



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

23-24 MAY 2026 *PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A*

Continued from last week

Later scholastic theology deepens the same point. In *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas argues that the washing is done in Mass out of reverence for the sacrament, for two reasons: One, because people do not normally handle precious objects with unclean hands, and second, because the washing has signification: the cleansing denotes even small sins, aligning with Christ's teaching that a person who has been washed needs further cleansing of what remains.

So, the Lavabo is not about theatrically "scrubbing" the priest. It is sacramental-symbolic: the Church trains the minister's interior disposition to match what he is about to do—offer and become, in a sacramental way, the bearer of holy presence.

The second moment in the liturgy when the priest washes his hands after communion is called the Manuterge and the liturgical guideline explains that the Church provides specific towels for liturgical washings. It distinguishes two uses: one towel for washing before Mass and for hand-drying at certain sacramental moments, and another used in the Mass at the Lavabo and also by the bishop "before the Offertory and after the Communion."

This helps clarify the logic after Communion: after receiving and distributing Communion, the priest's hands may have traces of the Eucharistic species. Therefore, the Church uses water and towels to ensure reverent purification—both materially, so nothing sacred is left carelessly on the hands, and symbolically so the minister's physical handling continues to correspond to the holiness of what he touches.

So, we can conclude by saying that the handwashing rites teach that approaching the Eucharist requires outward cleanliness as a discipline of reverence, and inward purity as a sign of charity and repentance, expressed through the very "actions" that the hands represent in worship.

In practice, these gestures also remain faithful to their earliest practical purpose: the Church is careful, because the Eucharist is precious—and her liturgy forms ministers to match that preciousness with reverent conduct.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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.

Welcome

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
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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.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

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@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
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JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 29th May 7:00-8:30pm
in the St Joseph's Room.
Beatitudes

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 (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 17TH MAY



Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 21st June 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall.

Olivia Eberhau 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



ROSTERS 30-31 May 2026

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Lourdes Nathan	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Jerard Heffernan Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Michael Abrahams Edwin Zambrano Raymond Pak	Lisa Giacomelli Anabel Formosa Nathan Colaco
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Bookshop	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children's Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Margaret Jones	Mon 1st June Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	Eugenia Fidel Elizaeth de Jesus Helen Fidel	Stefanie Chegade Laura Burton	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Cheryl D'Sylva Karen Grace Francesca Cirillo	Remy de Leon

Congratulations



Congratulations to Maria and Tony Fiorotto who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week. May God continue to bless them and their family.

SATURDAY 30TH CARPARK CLOSED IN MORNING

Next Saturday 30th May, 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.

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding over the past few weeks as we complete the National count of attendance. This weekend, 23-24 May will be the final weekend.

PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

Vinnies are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses this weekend. Bacon & Egg Rolls \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.



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 on 9634 2622 or admin@sternadette.org.au for more details. Enrolments close Friday 5th June.

REFUGEE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

The Refugee Group are deeply grateful for the wonderful response from parishioners to their upcoming Trivia Night. They are pleased to announce that all tables are now sold, and thank everyone for their support. They also gratefully acknowledge Ray White Castle Hill as the major sponsor of the night.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE LITURGY

Please join us in the Church Friday 29th May 7.30pm to celebrate and remember those we love who have died. Please feel free to bring a photo of your loved ones to display during the liturgy. A light supper will follow in the Marian Centre. All welcome to attend.

CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION 11:30am-6pm

On 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.



Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Scan to donate

Thurs 28th May
after 9:15am mass
in the Marian Centre

Donations at the door.
Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
\$5 donations to join in games
Prizes to be won!

The Parish Office will be closed during the morning tea

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

May	This Week
Tues 26th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 27th	Wednesday morning bible study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 28th	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 29th	Junior youth: Beatitudes
	Liturgy of Life 7:30pm
Sat 30th	Trivia Night: Refugee group fundraiser
June	Next Month
Fri 5th June	First Friday: healing mass and adoration
	Senior Youth: authenticity of scripture
Sun 7th June	Corpus Christi Adoration 12noon-6pm
Mon 8th June	Kings Birthday public holiday
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 Parent Info Night

Be The Witness

THE MUSICAL THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND

BOOK NOW

An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed!

From 10-13 September, Paramatta Riverside Theatres will be ablaze with **Be The Witness**, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

But it's so much more than a musical. It's a movement! Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ. Who will you bring?

10 - 13 September

RIVERSIDE THEATRES, Paramatta



Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.



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Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Readings Next Weekend

30-31 May 2026

Holy Trinity Sunday

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ex 34:4-6, 8-9	2 Cor: 13:11-13	Jn 3:16-18

Feast Days This Week

- 25 May Our Lady Help of Christians
- 26 May Saint Philip Neri
- 27 May Saint Augustine of Canterbury
- 29 May Saint Paul VI

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Francesca Mulcahy (funeral Tues 2nd June 11am)

Anniversaries: John Bowen, Catherine Bowen, William Pak, Mariamma Jacob Chiramel, Teresa Stec

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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