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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

6:45am **communion service only**

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

17-18 MAY 2025 *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C*

Hello everyone!

With the grace of God, the Church has been given a new pope, Pope Leo XIV. In recent days the news and details about the new pope have been circulated around the world.

As we start to get to know our new Pope, the Vatican news website has presented pope Leo XIV's motto and coat of arms. According to Vatican News, Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church.

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*" - "*You have pierced my heart with your Word.*"

On the other hand, Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: *In illo uno unum*, which means "*In the One, we are one.*" The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's *Exposition on Psalm 127*, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

In a 2023 interview with Vatican News' Tiziana Campisi, then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost spoke about the significance of this motto: "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of Saint Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking," he said. "I believe it is very important to promote communion in the Church, and we know well that communion, participation, and mission are the three key words of the Synod. So, as an Augustinian, for me promoting unity and communion is fundamental."

Saint Augustine's reflection on Psalm 127 highlights the theological foundation of this idea. "Christ - head and body - is one single man. And what is the body of Christ? His Church," Augustine writes. He then adds, "Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one. We are many and we are one - because we are united to Him, and if our Head is in heaven, the members will follow."

Let us continue to pray for our Holy Father as he continues the role of St Peter to feed the sheep of the Lord.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

NO MASSES WEDNESDAY 21ST— FRIDAY 23RD MAY

Next week, all the priests in the Parramatta Diocese will be attending a conference from Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd May. Therefore, there will be no morning masses on these days. There will be a communion service at 6:45am instead of mass. **St Michael's Baulkham Hills** will have a visiting priest celebrating masses on Wednesday 21st May to Friday 23rd May at 9:15am.



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

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On Facebook

@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
@St Bernadette's Young Adults

JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 23rd May
7:00pm-8:30pm in the hall.
Our theme for the night is
Jesus I trust in you.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 30th May
7:00pm-8:30pm in the St Joseph's room. Our theme for the night is
Fuel the Zeal

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. We will be reading through the coming Sunday's readings through Lectio Divina.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT 18TH MAY



Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs)
Sunday 18th May 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St Joseph's Room.
Rhiannon Athaide will be talking to us about
"Navigating Modern Psychology"
Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.



ROSTERS 24-25 MAY 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Sherryl Rozario	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	Mandy Leong Don de Leon Puspa Winendiah
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 26th May Jocelyn and Maxime Juste	John Giorgiutti Joseph Boudib Mila Mina	Sandra Emett Nina Irwin	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Tess De Santo



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR FERNANDO

Fr Fernando will be running an 8 week course on Hebrews on Thursday evenings in the hall. Beginning Thursday 5th June, and running for 8 Thursdays until 24th July, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Books are available from the Parish office or on the night for \$35. Cash Only.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH SPIRIT TASTING FUNDRAISER

We will be hosting a Spirit Tasting fundraiser event on Friday 11th July at 7pm in the hall. Locally based JANCE Distillery will be sharing a variety of spirits and information with us. Tickets on sale now via the QR code or at the Parish Office. \$30pp, \$50 per couple or \$180 per table of 8. Charcuterie boxes will also be available for pre-order.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding department will be holding Face-to-face training at St Bernadette's next Saturday 24th May 9:30am-1pm for all those needing to complete modules 4 & 5. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, contact safeguarding@parracatholic.org

MOTHERS' DAY FLOWERS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth fundraiser last weekend. The youth raised over \$3000 for our youth programs. Thank you to our florists, flower suppliers, and bakers, who donated their time, talents and resources to assist our youth.

OAKHILL COLLEGE GALA DAY – SATURDAY 31ST MAY

You are invited to Oakhill College's Gala Day on Saturday 31st May. This is a community day for the whole family full of sports, rides, food and market stalls, books, baskets and so much more.



CALLING ALL PERFORMERS

If you are interested in performing at this year's Food Fiesta on Sunday 8th June, please contact Steve Lavis on 0407280290 or stevenlavis1@gmail.com. We would love to showcase different cultural dancers, singers and performers.

TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets will be on sale for the next two weekend's masses, and on the day. Ticket books are \$10 each— containing 5 x \$2 vouchers. For food handling safety, we do not want the food stalls handling cash on the day.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for some help both in preparation and on the day. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer for assisting with different tasks. We are looking for people to help sell food tickets both on the day and over the next few weekends at masses. We are also looking for assistance in setting up on Saturday 7th, and packing up after the event on Sunday afternoon. The Aussie BBQ stall would appreciate any assistance from people to help cook and serve the BBQ.

Australia's Biggest morning tea

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Scan to donate

Thurs 22nd May
after 9:15am mass
in the Marian Centre

Donations at the door.
Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
\$5 donations to join in games
Prizes to be won!

The Parish Office will be closed during the morning tea.

HELP OUR SEMINARIANS TO BE 'PILGRIMS AND SOWERS OF HOPE'

Donate today parracatholic.org/appeal

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
May	This Week
Tues 20th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 21st	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 22nd	Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 23rd	Junior youth: Jesus I trust in you.
Sat 24th May	Safeguarding Training: Modules 4 & 5
Sun 25th May	Fundraiser BBQ: Football Club
May	This Month
Fri 30th May	Liturgy of Life Senior Youth

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

24-25 May 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second reading

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

Feast Days This Week

20 May

Saint Bernadine of Siena

21 May

Saints Christopher Magallanes and companions

22 May

Saint Rita of Cascia

24 May

Our Lady Help of Christians

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Perla Garcia Cuevas, Kaylene Hollis

Anniversaries: Trevor Wilfred Simcock, Philomena Bowen, Cathleen Bowen, Kathleen O'Sullivan Bowen, Severo Yu, Rohan Abhayaratna, Josephine and Joseph Assai, June Macky, C. C. Jose

In remembrance: Archilles and Margherita Forestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Sylvia Fagan, Dee Ozolins
Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Neil Carr-Boyd, Michael Wilson, Yvonne Back, Rick Green