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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

11-12 OCTOBER 2025 *TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

All creatures of our God and King!

Last week we gathered together for the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There was little Peanut, a little feline among the crowd of Canines. We invoked the intercession of St. Francis with the song, 'Make me a channel of your peace'. St. Francis of Assisi is famous for taming a savage wolf that had been attacking villagers. Through prayer and gentleness, he made peace between the wolf and the people. The wolf then became the protector of the village and shared a good bond with the people. In another story, he preached to birds, who listened quietly and flew off only after receiving his blessing, symbolizing all creation's call to praise God. Catholic tradition includes many beautiful stories of saints and animals, showing the harmony between holiness and creation, and the power of God's presence over all creatures.

On the day I told a powerful Eucharistic story involving St. Anthony of Padua. To prove the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to a skeptic, he arranged a test: a donkey was kept without food for three days. On one side, food was placed; on the other, the Eucharist. The donkey bypassed the food, knelt before the Blessed Sacrament—affirming the truth of Christ's presence.

After the blessing of the pets, we walked in procession like the animals into the ark of Noah to the hymn, 'All creatures of our God and King'. This action is symbolic of the procession of God's creation and the celebration of the liturgy.

As the season of creation concludes, let us always be aware of the beauty of God's creation, big and small. It is all given for our use and our flourishing. May we not take these gifts for granted. This weekend we turn our focus on gratitude and how it is central to our faith and our relationship with the Father. How we do anything, is how we do everything.



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 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)

Returns Friday 17th October
7:00-8:30pm in the hall.
We will be learning about
Transubstantiation

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Returns Friday 31st October
7-8:30pm in the St Joseph's Room
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 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 sharing with us
the meaning of Transcendentals
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. All HSC students are invited to attend, to receive a blessing (and a bag of goodies) as they prepare to start their HSC exams on Thursday 16th October.

ROSTERS 18-19 OCTOBER 2025

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Danielle Vassallo Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Venetia Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	John Zdrilic Brandon Leyba Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza +1	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	Dess Gutierrez Dominique Boudib Catherine Wibisono
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
Margaret Jones	Mon 20th October Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	Joanne Boland Joanna Camarda	Margaret Sinha Reg Sinha Margaret Sinha Snr. Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson	Jane Ng

A PARISH HSC PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we bring before you our HSC students.
Give them the gifts of wisdom, right
judgement, knowledge and courage.
Bless them with calm hearts and clarity
of mind as they sit for their exams.
May they be affirmed in their efforts and
may they know that you are there with them.
We pray that they will stay calm under
pressure and work to the best of their ability.
May they feel your loving presence in their
lives, now and always, and may they be
strengthened by the prayerful support of us,
their parish community.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your
Son, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Please keep our HSC students in your prayers over the coming weeks as they commence their exams.



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.

RCIA COMMENCES 22ND OCTOBER

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin on Wednesday 22nd October at 7:00pm in the Marian Centre. For more information, please contact Nancy on 9634 2622 or nancy@stbernadette.org.au

NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes are available in the foyer for November Mass offerings. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased relatives and friends on the envelope which can be placed in the collection boxes or given in to the Parish Office. From there the names will be put into the "Book of Remembrance" which will be placed on a temporary altar on the Sanctuary throughout November. Masses will be offered during the month of November for our friends and family who have gone before us.



SHIRE GLUTEN FREE STALL

This Friday 17th October 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



12pm-3:30pm Tuesday 4th November

The Heritage House, Kenthurst

\$120 per person +drinks

Tickets now on sale

After masses this weekend
at the Parish Office
or online via the QR Code



RECONCILIATION 2026 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend our information evening being held on **Tuesday 11th November at**

7.00pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 2 and above (year 3 in 2026), who have received the sacrament of Baptism.

The evening will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October

This Week

Tues 14th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 15th	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 16th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 17th	Junior Youth: Transubstantiation
Sun 19th	Young Adults

October

This Month

Thurs 23rd Oct	Coffee and Chat: Virtual Pilgrimage
Fri 24th Oct	St Bernadette's Fun Fair
Sat 25th Oct	Confirmation Mass
Sun 26th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ:

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

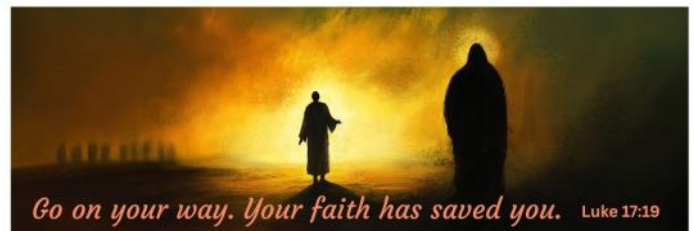
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Readings Next Weekend

18-19 October 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ex 17:8-13	2 Tim 3:14-4:2	Lk 18:1-8

Feast Days This Week

14 Oct	Saint Callistus I
15 Oct	Saint Teresa of Jesus
16 Oct	Saint Hedwig
	Saint Margaret Mary of Alacoque
17 Oct	Saint Ignatius of Antioch
18 Oct	Saint Luke

Please note From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal: (GIRM) Regarding the Antiphons and their use during masses.

Entrance (No 47 & 48 GIRM)

If there is **NO** singing at the Entrance, the antiphon given in the Missal is recited by the faithful.

Communion (No 86 & 87 GIRM)

While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Hymn is begun. The hymn is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful. Care should be taken that the singers, too, can receive Communion with ease. However, if there is **NO** singing, the antiphon given in the Missal may be recited.

Therefore, the antiphons should be recited at the 7:30am Mass and weekday masses.

The Vigil, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm Masses do not require the antiphons to be recited, as there is a Hymn.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased: William Moss, Anna Schvyens

Anniversaries: Santhosh Cherian, Peter Chang Ho Hwang, Thomas Nice, Adam Sustek, Arthur Wilkins, Maria Zurawska, Perla Cuevas, Mary Millgate, Chris Millgate, Margherita and Archilles Foresstieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Yvonne Hill, Colleen Woodhead, Michael Wilson, Minda Robles, Raymond Coffey, Nicola Sloggett, Peter Burke, Charlie Restall, Ruth Porciuncula, Sakina Au-Yeung, Neri Siason