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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

5-6 JULY 2025 *FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

Hello everyone!

With the help of God, we are fully into Ordinary Time in our Liturgical calendar. After the celebration of Easter, we have been blessed with other solemnities that have allowed us to continue our growth in the faith and our spiritual life.

As we continue with our Ordinary Time, I want to go back to introduce to you some of the saints that we celebrate during this coming week. This weekend I would like to write to you about the saint and saints we will celebrate on the 9th of July. St Augustine Zhao-Rong and his Companions Martyrs, also known as the Chinese Martyrs.

St Augustine Zhao-Rong, originally surnamed Zhu, was born in 1746 in Wu Chuan, Guizhou Province. When he was nearly 20, while serving as a sergeant in Wu Chuan County in the imperial army of the Qing dynasty, he encountered Christianity during its introduction from Sichuan.

Persecution of Christianity began in 1748 during the reign of the Qianlong Emperor, leading to the arrest of many Christians, including a priest called Father Mei. Zhu Rong was moved by the teaching of Father Mei, and Zhu Rong quickly embraced Christianity and deepened his understanding of the faith. In 1752, on St Augustine's feast day, (28th of August) Father Mei baptized and confirmed Zhu Rong, giving him the name Augustine. Recognizing Zhu Rong's strong faith, Father Mei entrusted him with various tasks, teaching him Latin and encouraging the study of books about the saints.

Impressed by Zhu Rong's loyalty and enthusiasm, another priest, Father Lou, sought his assistance. Recognizing his outstanding faith, Father Lou appealed to the bishop for Zhu Rong's ordination as a priest. At the age of 35, Zhu Rong became a priest, adopting the surname Zhao and so from then on was called Zhao Rong.

Later, the bishop assigned him to care for all Catholics in the three counties of Guan Xian, Jin Tang, and Wen Jiang in western Sichuan Province. Zhao Rong tirelessly taught, zealously preached, devotedly fulfilled his duties, and heard confessions with care. In the 1815, during the reign of the Jia Qing, as Christian persecution began again, Father Yang urged him to leave the region, but being old and frail, Zhao Rong explained his inability to escape. He asked Father Yang to pray for his perseverance, courage, and steadfastness.

One day a gangster questioned Zhao Rong about his belief in Catholicism. Zhao Rong replied that he not only believed in the Catholic Church, but that he also was a leader in the Church. The bandit reported him to state officers, leading to his arrest and subsequent transfer to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan. In prison, Zhao Rong endured various forms of abuse.

One day, officials pressured him to renounce Jesus, but Zhao Rong firmly replied, "I am willing to accept all kinds of punishments, but the one thing I cannot do is abandon my Lord Jesus Christ."

In prison the official ridiculed him in every possible way and ordered the prison officer to beat him. Zhao Rong was kept in prison to await his final judgement, but, due to his old age and inability to endure punishment, he died in prison. Then the officers buried him in Guan Shan. In 1822 Zhao Rong was moved to Feng Huang Mountain in Guangdong Province. On 27 May 1900 Pope Leo XIII declared Zhao Rong Blessed, and on 1 October 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized him as a saint together with 120 other Chinese martyrs.

St Augustine Zhao-Rong and Martyrs of China, 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
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)

Both junior and senior youth 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 12-13 July 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	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic Julian Bong	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandy	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Lie Nina Irwin	Anabel Formosa Brennie Hassan +1
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 15th July Marie Woodward Elaine Small	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	N/A	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Gabriella Tan Pauline Home	Remy de Leon



PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

This weekend we will be collecting donations for the Peter's Pence appeal. Donation boxes are available at the doors. Thank you for your support to this appeal.

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. Entry from Brisbane Rd and the Marian Centre will be blocked off. The school gates will be open with parking available on the school basketball courts for the 6:45am Masses on these days.



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 (vodka, whisky, gin and liqueurs) and information with us. Tickets on sale now after masses this weekend, online at trybooking.com or at the Parish Office. \$30 per 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 St Bernadette's Refugee Group.



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 2nd and 9th August at 11am. 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 Mon 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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE – STARTS SEPTEMBER

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held during 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 Nancy at the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or pa@stbernadette.org.au.



Spirit Tasting

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Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

July	This Week
Mon 7th Tues 8th	Carpark closed: tree cutting
Tues 8th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 9th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 10th	Hebrews Study with Fr Fernando 7pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 11th	Spirit Tasting fundraiser

July	This Month
Tues 15th July	Carpark closed: pothole repairs
Sun 20th July	Young Adults: Nostalgia
Thurs 24th July	Coffee and Chat Confirmation registrations close
Sun 27th July	Fundraiser BBQ: Refugee group

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Readings Next Weekend

12-13 July 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Deut 30:10-14	Col 1:15-20	Lk 10:25-37

Feast Days This Week

7 July	Blessed Peter to Rot
9 July	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions
11 July	Saint Benedict

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Luke Manassa, Banda Bounassif,

Ross Freeman (funeral Thurs 10th 11am), Terry O'Mara (funeral Fri 11th 10:15am),

Anniversaries: Preciosa Menezes, Dorothy Barbour, Nestor Mina, George Nisquith, Sunarto Gunawan

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