



## ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH

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### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 1st Aug

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

19-20 JULY 2025 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Hello Everyone!!

Before I start my little sharing for this weekend, just would like to inform you that I will be taking my holidays during the month of August. I am planning to go back and visit my family in Mexico. As you know, my sister has been fighting cancer and it has been a challenging time for all of us, so I am looking forward to being with them for a few weeks. Please keep us in your prayers and please look after our young priest, Fr Menard who just returned from his annual leave.

Of the many choices of great saints that the church invites us to celebrate this week, I would like to share with you a saint that we celebrate on the 30th of July, St Peter Chrysologus.

Saint Peter Chrysologus was born around the year 400 in Imola, a place near Ravenna in Italy. The saint's title, Chrysologus, means "golden speech" in Greek. And he is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna. He was proclaimed as a Doctor of the Church in 1729.

His surviving works offer eloquent testimony to the Church's traditional beliefs about Mary's perpetual virginity, the penitential value of Lent, Christ's Eucharistic presence, and the primacy of St. Peter and his successors in the Church.

Few details of St. Peter Chrysologus' biography are known. As I mentioned before he was born in the Italian town of Imola in either the late fourth or early fifth century, but sources differ as to whether this occurred around 380 or as late as 406.

Following his study of theology, Peter was ordained to the diaconate by Imola's local bishop Cornelius, whom he greatly admired and regarded as his spiritual father. Cornelius not only ordained Peter but taught him the value of humility and self-denial.

The lessons of his mentor inspired Peter to live as a monk for many years, embracing a lifestyle of asceticism, simplicity, and prayer. His simple monastic life came to an end, however, after the death of Archbishop John of Ravenna in 430.

After John's death, the clergy and people of Ravenna chose a successor and asked Cornelius, still the Bishop of Imola, to journey to Rome and obtain papal approval for the candidate. Cornelius brought Peter, then still a deacon, along with him on the visit to Pope Sixtus III.

The traditional account, as recorded in the Roman Breviary, is that Sixtus had a vision of Pope Peter the Apostle and Apollinaris of Ravenna, the first bishop of that see, who showed Peter, a young man, the next Bishop of Ravenna. When a group from Ravenna arrived, including Cornelius and his archdeacon Peter from Imola, Sixtus recognized Peter as the young man in his vision and consecrated him as a bishop.

In Ravenna, Peter was received warmly by the Western Roman Emperor Valentinian III, and his mother Galla Placidia. She is said to have given him the title of "Chrysologus" because of his preaching skills.

Throughout the archdiocese, however, he encountered the surviving remnants of paganism along with various abuses and distortions of the Catholic faith. Peter exercised zeal and pastoral care in curbing abuses and evangelizing non-Christians during his leadership of the Church in Ravenna.

One of the major heresies of his age, monophysitism, held that Christ did not possess a distinct human nature in union with his eternal divine nature. Peter labored to prevent the westward spread of this error, promoted from Constantinople by the monk Eutyches.

The Archbishop of Ravenna also made improvements to the city's cathedral and built several new churches. Near the end of his life, he addressed a significant letter to Eutyches, stressing the Pope's authority in the monophysite controversy.

Having returned to Imola in anticipation of his death, St. Peter Chrysologus died in 450, one year before the Church's official condemnation of monophysitism. He is credited as the author of around 176 surviving homilies, which contributed to his later proclamation as a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729.

St Peter Chrysologus, 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

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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#### JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 8th August 7-8:30pm  
in the parish hall  
Australia's First Saint

#### SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 1st Aug 7-8:30pm  
in the St Joseph's Room  
Lectio Divina

### 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 17TH AUGUST

Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) Sunday 17th August 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hall. Our Guest Speaker, Christian Salem, will be "Exploring Eastern Catholicism" with us. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting [ym@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au).



## ROSTERS 2-3 August 2025

Ministry	Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Nathan Lourdes	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Sherryl Rozario	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Edwin Zambrano	Jackson Ryan Nathan Colaco	
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva +1	Julian Bong Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	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	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon	
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen	
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 4th August Remy de Leon	Joe Harney Bernadette Pathiwillie Ranjaka Gunawardene	Stefanie Chehade Laura Burton	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel Michelle Gardoni	Lois and John Donnelly	

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 1st Aug 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.

### 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. Please contact the Parish office on 9634 2622 or [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au) for enrolments and further details. Enrolments close Mon 28th July.



### PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

The Refugee Group are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this Sunday 27th July. Bacon and Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property in the church. All items are displayed on tables in the foyer this weekend. Unclaimed items will be donated or thrown away Monday 28th July.



### ADULT CONFIRMATION 2025: 23 & 26 AUGUST

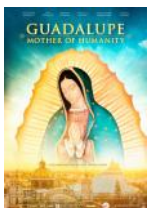


The Office for Worship will host a Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 23rd August from 9.30am – 2pm at Blacktown. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Office for Worship at [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org)

### PARISH OUTING THURSDAY 11/9/2025 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH ROSEMEADOW



We are organising a Parish Outing on Thursday 11th September to Our Lady Help of Christians, which has been designated as a Special Place of Pilgrimage for Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Departing Brisbane Rd 8.30am. Cost \$55 (cash only) including bus hire and donation to Our Lady Help of Christians. The day will consist of morning tea, Q & A, mass / confession, and time to shop (at your expense), we will then stop for lunch at Mt Annan Botanical Gardens (at your expense) returning to St Bernadettes by 4pm. Sign up sheet in the foyer, places are limited. Please place \$55 in an envelop with your name and drop into the Parish Office by Monday 18th August.



### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DOCUMENTARY SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025

We will be hosting a viewing of the documentary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Parish Hall on Sunday 17th August 2pm – 4pm. Cost will be \$10 per person, payable at the door and is cash only

### 8TH AUGUST– FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

The St Bernadette's students (years 3-6) will be joining us on Friday 8th August at the 9:15am Parish Mass to celebrate the feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The centre 2 sections of the church will be reserved for parishioners.



St Bernadette's Primary School's annual Fun Fair will be held on Friday 24th October 2025. The P&F are currently seeking Sponsorship contributions to help bring the fair to life and prizes and donations for their major raffle. If you, your business, or someone you know may be able to contribute in any way, please reach out to the P&F Committee– they would be most grateful for any level of support. For sponsorship enquiries please contact: Sara Ang on 0403 624 212

## Save the Date



## Melbourne Cup Lunch

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Heritage House, Kenthurst

\$120 per person

## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

### July/ August

### This Week

Mon 28th	Primary Baptism Registrations close
Tues 29th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 30th	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 31st	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 1st Aug	First Friday Mass and Adoration

### August

### Next Month

Fri 15th Aug	The Feast of the Assumption
Sat 16th Aug	Bethlehem Olivewood Stall
Sun 17th Aug	Our Lady of Guadalupe Documentary
Sun 24th Aug	Fundraiser BBQ: Care Group



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon

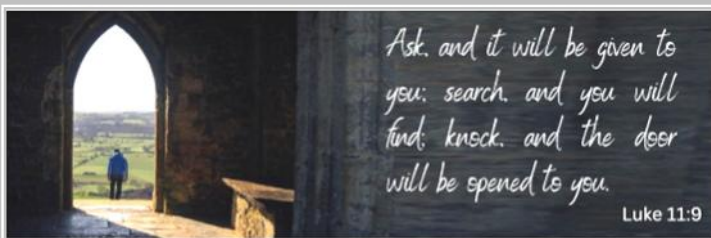
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.



## Readings Next Weekend

2-3 August 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23	Col 3:1-5, 9-11	Lk 12:13-21

### Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

## Feast Days This Week

29 July

Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

31 July

Saint Ignatius Loyola

1 Aug

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Antonio Pennisi, Eduardo Gutierrez (funeral Mon 4th August 11am)

Anniversaries: Claude Gebert, Mariamma Xavier, Alma Mabutas, Maximilian Eberhaut, Teresa D'Souza, Frank and Terry Pankhurst

## 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, Michelle Clarke