



THE MASSABIELLE

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

14-15 FEBRUARY 2026 *THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A*

Dear friends in Christ,

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. For this reason, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year in honour of the Poverello ("little poor man" as he was affectionately known), offering a plenary indulgence to foster spiritual renewal, peace, and reconciliation.

This Franciscan Jubilee invites the faithful to imitate St Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. The Pope encourages us to be bridge builders in the time that is "marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear". His mission to the Sultan of Egypt was a witness of love, mutual respect and dialogue. For this reason, St Francis is revered not only by Christians but also by Muslims, and Assisi is internationally recognised as the centre for inter-religious dialogue and reconciliation.



The Pope also emphasised that peace with God, peace among humans, and peace with creation are "inseparable dimensions". The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations among human beings but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who recognises in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the whole cosmos. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

As a Franciscan bishop, I am deeply committed to the legacy of St Francis. I encourage you all to take advantage of the Franciscan Jubilee Year with a view to revitalising the Gospel life and witness we are called to give, personally and collectively.

Until January 10th, 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope - by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world. Here are the following places in our Diocese:

- The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton
- St Bernadette's Church, Dundas Valley
- Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville
- Franciscan Shrine of Holy Innocents, Kellyville
- Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond
- Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

I pray for a spiritually enriching year through the intercession of Our Lady of Poverty and St Francis.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



*Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM
Conc Bishop of Parramatta*

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
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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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On Instagram

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 @st_bernadettes_young_adults

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JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 20th Feb 7-8:30pm
 In the St Joseph's Room
 This term we will be going through the parts of the Mass, starting with "Liturgy of the Word"

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 27th February 7:00-8:30pm
 In the St Joseph's Room
 This Friday we will be discussing Christology.

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 15TH FEBRUARY

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 15th February 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall.



Anne Younis will be presenting her talk: "I am not holy enough"

Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au.

ROSTERS 21-22 FEBRUARY 2026

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	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa Jane Lapidario
Communion Ministers		Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Kris Murgatroyd Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Sherryl Rozario Campion Fernando	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin +1	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winni Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	Mandy Leong Don de Leon Puspa Winendiah
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Flowers	1st Collection		2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
N/A		Mon 23rd Feb Marie Woodward Elaine Small	Joe Harney Bernadede Pathwillie Ranjaka Gunawardene	Sandra Emett Nina Irwin	Margaret Sinha Reg Sinha Margaret Sinha Snr. Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson	Risa Sidik



ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday masses this Wednesday 18th Feb will be held at 6:45am, 9:15am (school attending) 12 noon (school attending) and 7:30pm.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of the sixtieth year; the law of abstaining from eating meat on Ash Wednesday binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

COMPASSIO LENTEN PROGRAM

Fr Menard will be running the Wollongong Diocese COMPASSIO Lenten program on Thursday nights during lent at 7pm in the Marian Centre, starting

Thursday 19th February. Books are available for purchase for \$10 each through the parish office or on the night. Cash only.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be celebrated on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church. Reconciliation will be available during this time.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **unite against poverty**.

Donations can be made online at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au>



FR JOHN BOYLE BOOK SIGNING

Mons. John Boyle will be at all masses next weekend (21/22 Feb) with his book "Tested by Fire, The story of the burning of St Patrick's Cathedral" Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase on the day, \$60 each. Next Thursday, 19th February, marks the 30th anniversary of the fire.

NATIONAL ADORATION: SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in 2028, all Australian Parishes have been asked to participate in a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 1st March. St Bernadette's will be holding Adoration from after the 10:30am Mass until the 6pm Mass, in the Marian Centre.



ST BERNADETTE'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations are now open for the 2026 season with St Bernadette's Football Club. Players from Kindy (under 6) to Year 6 (under 12) are most welcome and all talent levels are catered for. More information, and key links are available on www.sbfc.org.au



ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB

Registrations for St Bernadette's Netball Club 2026 netball season are open. The club is welcoming boys and girls aged 7-12, girls and women aged 13+ and all abilities players. All new and returning players welcome! Register via www.playhq.com.

We are also looking for as sponsors for the upcoming 2026 Netball season. For more information and sponsorship options please contact Michael Lincoln at sbncsecretary@gmail.com

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We warmly welcome new families to join our school community. Register for our upcoming Open Day and School Tours via our website. <https://info.parra.catholic.edu.au/open-day/stbernadetteschill> If you require any further information, please call 9407 6600.

GILROY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day 4 March 2026 4:00pm - 7:00pm

For more information about our Open Day or current vacancies please contact us on (02) 8853 8200. or visit <https://info.parra.catholic.edu.au/open-day/gilroy>



OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 22nd February 10am - 2pm

please register online for the open day at <https://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour>



ST GABRIEL'S

St Gabriel's School catering for children with mild to moderate disabilities, as well as those who are deaf or hard of hearing; blind or low vision; have Autism and other disabilities.

St Gabriel's school are holding two Open Days:

Kindy 2027 enrolments Thursday, 5 March at 9.30am-11am
Year 7 2027 enrolments Thursday, 12 March at 9.30am-11am

Please register for the open days at

<https://stgabriels.nsw.edu.au/open-days-tours>

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

February

Tues 17th

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am

Reparation Prayer Group 7:00pm

Wed 18th

Ash Wednesday
Masses 6:45am, 9:15am, 12noon and 7:30pm

Wednesday morning bible study

Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm

Thurs 19th

Lenten Program with Fr Menard 7pm

Holy Hour 8pm-9pm

Fri 20th

Junior Youth: Liturgy of the Word

Stations of the Cross

Sun 22nd

Mons. John Boyle book signing

February

This Month

Thurs 26th Feb

Coffee and Chat

Fri 27th Feb

Senior Youth: Christology

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and

teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Readings Next Weekend

21-22 February 2026

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

Feast Days This Week

18 Feb

Ash Wednesday

21 Feb

Saint Peter Damian

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently deceased: Clint Davey

Anniversaries: Roshika Therese Fernando, Violet Sorraine, Donald Sorraine, Chris Wiggins, Seraphin Dosan, Jovita Flores, Achilles and Margherita Forrestierri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Tony Kearney, Minda Robles, Marge Kleinsmith