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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 3rd October

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

27-28 SEPTEMBER 2025 *TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

Warrior, Messenger, and Healer: God's Heavenly Servants

Prior to my Confirmation in year 6, I never really had an encounter with learning about saints. I recall one time opening the bible for leisure to Revelation and the story of the Archangel Michael defeating the dragon, the ancient serpent. I was so inspired by his bravery and willingness to stand up for God. I chose Michael as my confirmation saint and have continued to have a great devotion to St. Michael.

On September 29 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Archangels. The archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are three of the most prominent angels in Judeo-Christian tradition, each with distinct roles and attributes that highlight their spiritual significance. Their role in Salvation History can be found in the bible.

Archangel Michael is often seen as the leader of the heavenly armies. His name means "Who is like God?", a rhetorical question emphasising God's unmatched power. In the Bible, Michael appears in the Book of Daniel as a protector of Israel and in the Book of Revelation as a warrior who defeats Satan in a great celestial battle. He is typically portrayed as a strong, armoured figure wielding a sword, symbolising justice and divine protection. In Christian tradition, Michael is considered a patron of soldiers and police officers and is often invoked in prayers for strength and deliverance from evil.

Archangel Gabriel is primarily known as a divine messenger. His name means "God is my strength." Gabriel appears in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Book of Daniel, he helps interpret visions, while in the Gospel of Luke, he famously announces to Mary that she will give birth to Jesus—one of the most pivotal moments in Christian theology. Gabriel is the 'Angel of the Lord who declared unto Mary'. Often depicted with a trumpet or scroll, Gabriel symbolises revelation, communication, and divine guidance.

Archangel Raphael is associated with healing and guidance. His name means "God heals." Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit, where he disguises himself as a human to assist Tobit and his son Tobias. Raphael heals Tobit's blindness and protects Tobias on his journey, emphasising his role as a guardian and healer. He is often shown holding a staff and a fish, referencing the story's events. In Christian tradition, Raphael is the patron of travellers, doctors, and those seeking healing.

Together, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael represent three central aspects of divine action in the world: protection, revelation, and healing. While their appearances in scripture vary, their roles have made a lasting impact on religious thought, art, and devotional practice. Their enduring presence reflects humanity's longing for divine help, wisdom, and healing in times of trouble.

On October 2 we also celebrate the memorial of the Guardian Angels. These heavenly protectors are assigned to guide and guard each soul. In God's love, they lead us away from sin and toward holiness. Let us thank God for their constant presence and ask for their help to remain faithful on our journey to Heaven.

This weekend, I invite you to consider which title and archangel resonates with you the most. Warrior, Messenger or Healer? It is obvious that God shows forth the importance of the Angels in our preserving and enhancing our relationship with him. Though invisible, it is important for Christians to be aware of the faithful presence of Angels who protect, guide and strengthen us each day. Have a blessed Solemnity of the Archangels!



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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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)

Are on break for the Holidays.
Keep an eye out for Term 4 dates coming soon.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Are on break for the Holidays.
Keep an eye out for Term 4 dates coming soon.

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 19TH OCTOBER

Come and join our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs)
Sunday 19th October 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hall.
With Guest Speaker, Daniel Grace.
Dinner included. More info ym@stbernadette.org.au.

HSC MASS SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 6PM

The annual Catholic Youth Parramatta HSC Mass will be held on Sunday 12th October at the 6pm Mass. Please wear your yr 12 jerseys in support. All HSC students are invited to attend, and will receive a blessing (and a bag of goodies) as they prepare to start their HSC exams on Thursday 16th October. Please keep our year 12 students in your prayers these coming weeks.

ROSTERS 4-5 OCTOBER 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Gary Tierney Sean Eberhaut	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Amber McLean	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Jackson Ryan Nathan Colaco Lisa Giacomelli
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Julian Bong Monica Rodrigues David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	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	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Tues 7th Oct Marie Woodward Elaine Small	Joe Harney Bernadete Pathiwillie Ranjaka Gunawardene	N/A	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Gabriella Tan Pauline Home	Lois and John Donnelly

PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ 28TH SEPTEMBER

St Bernadette's Vinnies are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this Sunday. Bacon & Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash & EFTPOS available.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ADORATION



will take place this Friday, 3rd Oct 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

FINANCE UPDATE

For those who missed the Parish Finance Update video, it is now available on our Parish website. Copies of the details shown in the video are available in the foyer. Due to a system update, please check your direct debit donations are correct. Any discrepancies, please fill out a new blue form, available at the doors of the church.



KELLYVILLE PARISH MARIAN PROCESSION: 11 OCTOBER



To celebrate their patronal feast day, the youth of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, are organising a Marian procession on Saturday 11 October. Mass begins at 6pm, followed by a procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the

Holy Innocents. All are welcome to join the parish as they gather to pray through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

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



PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. Please RSVP by 20 October to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478 to register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Fr Menard will be holding a the blessing of pets on Saturday 4th October at 3pm on the School Basketball Courts.



Melbourne Cup Lunch



12:00pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 4th November 2025

The Heritage House, Kenthurst

\$120 per person + drinks

Tickets now on sale

at the Parish Office
or online via the QR Code
and next weekend after masses



*Prizes to be won for
best dressed, sweeps, games*

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September

This Week

Tues 30th

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am

Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm

Wed 1st

Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm

Thurs 2nd

Holy Hour 8pm-9pm

Fri 3rd

First Friday Adoration and healing mass

Sat 4th

Blessing of the Animals

October

Next Month

Mon 6th Oct

Public Holiday 8am mass only

Sun 12th Oct

HSC Mass

Thurs 23rd Oct

Coffee and Chat: Virtual Pilgrimage

Sat 25th Oct

Confirmation Mass

Sun 26th Oct

Fundraiser BBQ:

Monday 6th October Labor Day Public Holiday

8am Mass only. Church will be closed after mass.
Parish Office closed.

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Readings Next Weekend

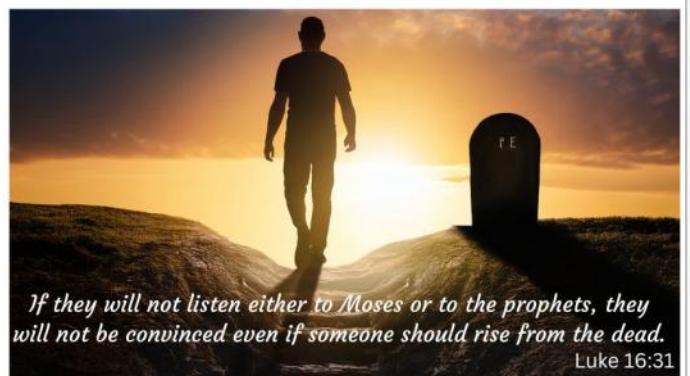
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4	2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14	Lk 17:5-9

Feast Days This Week

29 Sept	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
30 Sept	Saint Jerome
1 Oct	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
2 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
3 Oct	Saint Francis of Assisi



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Luke 16:31

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased: Arnis Erdmanis, Sandra Ofelia Montano Rodriguez, Malcolm McDonald (Funeral 2nd Oct 11am)

Anniversaries: Howard Anderson, Fr John Williams, Jack McAuliffe, Eapen Pattara, Tony Sabat, Honorata Espirito, Edilberto Espirito, Joe Finucane, Branko Runac, Angela Crowe

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Minda Robles, Raymond Coffey, Nicola Sloggett,
Peter Burke, Charlie Restall, Ruby Porciuncula, Sakina Au-Yeung, Colleen Woodhead