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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH COMMUNITY CASTLE HILL

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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

18-19 OCTOBER 2025 *TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

### Pope's October prayer intention: 'Collaboration among religions'

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Pope Leo XIV's monthly prayer intention for October is for "collaboration between different religious traditions."

The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Specifically, the Video opens with his voice inviting faithful to join in praying that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

"Lord Jesus," the Pope's prayer begins, "You, who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together."

He acknowledges that despite being "a world full of beauty," it is "also wounded by deep divisions," where "sometimes," he lamented, "religions, instead of uniting us, become a cause of confrontation." Hence, he implores, "Give us your Spirit to purify our hearts, so that we may recognize what unites us and, from there, learn again how to listen and collaborate without destroying."

The Holy Father went on to pray that the concrete examples of peace, justice and fraternity in religions inspire us to believe that it is possible to live and work together, beyond our differences. "May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world. Amen," Pope Leo concludes.

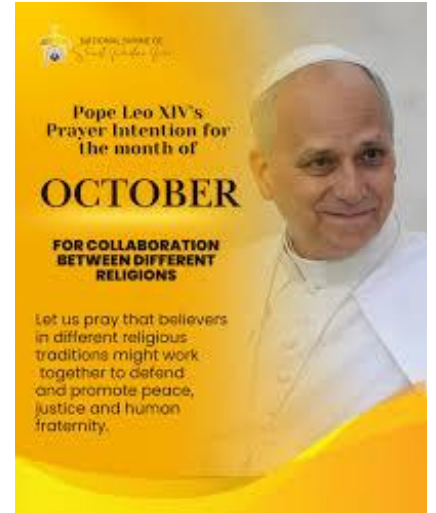
### The Pope Video

The Pope Video is an official global initiative with the purpose of disseminating the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions. It is carried out by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer).

Since 2016, The Pope Video has had more than 247 million views across all the Vatican's social networks, and is translated into more than 23 languages, receiving press coverage in 114 countries. This video, produced by The Pope Video Prayer Network team, coordinated by Andrea Sarubbi, and created with the help of Coronation Media, is distributed with the help of the La Machi agency and the collaboration of Vatican Media.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is a Pontifical Society, with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action in response to the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov, 14 October 2025 , Catholic Outlook.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



On Instagram

@st\_bernadettes\_youth  
 @st\_bernadettes\_young\_adults



On Facebook

@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill  
 @St Bernadette's Young Adults

#### JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 7th November  
 7:00-8:30pm in the hall.  
 We will be learning about  
 St John Henry Newman

#### SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 31st October 7:00-8:30pm  
 in the St Joseph's Room.  
 The youth are using Lectio Divina  
 to reflect on the Sunday readings

#### ST BERNADETTE'S FUN FAIR

The youth will be attending the St Bernadette's Fun Fair next Friday 24th October.



#### 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](mailto:ym@stbernadette.org.au)



## ROSTERS 25-26 OCTOBER 2025

	Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
<b>Ministry</b>						
<b>Lectors</b>	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	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa	
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<b>Bookshop</b>	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon	
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>Church Linen</b>	
Regina Jaegel	Mon 27th Oct Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	David Tye Cosimo Miccoli Chris Clancy	Jody Masina Jenny Blacklock	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel Michelle Gardoni	Risa Sidik	



**MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
among all peoples

# Catholic Mission Appeal

18/19 October



**CONFIRMATION MASS SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

Next Saturday 25th October, 60 parish children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare this week.

**COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE**

Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this Thursday morning, 23rd October, after the 9.15am mass. All welcome. This month we will be taking a 2 hour virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Marilyn from the Parramatta Diocese Mission Enhancement Team.



**PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ 26TH OCTOBER**

St Bernadette's Netball Club are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses next Sunday 26th October. Bacon & Egg Rolls for sale \$5 each. Cash & EFTPOS available.



**CASTLE HILL CEMETERY MASS:**

All Souls Day mass will be celebrated at Castle Hill Cemetery on Saturday 8th November at 10am.

**We are looking for a volunteer with a ute/van/truck who can transport 100 chairs from St Bernadette's hall to the cemetery and back on the Saturday morning.**



**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 back of the envelope** or on a typed list inside, with a donation. *Please note any donation cheques will not be processed until December.* The front of the envelope is for your details. The completed envelope 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.



**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 meeting will run for one hour. Children do not need to attend. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au)




**St Bernadette's FUNFAIR 2025**  
Friday, 24th October  
3pm to 8:30pm  
357 Old Northern Road Castle Hill

## 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



## Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October	This Week
Tues 21st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 22nd	Wednesday morning Bible Study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 23rd	Coffee and Chat: Virtual Pilgrimage Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 24th	St Bernadette's Fun Fair
Sat 25th Oct	Confirmation Mass
Sun 26th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ: Netball Club
November	Next Month
Sat 1st Nov	All Saints Day
Sun 2nd Nov	All Souls Day
Tues 4th Nov	Melbourne Cup Lunch
Sat 8th Nov	Castle Hill Cemetery Mass
Thurs 27th Nov	Coffee and Chat

## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

### Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

### Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

### **Readings Next Weekend**

*25-26 October 2025*

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14

### **Feast Days This Week**

<b>22 Oct</b>	Saint John Paul II
<b>23 Oct</b>	Saint John of Capistrano
<b>24 Oct</b>	Saint Anthony Mary Claret

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF**

Recently deceased: Yvonne Hill (funeral Thursday 23rd 11am)

Anniversaries: Simon Anderson, Margaret Bowie, Shannon Staunton, Alan Ozolins, V.K Scaria, Nadhim Al-Dawaf, Diana Giorgiutti, Joseph Pancras, Jamie Barreto, Maria Cardoso, Agripina da Silva, João Barreto, Jose da Silva, Ernestina de Jesus, Duarte Alves, Celesitno Magno, Armindo Cardoso, Domingos Barreto, Aurelia da Costa, Tony Pereira

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Raymond Coffey, Nicola Sloggett, Peter Burke, Charlie Restall, Ruth Porciuncula, Sakina Au-Yeung, Colleen Woodhead, Tony Kearney