	Michael Abrahams Kerry Myers Anthea Hannan	Marion McDonald, Mila Mina, Michael Puckeridge, Florina Vanderwaals, Barbara Shannon, Tony & Wendy Smith, Wendy Stone, Barry Halpin

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - August 8

Adult Servers Julia Calixto Michael Smith	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Belinda Lee Alfonso Aguilera Bill Clasquin Brenda Clasquin Julie Ferry		Musos Bass Erich Gracias Flor Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Daniel Ang Horns/Strings/ Winds
Lectors Gillian Pak Leanne Pak Mitchell Waters	Projectionist Matt Ashton	Welcomers Darren Edwards Monica O'Callaghan	Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Monique O'Callaghan Sara Ang Veronica Sahabu Bec Burrowes
Altar Servers S7	Usher Alfonso Aguilera Glen Ferry		Drums Casey Paz
Gift Preparation Caitlin Chaney			

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Karen Grace Shane Robinson	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Pat Kenna, Francesca Menezes, Maree McDermott, Margaret Sinha, Moira Mitchell	COUNTING (2nd Collection) Barry Halpin, Bernie Good, Stephen Dowd, Debbie Fang, Eugenia Fidel
FLOWER ROSTER Margaret Griffin	COUNTING (1st Collection) Bert Hofstaetter Helga Hofstaetter	BOOKSHOP Maureen Gain / Catherine Seddon / Christine Jenneke/ Jan Harrild / Bernadette Boulos