

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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Readings Next Weekend

6-7 June 2026

The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

Feast Days This Week

1 June	Saint Justin
2 June	Saints Marcellinus and Peter
3 June	Saint Charles Lwanga
5 June	Saint Boniface
6 June	Saint Norbert, Saint Marcellin Champagnat

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

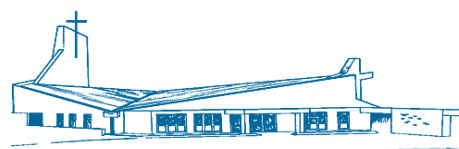
Recently Deceased: William Beerden, Tom Harney, Angus Chui, Lorraine de Souza, Raymond Coffey, Francesca Mulcahy (funeral Tues 2nd June 11am), Margaret Sinha Snr. (funeral Thurs 4th 11am),

Anniversaries: Pauline Restall, Augusto De Leon, Alejandro De Leon, German Neri, Rosario Neri, David Eric Fife, Joseph Liang, Maria Liang, Carmel Pillai, Ben Morgan, Jerry Simotas, Samir Atalla, Mary Sabat

In Remembrance: Julian Felice, Carmen Felice, Frank Felice, Tania Felice

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Jay O'Sullivan



THE MASSABIELLE

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

30-31 May 2026 *The Most Holy Trinity Year A*

Hello everyone!

As you notice, in the last few weeks I have been sharing with you some teachings on some of the liturgical actions during the celebration of the Eucharist. As I mentioned before, I am trying to give some extra information to our children and their parents who are getting ready for the celebration of their First Holy Communion, however, I think it is also good for all to reflect on one of the most important aspects of our liturgy and something mentioned in the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, especially the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium: Active participation.

Active participation in the liturgy does not mean "being busy" or "making noise." It means truly taking part in Christ's offering through the Church's own prayer, with the body and the mind—faithfully, consciously, and joyfully. The Church teaches that this participation is rooted in our Baptism and shaped by the rites themselves, not by personal preferences.

Vatican II explains that the Church "earnestly desires" the faithful to be led to a fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations, because this is the primary and indispensable source of the "true Christian spirit."

The same constitution on liturgy reminds us that *Liturgical services are not private functions, but are celebrations of the Church, which is the "sacrament of unity," namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops* (SC 26)

Active participation is also described as participation in a real work of God: the liturgy is the action of Christ and His Church, and it "engages the faithful" in the community's new life through participation that is conscious, active, and fruitful.

So the goal of our participation is not self-expression but to enter a mystery—Christ's Paschal offering—together with the Body of Christ.



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) describes one key level of active participation: the acclamations and responses of the faithful to the priest's greetings and prayers. These "constitute that level of active participation" so that the whole community's action is clearly expressed and fostered.

It also points to other parts assigned to the whole assembly—especially the Act of Penitence, the Profession of Faith, the Prayer of the Faithful, and the Lord's Prayer—as "very useful" for expressing and fostering active participation.

But "active" includes the interior life. The Mass should be planned so that it leads to participation "both in body and in mind," with faith, hope, and charity—participation "burning with faith, hope, and charity."

And this interior dimension includes silence. Vatican II explicitly teaches that "at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence." (SC 30)



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday

6:45am

Wednesday, Thursday,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 5th June

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



Bishop's
GOOD WORKS APPEAL

HELP OUR SEMINARIANS ANSWER GOD'S CALL



DONATE NOW

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.



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.au

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]

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It ensures that children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected in our parish community. All volunteers and ministry members are required to complete safeguarding training. For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/> Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.

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 12th June 7:00-8:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. St Joseph

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12) Friday 5th June 7:00-8:30pm in the St Joseph's Room. Authenticity of scripture.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (18-35yrs)
 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 21ST JUNE
 Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 21st June 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall. Olivia Eberhaut will be teaching us Bible 101: reading and understanding God's word. Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au



SATURDAY 30TH CARPARK CLOSED 7AM-2PM
 This Saturday, the main carpark will be closed from 7am-2pm for tree trimming and maintenance work. The basketball courts will be available for parking for morning mass and confessions.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ADORATION

First Friday Mass will take place this Friday, 5th June 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 0438461955

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL – AGED CHILDREN

For children age (5-15 years old) in the PARISH who have not yet received the sacrament of Baptism. At least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic. The sessions will be 13th and 20th June at 11am. Parents and child/children must attend both sessions. Please contact the Parish office at 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.au for more details. Enrolments close Friday 5th June.

CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION 11:30am-6pm

Next Sunday 7th June we will be holding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Marian Centre from after the 10:30am Mass until just before the 6pm Mass. Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi– The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and prepare for the International Eucharistic Congress 28 by joining us in Eucharistic Adoration. All welcome. To help us ensure there is always someone present with our Lord, there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

SAFE PARISHES WEEK

This week, 1-7th June, is Safe Parishes Week. Safeguarding is a whole Parish responsibility. We commit to fostering a culture of safety, respect and accountability where the rights and voices of children and vulnerable adults are valued. We commit to the acceptable behaviours and standards outlined in our Code of Conduct Policy. For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/> Thank you for helping keep St Bernadettes Parish a safe and welcoming place.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026

Families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend our information evening being held on Tuesday 30th June at 7.00pm in the Church. This program is suitable for children who are in Year 6 and above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist. The evening will last approximately 45 mins and children do not need to attend. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thank you to everyone who supported our Biggest Morning Tea. We raised almost \$800 for Cancer Council Australia.

On Trinity Sunday, please join
His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Balvo,
 the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia and
Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv,
 Bishop of Parramatta
 for a special Mass to celebrate
40 years of the Diocese of Parramatta.
 Together, let's celebrate and give thanks for the growth, development and many blessings that have shaped our faith and Catholic community over four decades.
Sunday 31 May 2026 | 2pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

Vinnies good works 13-14 June
Winter Appeal

FUNDRAISER BBQ
 Thank you to everyone who supported the Vinnies Fundraiser BBQ last weekend. The raised just over \$1000 to assist the vulnerable in our community.

Upcoming Events
 Please see notices for further details.

June	This Week
Tues 2nd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 3rd	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 4th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 5th	First Friday: healing mass and adoration Senior Youth: authenticity of scripture
Sun 7th	Corpus Christi Adoration 12noon-6pm

June	Next Month
Mon 8th June	Kings Birthday public holiday 8am mass
Fri 12th June	Junior Youth: St Joseph
Sat 13th June	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Sat 13th-Sun 14th	Vinnies Winter Appeal
Sat 20th, Sun 21st, Sat 27th, Sun 28th	First Holy Communion Masses
Thurs 25th June	Coffee and Chat
Tues 30th June	Confirmation 2026 Parent Info Night

ROSTERS 6-7 June 2026

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Kris Murgatroyd Les Blanch Rod Burrige	Scott Koslow Lisa Biasucci Sue Pinkerton	Steve Vassallo Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Olivia Eberhaut Radheen Wettasinghe Lisa Giacomelli
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Monica Rodrigues Campion Fernando	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam Gabrielle Jamison	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Rason Chia Patricia Chia Remy de Leon
Bookshop	Kathleen Abernethy	Eugenia Fidel	Christine & Hubert Jenneke	Coney Lau	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Regina Jaegel	Tues 9th June Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	Eugenia Fidel Elizabeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	Jody Masina Jenny Blacklock	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Doug Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Tess De Santo