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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 6th June

6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon

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

31 MAY - 1 JUNE 2025 *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C*

Hello everyone!

After the few weeks of expectation and celebration for the election of Pope Leo XIV, I would like to return to my small articles about the saints we celebrate in the liturgical calendar.

This coming week, we have a few celebrations of saints, and it was hard to choose who would make it to the parish bulletin this weekend. I have decided that as the saying goes, "first things, first", I would share with you the testimony of two saints from the early church: Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter, whose memory we will celebrate on Monday 2nd of June.

On this day, the Catholic Church remembers two fourth-century martyrs, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, who were highly venerated after the discovery of their tomb and the conversion of their executioner.

Although the biographical details of the two martyrs are largely unknown, it is known that they lived and died during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. In 302, the ruler changed his tolerant stance and pursued a policy intended to eliminate the Church from the empire.

Diocletian and his subordinate ordered the burning of Catholic churches and their sacred texts, as well as the imprisonment and torture of clergy and laypersons. The goal was to force Christians to submit to the Roman pagan religion, including the worship of the emperor himself as divine.

It was at the mid-point of this persecution, around 303, that a Roman exorcist by the name of Peter was imprisoned for his faith. While in prison, tradition holds that Peter freed Paulina, the daughter of the prison-keeper Artemius, from demonic influence by his prayers. That is why he is known as St Peter the Exorcist.

This demonstration of Christ's power over demons is said to have brought about the conversion of Paulina, Artemius, his wife, and the entire household, all of whom were baptized by the Roman priest Marcellinus. After this, both Marcellinus and Peter were called before a judge who was determined to enforce the emperor's decree against the Church. When Marcellinus testified courageously to his faith in Christ, he was beaten, stripped of his clothes, and deprived of food in a dark cell filled with broken glass shards.

Peter, too, was returned to his confinement. But neither man would deny Christ, and both preferred death over submission to the cult of pagan worship.

It was arranged for the two men to be executed secretly, in order to prevent the faithful from gathering in prayer and veneration at the place of their burial.

Both men were beheaded in the forest and buried in the clearing they had made. The location of the saints' bodies remained unknown for some time, until a devout woman named Lucilla received a revelation informing her where the priest and exorcist lay.

With the assistance of another woman, Firmina, Lucilla recovered the two saints' bodies and had them re-interred in the Roman Catacombs. Sts. Marcellinus and Peter are among the saints named in the Western Church's most traditional Eucharistic prayer, the Roman Canon.

Pope St. Damasus I, who was himself a great devotee of the Church's saints during his life, composed an epitaph to mark the tombs of the two martyrs. The source of his knowledge, he said, was the executioner himself, who had subsequently repented and joined the Catholic Church.

St Peter and Marcellinus, Pray for us!



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano



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
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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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JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 6th June
7:00pm-8:30pm in the hall.
Our theme for the night is
The Blazing Flame

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 13th June
7:00pm-8:30pm in the St Joseph's room. Our theme for the night is
Sola Scriptura: Show me the verse

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 15TH JUNE

Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs)
Sunday 15th June 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hall.
Natalia Zurawska will be sharing her testimony with us
"Rock Bottom: Under the Fig Tree"
Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

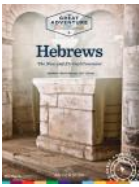


ROSTERS 7-8 JUNE 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic John Abernethy	Sue Pinkerton Daniel Vergano Lisa Kemmis	Steve Vassallo Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego John Eberhaut	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Radheen Wettasinghe
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Anabel Formosa Brennie Hassan Jane Lapidario
Bookshop	Maureen Feranside	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Tues 10th June Christine and Hubert Jenneke	N/A	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem	Jane Ng

Congratulations

Natalia and Ignatius Chui celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last weekend. May God continue to bless them and their family.



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR FERNANDO

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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION

will take place this Friday, 6th June at 12noon followed by a light lunch in the Marian Centre. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after 6:45am mass until 12noon. All welcome. If you require transport please contact Maureen Fearnside on 9634 3329.



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.



Pentecost

FOOD AND FUN FIESTA

8 JUNE 2025

CAR PARK CHANGES

Please be aware that next weekend the basketball courts will not be available for parking due to the food fiesta. The driveway through the school will be open to drive through only until 10:45am, when the gates will be locked. Please be mindful of changed traffic conditions over this weekend.

Traffic control/security will be in the carpark on Sunday helping to direct the flow of traffic. Please follow their instructions.

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 a variety of different tasks (selling tickets, Aussie BBQ, setting up on the Saturday afternoon and pack up on the Sunday afternoon)

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

If you would like to donate cakes, biscuits, slices etc to the cake stall for the food fiesta, please deliver your baked goods either Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th. Please label all baked goods with the ingredients for dietary purposes.

FOOD VOUCHERS

Will be on sale after weekend masses this weekend and on the day. Ticket books are \$10 each (5x\$2 tickets.) For food handling safety, we do not want our food stalls handling cash on the day.

DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA

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



Donate today parracatholic.org/appeal

when making donations online, please select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to ensure your donation is attributed to our parish quota.

We have raised \$1120 so far.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025

Families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend our information evening being held on Tuesday 24th June at 7.00pm in the Church. This program is suitable for children who are in Year 6 and above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The evening will last approximately 45 mins and children do not need to attend. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

June	This Week
Tues 3rd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 4th	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 5th	Hebrews Study with Fr Fernando 7pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 6th	First Friday healing mass and adoration Junior youth: The Blazing Flame
Sun 8th	Pentecost Food Fiesta
June	Next Month
Mon 9th June	Kings Birthday public holiday
Thurs 12th June	Hebrews Study with Fr Fernando 7pm
Fri 13th June	Senior Youth
21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th June	First Holy Communion Masses
Tues 24th June	Confirmation Parent Information Night

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



Readings Next Weekend

7-8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Acts 2:1-11	Rom 8:8-17	Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Feast Days This Week

2 June	Saints Marcellinus and Peter
3 June	Saint Charles Lwanga and companions
5 June	Saint Boniface
6 June	Saint Norbert
	Saint Marcellin Champagnat

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Caesar Gardoni

Anniversaries: Pauline Restall, Valentino Kaic, Samir Atalla, David Eric Fife,
Mary Fabat, Mary Millgate, Ben Morgan, Saul Florencio De Ponte

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Sylvia Fagan, Dee Ozolins, Marion Heron, Geoff Roney, Michael Wilson