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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

13-14 SEPTEMBER 2025 *THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*

Hello Everyone!

I am back after a few weeks away from my annual leave, as always it was a comforting time with the family, especially at these challenging times where we are still dealing with the illness of my sister and her fight with cancer.

I want to thank you all who have been asking and sending messages of prayers and support. I left home with the strong feeling that I might need to rush back home and be there to offer my support and consolation to my mother, my other sister and my sister's family. We are all in the hands of God and he is the one who takes us by the hand and leads us as we walk 'through the valley of tears'.

I want to thank Father Menard who has been looking after this small space for the last few weeks. I am sure we all found inspiration from his articles, and I am assured you are left in good hands with his leadership style.

Just to continue with my articles this year about the lives of saints that we celebrate in the Liturgical Cycle, I would like to tell you something about the great saint we celebrate on the 20th of September. He is the saint whose name is mentioned but he represents a large group of great saints given to the Church by the community of the faithful from the beautiful country of Korea. His name is St Andrew Kim, usually mentioned with Saint Paul Chong Hasang and their companion Martyrs.



The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Saint Andrew Kim, St Paul Chong Hasang and companion martyrs! 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

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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 19th Sept 7-8:30pm
in the parish hall
We are looking at Archangels

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 26th 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. More info ym@stbernadette.org.au.



HSC PRAYER AND ADORATION NIGHT

On Saturday 27th September the youth are holding a HSC Prayer night. We will be attending the 5pm Vigil Mass, followed by pizza dinner in the hall, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm in the church. All welcome, especially those sitting the HSC exams.



ROSTERS 20-21 September 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic John Abernethy	Sue Pinkerton Campion Fernando Lisa Kemmis	Steve Vassallo Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Sylvia Rego Vince del Gallego John Eberhaut	John Zdrilic Brandon Leyba Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza +1	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	Dominique Boudib Catherine Wibisono +1
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Olivia Cheng	Mon 22nd Sept Pauline Home Bernard Home	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	Liza Echevaria Natalie Coghlan	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Lim Nguyen Cheryl D'Sylva	Remy de Leon

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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, we have raised \$2928 so far thanks to your generosity.



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

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to our Father's Day raffle prize winners, Divya, Danielle and Veronica. Thank you to everyone who supported the Young Adults Fathers Day Raffle, especially those who donated parts of our prizes. We raised just over \$1300.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

First Holy Communion photos from 2025 are now available for collection at the Parish Office (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or at weekend masses. We also have a number of photos from previous First Communions and Confirmations that have not been collected.

POSITION AVAILABLE – ST AGATHA'S PENNANT HILLS PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Pennant Hills Parish is seeking a part-time Parish Administrative Assistant (2–4 days per week, up to 26 hours) to support the Parish Priest & community. Applications close 30 September 2025. For details, please contact St Agatha's Parish Office on (02) 9484 1427 or stagathas@bbcatholic.org.au



Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp



SHIRE GLUTEN FREE STALL

This Friday 19th September Shire Gluten Free will be holding a stall in the parish carpark from 11am-1pm. For more information visit shireglutenfree.com.au

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



St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September

This Week

Tues 16th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 17th	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 18th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 19th	Junior Youth: Archangels
Sat 20th	Altar Server Training
Sun 21st	Young Adults

September

This Month

Wed 24th Sept	RCIA Information Night
Thurs 25th Sept	Coffee and chat: Rosary
Sat 27th Sept	HSC Adoration Night
Sun 28th Sept	Fundraiser BBQ: Vinnies

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

Communion Antiphon:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.



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Readings Next Weekend

20-21 September 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Second reading

1 Tim 2:1-8

Gospel

Lk 16:1-13

Feast Days This Week

15 Sept

Our Lady of Sorrows

16 Sept

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

17 Sept

Saint Hildegard of Bingen,

Saint Robert Bellarmine

19 Sept

Saint Januarius

20 Sept

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon,

Paul Chong Hasang & companions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased: Charles Kirk

Anniversaries: Lolita Macutay, Marie Celine Gregory

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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