



## ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH

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### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 6th October

8:00am

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

4-5 OCTOBER 2025 *TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C*

## A MOTHER'S PHOTO ALBUM OF HER SON

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Growing up, the prayer of the Rosary was a family staple, as it was an easy way for us children to participate. It wasn't the easiest to get through, but it was often a prayer I used to beg our lady for special favours as I listed all the people I was praying for. I often imagined, the more I prayed, the more I 'gained bargaining chips with our Lady'. As a young zealous religious, I can remember praying 31 rosaries in a day. From the moment I woke up, while eating breakfast, at Holy Mass, during class and even on the basketball court, trying to rack up my Hail Marys. It often became a competition among seminarians of who could pray the most. While it's not exactly the best way to pray, it has strengthened my devotion to our Holy Mother. I have now learned of the reflective and contemplative power of the Rosary to dispose the soul to enter into the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. One of my favourite thoughts is that the Rosary is like the photo album of a Mother about the life of her son (I know how excited my own mother can get about showing pictures about me!). The rosary is a prayer that can slow us down in the fast-paced and demanding world. It can quieten our thoughts through stressful times. The Rosary can allow us to enter the world of the gospels in a new and fresh way.

The Holy Rosary is a form of prayer used in the Catholic Church, deeply rooted in Christian tradition and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a 'crown of roses' that is both vocal and meditative prayer. It reflects on the significant events in the life of Jesus Christ and His Mother, Mary, known as the Mysteries of the Rosary. Traditionally, the Rosary consists of the repetition of prayers, including the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, structured into five decades, each representing a different mystery.

The Rosary is divided into four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous (added by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002). Each set invites the faithful to meditate on pivotal moments such as the Annunciation, Wedding at Cana, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. This meditative aspect allows the Rosary to be not just a recitation of prayers, but a journey through the Gospel, deepening one's relationship with Christ through the eyes and heart of Mary.

Traditionally prayed using a string of beads to keep track of the prayers, the Rosary is a tangible sign of faith and a spiritual tool for contemplation, intercession, and grace. It has been promoted by many saints and popes as a powerful weapon against evil and a path to personal holiness.

If you have yet to travel to Lourdes, I suggest you put that on your bucket list. As a parishioner of St. Bernadette's, it is an experience worth the time and finance. Lourdes is currently the best place in the world I have visited. Here at Lourdes, our Mother asks her children to pray the Rosary for healing, conversion and for peace.

Let this month of the Holy Rosary be an opportunity to re-engage with your dear Mother who wants to draw you closer to her son. October 7 is also the feast day of our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Pray this amazing prayer individually, as a family, with a friend, in a group or with the church community. This simple, yet profound prayer is a great way to grow in faith, hope and love.



In the hearts of Jesus and Mary

*Fr. Menard Gaspi*

**Monday 6th October Labor Day Public Holiday**

8am Mass only.

Church will be closed after mass. Parish Office closed.

### 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

St Bernadette's  
Parish Castle Hill  
Youth

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



On Instagram

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On Facebook

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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)

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

### HSC MASS SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 6PM

The annual Catholic Youth Parramatta HSC Mass will be held next 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 11-12 OCTOBER 2025

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
<b>Lectors</b>	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	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Radheen Wettasinghe
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Lucille Wilson Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	Anabel Formosa Brennie Hassan Jane Lapidario
<b>Bookshop</b>	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josie and Seng Yeoh	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>
Lucy Achermann	Mon 13th Oct Christine and Hubert Jenneke	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Colorafi	N/A	Bernadette Logue Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem	Claire Lagunzad

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Please remember to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour this Sunday at 2am for daylight savings.



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### 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.

### 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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or call 0408 233 478 to register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome.



### PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to everyone who supported the Vinnies fundraiser BBQ last weekend. They raised \$885 to support those in need. Next month's BBQ will be run by the St Bernadette's Netball Club.



### WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

**How do I request a Mass?** Envelopes can be found in the foyer or at the Parish Office. All non-urgent mass intentions should be handed into the Parish Office at least 48 hours in advance, to avoid envelopes being mis-placed. This also assists with publication of intentions.

**Date:** Please write the date of when you would like a Mass to be said. If you would like a particular mass time (6:45am Mon-Fri, 9:15am Wed-Fri or 8am Sat) please specify. Please complete one envelope per Mass. It may be a different priest that says each Mass. **The Sunday (and Vigil) Masses are offered on behalf of the entire congregation, and the priest does not offer up for a singular intention**

**Name of Person/s:** Who is the Mass being said for. Please complete one envelope per Mass. It may be a different priest that says each Mass  
**Intention:** Intentions for our loved ones who are ill, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died (recently and for anniversaries) or for the intentions of another person such as on a birthday or thanksgiving.

**For Publication:** If you would like the intention to be published in the Massabielle. Recently Deceased are published for 1 week, Death Anniversaries 1 week, Ill health 3 weeks. We do not publish for birthdays, thanksgivings or monthly anniversaries.

**Donations:** Cash donations should be placed in the envelope at time of offering.

For more information see the poster on the Parish noticeboard in the church foyer, or scan the QR code.



## Melbourne Cup Lunch



12:00pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### October

### This Week

Mon 6th	Public Holiday 8am mass only
Tues 7th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm
Wed 8th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 9th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sun 12th	HSC Mass- 6pm Mass

### October

### This Month

Fri 17th Oct	Youth
Sun 19th Oct	Young Adults
Thurs 23rd Oct	Coffee and Chat: Virtual Pilgrimage
Sat 25th Oct	Confirmation Mass
Sun 26th Oct	Fundraiser BBQ: Netball Club

### Monday 6th October Labor Day Public Holiday

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



## Today's Readings

### Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

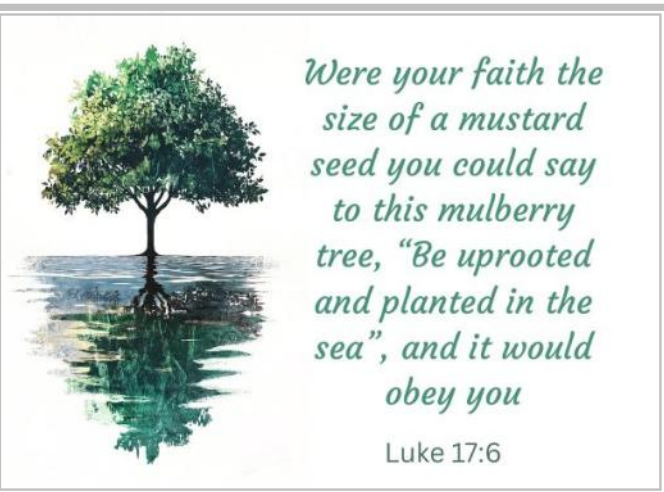
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. "Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



### **Readings Next Weekend**

**11-12 October 2025**

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
2 Kg 5:14-17	2 Tim 2:8-13	Lk 17:11-19

### **Feast Days This Week**

<b>6 Oct</b>	Saint Bruno
<b>7 Oct</b>	Our Lady of the Rosary
<b>9 Oct</b>	Saint Denis and Companions, Saint John Leonardi
<b>11 Oct</b>	Saint John XXIII

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

Recently deceased: Domingo Fameron, Minna Amritraj, Houda Ai Hakim Yannouni, Liam O'Shaughnessy

Anniversaries: Joseph Jacob, Bartholemew Colaco, Elizabeth Kurian, Aurora Haboc, Efren De Leon, David Pillai

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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