



ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH

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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

THE MASSABIELLE

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

15-16 FEBRUARY 2025 *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

Hello Everyone!

As some of you have already know, Fr Neil has been recalled by his Provincial in Sri Lanka where he will continue his process of discernment about his future with his order. We wish him well in this new stage of his process in his own country and without the pressures of Pastoral commitments. We also thank him for the time he was with us at St Bernadette.

At the same time, I want you to join me in welcoming Fr Menard Gaspi. Once again the Parish has been blessed with welcoming a newly ordained priest of the Diocese. We thank the Bishop for trusting us again with the newest priest in the Diocese and I have asked Fr Menard to write something so he can introduce himself to you. Once again, welcome Fr Menard.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Fr. Menard Morales Gaspi

My parents, Michael and Eleanor migrated from the Philippines, met and married in Sydney in 1978. I was born in 1987 in the Hills, the third of four children, taking my mother's maiden name as my middle name. I was raised in Bossley Park attending Mary Immaculate Primary and Freeman Catholic College in Bonnyrigg. A devoted family, a vibrant parish youth ministry and a Catholic education became the seedbed for my priestly calling. Answering straight after High School, I joined a Society of Apostolic life called the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts (OATH), based in the Philippines. Its mission is youth ministry, particularly catechesis in public high schools. After 14 memorable years of consecrated life, I experienced another calling to return home and discern the Diocesan Priesthood. I am extremely blessed to be home, closer to my loving family, and accepted and supported here in the Diocese of Parramatta.



I was ordained a Priest of the Parramatta Diocese on Thursday 21st November 2024 on the occasion of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I have served the last year in the Parish of St. John XXIII in Stanhope Gardens, firstly as a Seminarian, then as a Deacon, and finally as a newly ordained Assistant Priest. It is a fresh, joyful and fulfilling experience to serve the people of God as a priest of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am honoured and humbled by the call to serve in the St. Bernadette Parish community. I look forward with gratitude and excitement to share this gift of the Lord with the Church community. I ask your prayers, support and patience as I navigate my way through the parish. Please be sure that I will give my utmost best to serve our family. May Blessed Mary, mother of priests keep me humble and trusting in the Lord.

God bless you!
Fr. Menard Gaspi



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.



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For EFT to the First Collection - supporting the priests

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Reference 6006 Your name

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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

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WELCOME BACK BBQ

We are kicking off the year with a combined social night for our Junior youth (years 5-8) and Senior youth (yrs 9-12) next Friday 28th February 7:00-8:30pm in the hall. All welcome

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (16-35yrs)

Our Young Adults Bible Study is held every Wednesday evening 7:30-9:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. This week we will reflect through Lectio Divina on the coming weeks readings.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 16TH FEBRUARY

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 16th February 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room.

Guest Speaker Anne Younis will be sharing with us the value of forgiveness.

Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

LIFTED LAUNCH: 27 FEBRUARY

Join us for LIFTED Launch on Thursday, February 27th, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics.

Register now: parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/



ROSTERS 22-23 FEBRUARY 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	Maria Mochnik Dess Ravago Brendan Hassan
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 24th Feb Pauline and Bernard Home	Karl Procter Anne Cheung Joe Morgan	Sandra Emmet Nina Irwin	Julieann Gething Rissa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Melia Shammass

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-RECONCILIATION 2025

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, **Registrations close this Thursday 20th February.** This program 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 sacraments@stbernadette.org.au



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



PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to all who supported our BBQ's in 2024. We are back for 2025, with our first one next Sunday 23rd The St Bernadette's Parish Council and Finance Committee are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses next Sunday 23rd February. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available. All funds will go towards updates and repairs to the electronic candle stand at Our Lady

FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS



Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org



ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB 2025 REGISTRATION

Netball registrations for 2025 are now open! Follow the below link to register for the St Bernadette's Netball Club 2025 season in less than 5 minutes. Accepting all players ages 7-12 and women 13+ (all ages and abilities, so mums don't be afraid to register yourself) <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/org/st-bernadettes-netball-club-castle-hill/e8ec1edf/register>

PLUS every new player will receive a FREE Club training shirt, thanks to our amazing sponsor Blueprint Property Pty Limited Any questions please do not hesitate to contact our club president Anne Younis via her mobile 0404 427 987.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW - KINDERGARTEN 2026

We warmly welcome new families to join our school community. register for our upcoming Open Day/School Tours via our school website. If you require any further information, please call 02 9407 6600.

GILROY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day Tuesday 4 March 2025 4:00pm - 7:00pm For more information about our Open Day or current vacancies please contact us on (02) 8853 8200.



MOUNT ST BENEDICT COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 2 March 10am - 2pm

Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2027. Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 2 March 10am - 2pm

please register online for the open day at

<https://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/open-day-registration>



ST GABRIEL'S

St Gabriel's School in Castle Hill is a Kindy-Year 12 school catering for children with a mild to moderate intellectual disability, as well as students who are deaf or hard of hearing; blind or have low vision; have Autism and other disabilities.

St Gabriel's School are holding two Open Days in March: Kindy 2026 enrolments on Thurs, 6 March 9.30am-11am Year 7 2026 enrolments on Thurs, 13 March 9.30am-11am Please register for the open days at

<https://stgabriels.nsw.edu.au/open-days-tours>

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

February

This Week

Tues 18th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 19th	Wednesday Morning Bible study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 20th	Reconciliation Registrations close
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sun 23rd	Fundraiser BBQ: Parish Council

February

This Month

Thurs 27th Feb	Coffee and Chat
Fri 28th Feb	Youth BBQ social night

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Readings Next Weekend

22-23 February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	1 Cor 15:45-49	Lk 6:27-38

Feast Days This Week

17 Feb	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
21 Feb	Saint Peter Damian
22 Feb	The Chair of Saint Peter

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Rita Rambaldini

For the Anniversaries of: Roshika Therese Fernando, Joviita Flores, Mark Fernando,
N. K. Mathai, Kunjamma Kurian, Mariama Eapen,

In Remembrance of: Allan Sy, Archilles and Margherita Forrestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Mark Skogvold