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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 4th July

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

28-29 JUNE 2025 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL YEAR C

Hello Everybody:

This week I want to talk to you about an ancient collection taken in the Church on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, this is called Peter's Pence. This collection offers crucial financial support to in funding the humanitarian works of the Holy See.

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel, thus enabling them to devote themselves completely to their apostolic mission and to care for those in greatest need, is as old as Christianity itself (cf. Acts 4:34, 11:29).

By the end of the eighth century the Anglo-Saxons felt so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father. It was thus that the Denarius Sancti Petri (Alms of Saint Peter) originated and spread throughout Europe.

Like other practices of its kind, this custom underwent many changes in the course of the centuries, until in 1871 Pope Pius IX gave it his approval in the Encyclical Letter Saepe Venerabilis (5 August 1871).

In the first year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the proper meaning of this offering:

"Peter's Pence' is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character". (Address to the Members of the St Peter Circle, 25 February 2006).

The ecclesial value of this gesture becomes evident when one considers how charitable initiatives are con-natural to the Church, as Pope Benedict XVI stated in his first Encyclical Deus Caritas Est (25 December 2005):

"The Church can never be exempted from practising charity as an organized activity of believers and, on the other hand, there will never be a situation where the charity of each individual Christian is unnecessary, because in addition to justice man needs, and will always need, love" (No. 29)

This aid is always animated by that love which comes from God:

"For this reason, it is very important that the Church's charitable activity maintains all of its splendour and does not become just another form of social assistance" (...) "The Christian's programme — the programme of the Good Samaritan, the programme of Jesus — is 'a heart which sees'. This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly" (ibidem, No. 31).

Former Pontiffs have manifested their attention to the Peter's Pence Collection as a form of support given by believers to the Successors of St Peter's ministry to the universal Church.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.).

The general criterion that inspires the Peter's Pence Collection is derived from the primitive Church:

"The primary source of support for the Apostolic See should be in offerings freely given by Catholics throughout the whole world, and by other persons of good will. This is in harmony with a tradition dating back to the Gospel (cf. Lk 10:7) and the teaching of the Apostles (cf. 1 Cor 11:14)" (Letter of Pope John Paul II to the Cardinal Secretary of State, 20 November 1982).

Since we are having the Vinnies winter appeal this weekend, we will make the appeal next week as a walk out donation. Please support the works of charity of our newly elected Pope Leo XIV.

Thank you all for your support to this appeal.



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
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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JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8) SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Will be on break until we return for Term 3. Keep an eye out for further details and dates

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 20TH JULY

Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) Sunday 20th July 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hall.

We will be having a social night "Nostalgia" with old youth group games and activities. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ACYF MELBOURNE 2025 WITH CYP

The Diocese of Parramatta will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 Nov to 3 Dec 2025! For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, visit parracatholic.org/connect/acyf



ROSTERS 5-6 July 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Danielle Vassallo Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Jackson Ryan Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Rason Chia Patricia Chia Remy de Leon
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 7 July Jocelyn and Maxime Juste	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	N/A	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Mandy Leong



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Congratulations to our 82 children who have received their First Holy Communion over this weekend and last weekend. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Please be mindful and patient as their family and friends join us for Mass at the 5pm Vigil and 10:30am mass this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION

will take place this Friday, 4th July 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.



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 after masses this weekend and next weekend, online at trybooking.com via the QR code or at the Parish Office. \$30per person, \$50 per couple or \$180 per table of 8.



Funds raised from ticket sales will go towards the upcoming parish maintenance costs. Charcuterie boxes available for pre-order \$25 each, with funds going towards the Refugee Group



PENTECOST FOOD FIESTA

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in this year's Pentecost Food Fiesta. The day was a huge success, bringing together our local parish community, sharing the many nationalities of our Parishioners. Thanks to everyone's support and generosity, we raised just over \$11,500 which will go towards upcoming carpark maintenance costs.

CARPARK CLOSURES

During the school holidays, the carpark will be closed on Monday 7th July, Tuesday 8th July, and Tuesday 15th July, for maintenance and repairs. The school gates will be open with parking available on the school basketball courts for the 6:45am Masses on these days.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025

Confirmation Program 2025 Enrolments are now open. This program is suitable for children who are in Year 6 and above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or via email at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

BAPTISM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

For children in the PARISH who have not yet received the sacrament of Baptism. Children must be of primary school age and at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic. The sessions will be Saturday 26th July & 2nd August at 10:30am. Parents and child/children must attend both sessions. Baptisms will be arranged for August, once families have registered for the program. Please contact the Parish office on 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au for enrolments and further details. Enrolments close Friday 18th July.



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

WINTER APPEAL June 28-29

This weekend, Vinnies members will have collection buckets at the doors of the church for cash donations. Winter Appeal envelopes are available on the pews or in the church foyer for Credit Card donations. Donation envelopes can be placed in the parish collection plates, the collection boxes, or the Vinnies donation buckets. Thank you for your generosity.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2025: 23 & 26 AUGUST

The Office for Worship will host a Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at Blacktown. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Office for Worship at ofw@parracatholic.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE – STARTS SEPTEMBER

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September in Blacktown for those interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, or Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying. To enrol please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or pa@stbernadette.org.au.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

July	This Week
Tues 1st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 2nd	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 3rd	Hebrews Study with Fr Fernando 7pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 4th	First Friday healing mass and adoration

July	This Month
Mon 7th July	Carpark closed: tree cutting
Tues 8th July	
Fri 11th July	Spirit Tasting fundraiser
Tues 15th July	Carpark closed: pothole repairs
Thurs 24th July	Coffee and Chat
Sat 26th July	Baptism program for Primary Children
Sun 27th July	Fundraiser BBQ: Refugee group

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter,

Readings Next Weekend

5-6 July 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 66:10-14	Gal 6:14-18	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Feast Days This Week

30 June	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
3 July	Saint Thomas
4 July	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
5 July	Saint Anthony Zaccaria



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Ralph Amerasinghe, John Gregory, P.E Joseph, Jacob Chiramel, Hyacinth Samaranayake, Veron Weerasinghe, Eugene Ali, Antonio Roco

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Sylvia Fagan, Michael Wilson, Ederlina Badiola, Noemi Rico, Mary Grace Zamora, Lynette Collins, Jacky Baconnais