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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 5th September

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

30-31 AUGUST 2025 *TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

Stewards of God's creation

For some reason, I have always found satisfaction in pulling out weeds. One time at the seminary I was heavy at work in the garden and a seminarian pulls into the parking lot. Thinking I might guilt trip him into joining me in the garden, he said to me with a pat on the back, 'Well done Menard. Gods first commandment to till the land yeah yeah', and he left. His departure left me annoyed and disappointed, but his words stirred interest and intrigue in my mind.

In Genesis 2:15, 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it'. Adam was entrusted the cultivation of the land and to care for what God had created. I took great comfort and fulfilment, knowing that gardening is so rooted in our humanity.

Laudato Si', Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, is a powerful call to care for our common home. Rooted in Catholic social teaching, it emphasises the interconnectedness of all creation and critiques the environmental degradation caused by human activity. The Pope urges a "conversion" of hearts and lifestyles, inviting all people—not just Catholics—to reflect on how ecological damage impacts the poor, future generations, and the planet itself. Central to Laudato Si' is the concept of integral ecology, which recognizes that environmental, social, economic, and spiritual issues are deeply intertwined.

The Season of Creation, celebrated annually from September 1 to October 4, aligns perfectly in Australia with the beginning of Spring and closely with the message of Laudato Si'. It is a time of prayer, reflection, and action dedicated to protecting Earth and its resources, including each other. The season begins on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. During this period, Christians worldwide are invited to renew their relationship with God, with one another, and with the Earth.

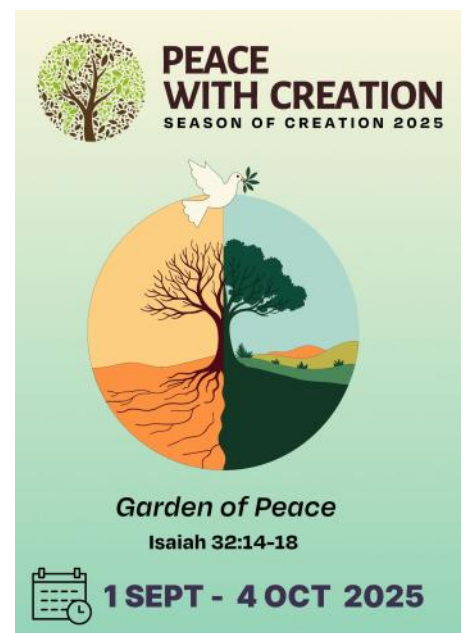
By linking spiritual reflection with practical action, both Laudato Si' and the Season of Creation deepen our awareness of the sacredness of creation and our responsibility to protect it. In a time of climate crisis, they offer a hopeful and urgent path forward rooted in faith, justice, and ecological responsibility.

As we enter the Spring season, let us take particular notice of the beauty of God's creation. As plants grow, flowers bloom AND THE SUN COMES OUT, let us take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the Lord for his providence. Creation is here to provide us with food, shelter and clothing, but also for our enjoyment, companionship and productivity. Let us enter the season of creation with a focus on our stewardship of God's creation.



In the hearts of Jesus and Mary

Fr. Menard Gaspi



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

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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)

Friday 5th Sept 7-8:30pm
in the parish hall
Feast of the Cross

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 12th Sept 7-8:30pm
The youth are using Lectio Divina
to reflect on the Sunday readings

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 21ST SEPTEMBER

Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) Sunday 21st September 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hall. Our Guest Speaker, Judith-Grace Vella, will be sharing with us on Overcoming Discernment Paralysis. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ACYF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The St Bernadette's young adults are putting together a pilgrimage group to travel to ACYF in Melbourne in November. If you are interested in joining us, please complete the google form by scanning the QR code



ROSTERS 6-7 September 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Sherryl Rozario	Joanne Dobry Alex Joyce Malena del Gallego	Jackson Ryan Nathan Colaco Lisa Giacomelli
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin Rudy Suwandny	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	Rason Chia Patricia Chia Remy de Leon
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Regina Jaegal	Mon 8th September Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	Stefanie Chehade Laura Burton	Margaret Sinha Reg Sinha Margaret Sinha Snr. Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson	Jane Ng

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION

LET US CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS, JUST AS THEY CARE FOR US

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

DONATE NOW



BISHOP'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

Envelopes can be found on the pews. Online donations via the QR Code. When making online donations, please remember to select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to ensure donations are attributed to our parish quota. Thank you for your generous donations.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 5th Sept 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

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

RCIA An information evening will be held on Wednesday 24th September at 7:00pm in the Marian Centre for those adults interested in becoming Catholic. Further details of the program will be explained at the meeting. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or nancy@stbernadette.org.au

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr Menard will be running altar server training for those wishing to join the ministry to serve at our weekend masses. Training will be held on Saturday 13th and 20th at 2pm in the church. A sign up sheet is located in the church foyer. For more information, please contact Fr Menard at admin@stbernadette.org.au or 9634 2622



Fathers' Day Raffle

The Young Adults are running a Fathers' Day raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Available after masses this weekend and next. Winners drawn after 6pm Mass on Sunday 7th September



Melbourne Cup Lunch



12:00pm-3:30pm
Tuesday 4th November 2025
 The Heritage House, Kenthurst
 \$120 per person

Tickets now on sale
 at the Parish Office
 or online via the QR Code




FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to everyone who supported the care group fundraiser BBQ last weekend. They raised just over \$1000.

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
September	This Week
Tues 2nd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 3rd	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 4th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 5th	First Friday anointing Mass & Adoration Junior Youth: Feast of the Cross
September	This Month
Thurs 11th Sept	Parish Outing
Sun 7th Sept	Fathers' Day
Thurs 25th Sept	Coffee and chat: Rosary
Sun 28th Sept	Fundraiser BBQ: Vinnies

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1. 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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Luke 14:14

Readings Next Weekend

6-7 September 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Wis 9:13-18	Philemon 9-10, 12-17	Lk 14:25-33

Feast Days This Week

3 Sept

Saint Gregory the Great

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Mabel Kwong

Anniversaries: Frank Williams, Jack Edge, Bastiampillai Ariyanayagam, Barry Taylor,
Manel Abhayaratna, Reg Millgate, Glenn Millgate, Kunjumariamamma Nicolos

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Raymond Coffey, Nicola Sloggett, Peter Burke