



THE MASSABIELLE

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY CASTLE HILL

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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

4-5 JAN 2025 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C*

Hello everyone!

First of all, I want to start by wishing all a Happy New Year. With the grace of God, we have started this year of grace 2025. Thank you very much for all your good wishes, cards and gifts during the recent Christmas celebrations. I hope and pray that this year will be fill with the grace of God for you and your loved ones.

As we start this new year, I thought I would share with you the official prayer for this Jubilee Year. As I published in the second part of last year, this year the Pope is inviting us to be "pilgrims of Hope" and for that we need the grace of God, he is the one who will sustain us in the journey and who will give the strength to be true witness of Hope.

As we join with the Universal Church during this Holy Year, maybe you can include this prayer to your daily prayers, either in the morning, evening or before bed. Please remember to pray for those whose hope is flickering due to the challenges of this life.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

**Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.**

**May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.**

**To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.**

Amen

Franciscus

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 Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation programs for school children please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at sacraments@stbernadette.org.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals 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 at 12noon.

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

St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill
Youth

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill

@St Bernadette's Young Adults

JUNIOR YOUTH SENIOR YOUTH

Are now on break for the year. We look forward to seeing you when we return in February 2025.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study are on break for the year. We look forward to seeing you when we return in February 2025.



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CATHOLIC YOUTH
PARRAMATTA



PILGRIMAGE OF ROME

The Diocese of Parramatta invites young people to join them on its official pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome in July 2025. The Diocesan pilgrimage will take place over 18 days from 19 July to 5 August 2025 and will include a visit to Greece to follow in the footsteps of Saint Paul, before traveling onto the Jubilee of Youth in Rome. For more information visit

<https://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025/>

ROSTERS 11-12 JAN 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic Sean Eberhaut	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Hanna Pillai Brandon Leyba Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary MacMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza Shane Robinson	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 13th Jan Pauline and Bernard Home	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	N/A	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Tess De Santo

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-RECONCILIATION 2025

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, enrolments are now open. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 3 (2025) and above, who have received the sacrament of Baptism. For enrolment information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or via email at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au



ST BERNADETTE STATUE

The statue of Our Lady with St Bernadette is available for Parishioners to borrow for a week during 2025. Consider booking it for a special occasion: feast day, birthday, anniversary, thanksgiving, a special intention or simply to encourage family prayer. The bookings roster for 2025 is on the noticeboard in the foyer. For enquiries and bookings contact Janina Mousley on 9899 6060 or 0444 599 502.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Looking for a way to get involved? We have a number of ministries looking for volunteers! Share your time, talents and skills with the parish, and meet new people along the way! We have ministries on weekdays and weekends, for varying ages, skills, and time commitments. For a full list of ministries available and their commitment requirements, please see the noticeboard. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, or Communion to the Sick. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or email Nancy at nancy@stbernadette.org.au. Registrations close 28th January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.



ROSTERS FOR 2025

New 2025 rosters for lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion, flowers, house keeping, 1st collection counters (Monday), linen, and cooking for the needy ministries have been emailed to each member. If you have not received your new roster, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at admin@stbernadette.org.au.

CONFIRMATION 2024 PHOTOS

Photos from the Confirmations for 2024 can now be collected from the Parish Office. We still have a number of photos from Confirmations and First Holy Communions 2020-2024 that have not been collected.



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parish staff and clergy, we would like to thank you all for your well wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

FOR SALE



LECTORS BOOKS-BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Break Open the Word for 2025 books are available for sale at the Parish Office. Cost \$30 each. Cash only.

DAILY MASS BOOKS

2025 Daily mass books available from the bookshop and the Parish Office. Cost \$25 each. Cash only.



JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2025

With inspirations from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

Available from the bookshop. \$13 each. Cash Only.

CATECHISTS WANTED



We are incredibly fortunate to still have the opportunity to go into the local public schools and spread the Word of God with primary school students at a number of public schools in our area. As the number of families in the Hills continues to grow, so does the number of students attending Public Schools.

St Bernadette's currently provide Catechist teachers to 5 local public schools, and we are looking for more teachers to assist in this growing need. All our teachers are provided with the training and support required, as well as the lesson plans and resources used in the classroom.

Our volunteer teachers currently consist of a fantastic team of parents, grandparents and young adults from various backgrounds, careers and experiences. We are looking for volunteers who are available to take a half-hour lesson on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at one of our local public school. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

January

This Week

Tues 7th	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Thurs 9th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm

January

This Month

Sun 26th Jan	Australia Day
Mon 27th Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday 8am mass

February

Next Month

Fri 7th Feb	First Friday healing mass
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Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

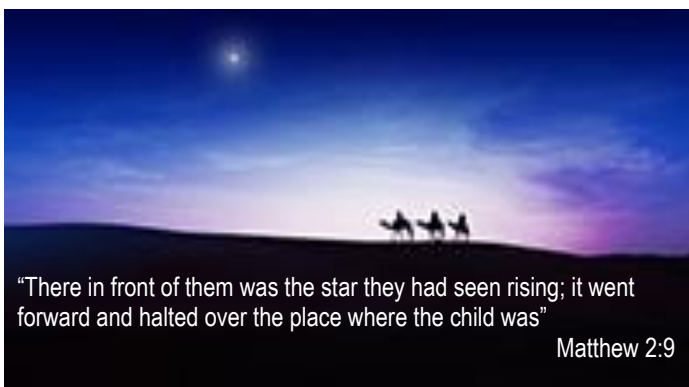
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon:

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



Readings Next Weekend

11-12 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 40:1-5,9-11	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Feast Days This Week

7 Jan

Saint Raymond of Penyafort

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Cynthia Tween, Marie Larkin

For the Anniversaries of: Norman Gatt, Ramon Avedillo

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Joseph Victor Poon, Michael Ng