



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,

6:45am, 9:15am

Friday 4th September

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

29-30 August 2026 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Hello everyone!

In the last few weeks, there has been some noise that came out of the Pope Leo XIV's teaching on Sacred Music. I thought it would be a good idea to explore together the richness in the history, theology and liturgical significance that music brings to our celebrations.

Sacred music must find the important balance between inviting people to join in full participation while at the same time, invite them to join in contemplation of the mysteries that we celebrate or reflect in our communal worship.

For the next few weeks, while I will be away during my annual leave, I want to leave you with something to reflect on, hopefully it will help us to refine more in the quality of the music and the selection of hymns for our celebrations.

I want to start this week with the full text of the homily that Pope Leo XIV gave on the 19th of August 2026 during his general audience give at St Peter's Basilica.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Dear brothers and sisters,

The sixth chapter of the Constitution "Sacrosanctum Concilium" (SC) of the Second Vatican Council is dedicated to sacred music. The document states that "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy." (SC, 112). It specifies that "Sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion as it is more closely connected with the liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites. But the Church approves of all forms of true art having the needed qualities, and admits them into divine worship." (ibid.).

Continued next week



Bishop's
**FATHER'S DAY
APPEAL**



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Honour a lifetime of faithful
service this Father's Day.



Your tax-deductible gift today helps care
for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health.
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"Well done, good and faithful servant."
- Matthew 25:23

When making online donations please remember to select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to attribute it to our parish quota.

The Diocese have also reduced the number of appeals this year. There will now only be the Good Works appeal, for the support of the seminary, the Father's Day Appeal, to support our retired priests, and the Christmas Appeal.

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

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ReferenceSecond Collection (Your Name)

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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JUNIOR YOUTH (years 5-8)

Friday 11th September
7:00-8:30pm in the hall
Junior Youth will be talking about
How to pray more.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 4th September
7:00-8:30pm in the St Joseph’s Room.
We will be holding a social night.

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 20th SEPTEMBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 20th September 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall. Natalia Zurawska will be sharing with us on Forgiveness: Under the fig tree.
Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au

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]

ROSTERS 5-6 September 2026					
Ministry	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Sean Eberhaut Bob Myers Colleen Leong	Grace Touma Campion Fernando Lisa Kemmis	Mila Mina John Fernando Hubert Jenneke	Pricilla Lee Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	Olivia Eberhaut Radheen Wettasinghe Lisa Giacomelli
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Julian Bong Sherryl Rozario David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen McMahon Skirma Cervin +1	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Winnie Li Henry Li Nina Irwin	Rason Chia Patricia Wibisono Remy de Leon
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children’s Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Darshi Wettasinghe	Mon 7 th September Pauline and Bernard Home	John Loftus Vanessa Xiberras Joseph Collorafi	Stefanie Chehade Nina Irwin	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Gabriella Tan Pauline Home	Risa Sidik



**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:
ANOIDTING OF THE SICK AND ADORATION**

First Friday Mass will take place this Friday, 4th September 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



RCIA PROGRAM 2026/27

For those 16+ interested in becoming Catholic, we will begin our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program in October. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or

nancy@stbernadette.org.au



CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TALK

Fr Menard will be holding a talk on Sunday 20th September at 12 noon in the Marian Centre, where he will share stories and photos from his journey on the Camina earlier this year.



PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Care Group BBQ last weekend. They raised just over \$1000.

VELADA MUSICAL POR VENEZUELA

The Spanish Community were able to raise almost \$9000 for the Caritas Venezuela Appeal. Thank you for your generous support.

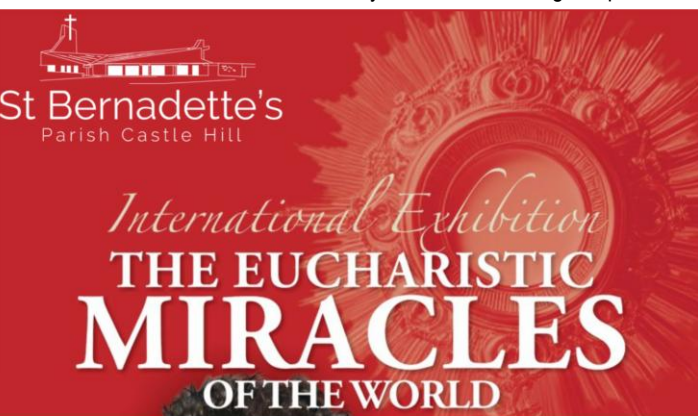
**ST CARLO ACUTIS'S EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION:
13-27 SEPTEMBER**

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. We will be hosting the exhibit at St Bernadette's from Saturday 13th September to Sunday 27th September in the Parish Hall. See timetable below for open hours. Entry is free and no bookings are required.



GUEST SPEAKER: DR CHRISTIAN STEPHENS

Join Dr Christian Stephens on Saturday 26 September from 3:00-4:30pm in the hall for a seminar on 'The Fruits of the Eucharist'. The seminar is being held as part of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition. Entry is free, no bookings required.



In the Parish Hall

	13-19 September	20-26 September
Sunday	6:30am-12noon, 3:00pm-7pm	6:30am-12noon, 3:00pm-7pm
Monday	9am-5pm	9am-5pm
Tuesday	9am-5pm	9am-5pm
Wednesday	9am-6:30pm	9am-6:30pm
Thursday	7pm-9pm	9am-5pm, 7pm-9pm
Friday	9am-9pm	9am-5pm
Saturday	7:30am-10am, 3pm-6pm	7:30am-10am, Seminar 3pm-4:30pm 4:30pm-6pm



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

For those interested in attending World Youth Day in Korea next year with the Parramatta Diocese, please complete the expression of interest form at <https://forms.gle/Y2aUSzG9zuRt1uGP6> or scan the QR code.



FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

Our Youth will be selling tickets for our Fathers' Day raffle on 29/30 August and 5/6 September. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Money raised will go towards World Youth Day 2027 pilgrims.

5 Major prizes to be won: 1st and 2nd prize Wiggles Family pass + meet & Greet, 3rd Prize \$100 Ciel restaurant voucher, 4th Prize: Ciel Wine pack, 5th Prize: JANCE Liqueur pack.

Melbourne Cup Lunch



12:30pm-4:00pm Tuesday 3rd November

The Heritage House, Kenthurst
\$120 per person

Tickets now on sale

at the Parish Office or online via the QR Code



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

August	This Week
Tues 1 st	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 2 nd	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 3 rd	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 4 th	First Friday: healing Mass and Adoration Senior Youth: Social
Sat 5 th /Sun 6 th	Father's Day Raffle tickets on sale
September	Next Month
Fri 11 th Sept	Junior Youth: Pray More
Sat 12 th Sept	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Sun 13 th -Sat 26 th	Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
Thurs 17 th Sept	Parish Outing: Mary MacKillop Museum
Sun 20 th Sept	Young Adults: Natalia Zurawska
Thurs 24 th Sept	Coffee & Chat: Castle Hill Police
Sat 26 th Sept	Seminar: Dr Christian Stephens 3pm
Sun 27 th Sept	BBQ: World Youth Day

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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Readings Next Weekend

5-6 September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Ezek 33:7-9

Second reading

Rom 13:8-10

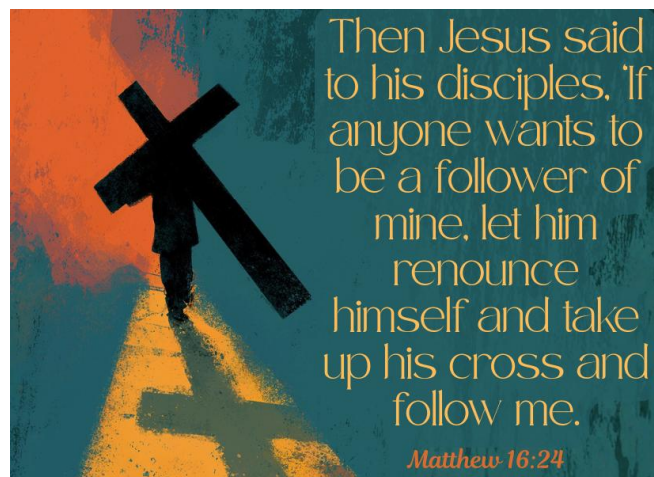
Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

Feast Days This Week

3 Sept

Saint Gregory the Great



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Amelita Cabigao, Garry Mann (funeral Wed 2nd 11am)

Anniversaries: Reg Millgate, Giovanna Baiada, Manel Abhayaratna, Thresiamma Goerge,

In Remembrance: Reethamma Varghese

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Kristine Murgatroyd, Bert Hofstaetter, Lukas Ivanic, Siena Maria Burns, Victoria Rix, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles