



THE MASSABIELLE

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

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12-13 September *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Continued from last week

"Sacrosanctum Concilium" devotes considerable attention to the theme of the active participation of the faithful (cf. no. 114). This "must be understood [...] on the basis of a greater awareness of the mystery being celebrated and its relationship to daily life" (Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation "Sacramentum caritatis," 52), in a "spirit of constant conversion which must mark the lives of all the faithful" (ibid., 55). As for the concrete way in which this can be achieved through the specific role of sacred music, the Constitution offers a clear answer: "the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs" and "reverent silence" should be fostered (SC, 30). It urges each person, minister or member of the faithful, to perform "all of, but only, those parts which pertain to his office by the nature of the rite and the principles of liturgy" (SC, 28), in the harmonious balance between the different ministries, the various interventions and moments of silence.



The Council then attributes great value to Gregorian chant, without excluding other genres of sacred music from the celebration. Particular attention is also given to the organ (cf. SC, 120), while the use of other instruments is permitted "on condition that the instruments are suitable, or can be made suitable, for sacred use, accord with the dignity of the temple, and truly contribute to the edification of the faithful" (SC, 120).

A theme close to the Council's reform is that of inculturation, including in the field of sacred music. In particular, with regard to the musical traditions of different cultures, the Council emphasizes the importance of taking them seriously into consideration, as they form part of people's religious and social life. Therefore, on the one hand, an "attitude toward religion" should be promoted in everyone (SC, 119). On the other hand, as far as may be practicable [...] every effort should be made to see that the traditional music of these peoples, both in schools and in sacred services, may be promoted (cf. ibid.).

Continued next week

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

Bishop's
FATHER'S DAY APPEAL
HONOUR A LIFETIME OF FAITHFUL SERVICE THIS FATHER'S DAY

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION

DONATE NOW

Thank you for your generous donations. We have raised \$5722 so far. 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.

CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Fr Menard and the Office Staff will be attending the Parish outing on Thursday 17th September.

The church will be closed after the 9:15am Mass. The Parish Office will be closed for the day.

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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Account NameDiocesan Clergy

Reference6006 Your name

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Account No00000032

Account NameCastle Hill Catholic Church

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 25th September
7:00-8:30pm in the hall
Junior Youth will be looking at Eucharistic Miracles, and visiting the exhibit in the hall

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Friday 18th September
7:00-8:30pm in the St Joseph’s Room.
We will be learning about Metanoia

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 19-20 September 2026					
Ministry	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Douglas Carvalho Tony Calabria Felicity Carvalho	Ross Pinkerton Graeme Kearns Jacinta Kearns	Dawn Wickramasinghe Ranmalee De Silva Sherryl Rozario	Michael Abrahams Edwin Zambrano Raymond Pak	John Zdrilic Jane Lapidario Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Monica Rodrigues Campion Fernando	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza +1	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Jospeh	Dess Guttierres Olivia Eberhaut Catherine Wibisono
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
Margaret Jones	Mon 21 st Sept Marie Woodward Elaine Small	David Tye Cosimo Miccoli Chris Clancy	Stefanie Chehade Laura Burton	Margaret Sinha Francesca Menezes Pancras Robinson Emma Arumai Paula Boyd	Melia Shammass

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.



MARY MACKILLOP OUTING

For those who signed up to the Parish Outing next Thursday 17th, please meet in the Brisbane Road bus bay 9am for a 9:15 departure. We will return to the bus bay by approx. 4pm

The church will be closed after the 9:15am Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed for the day.

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 Sunday 13th September to Saturday 26th September in the Parish Hall. See timetable below for open hours. Entry is free and no bookings are required.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As part of the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, we will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 19th September from 9am-4pm in the Church. All Welcome.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR CHRISTIAN STEPHENS

Join Dr Christian Stephens on Saturday 26th 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.



St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill

International Exhibition

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

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-5pm	9am-5pm
Saturday	7:30am-10am, 3pm-6pm	7:30am-10am, Seminar 3pm-4:30pm, 4:30pm-6pm

Melbourne Cup Lunch



Tickets now on sale
at the Parish Office
or online via the QR Code

12:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 3rd November 2026
The Heritage House, Kenthurst
\$120 per person






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

Thank you to all those who supported our World Youth Day fundraiser raffle. Congratulations to our winners of our 5 prizes. A special thank you to our sponsors, The Wiggles, Ciel Restaurant and Wines, and Jance Distillery, for their generous donations of prizes. We have raised \$1800 so far for our World Youth Day pilgrims.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. Next week they will be here with brochures of information of how you can support those in need, or get involved.

TANGARA TWILIGHT MARKETS 19TH SEPTEMBER

Tangara School for Girls will be holding their annual Twilight markets on Saturday 19th September 2pm-7:30pm in the school grounds. All welcome. Come and enjoy games, rides, food, crafts and so much more!

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

August	This Week
Tues 15 th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 16 th	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 17 th	Parish Outing: Mary MacKillop Museum Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 18 th	Senior Youth: Metanoia
Sat 19 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am-4pm
Sun 20 th	Young Adults: Natalia Zurawska
September	Next Month
Thurs 24 th	Coffee & Chat: Castle Hill Police
Sat 26 th	Seminar: Dr Christian Stephens 3pm
Sun 27 th	BBQ: World Youth Day

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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Readings Next Weekend

19-20 September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Second reading

Gospel

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20-24

Mt 20:1-16

Feast Days This Week

14 Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows

16 Sept Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

17 Sept Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Robert Bellarmine

19 Sept Saint Januarius

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Francis Ng, Doming Fameron, Marykitty Joseph

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Robin Reyden, Kristine Murgatroyd, Bert Hofstaetter, Lukas Ivanic, Siena Maria Burns, Victoria Rix, Barbara Ison, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Nancy Valencia