



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

19-20 September *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Continued from last week

A particular role in the liturgical context is given to the schola cantorum. The Council recommends the promotion of this pastoral instrument, to ensure the "proper performance of the parts which belong to it, according to the different kinds of music sung, and to encourage the active participation of the faithful in the singing" (Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction *Musicae sacrae*, 19).

For this reason, the composer of sacred music is called to know and preserve the musical heritage of the Church, allowing it to inspire new compositions at the service of the liturgy, while respecting contemporary sensibilities and the different cultural traditions, so as "purify worship from ugliness of style, from distasteful forms of expression, from uninspired musical texts which are not worthy of the great act that is being celebrated", to guarantee dignity and excellence to liturgical compositions" (Saint John Paul II, Chirograph on Sacred Music, 22 November 2003, 3).

For all these reasons, the Council Fathers recommend promoting the formation and practice of sacred music "in seminaries, in the novitiates and houses of study of religious of both sexes, and also in other Catholic institutions and schools" (SC, 115), and ensuring that musicians and singers receive sound liturgical formation (cf. *ibid.*).

Dear brothers and sisters, the Fathers of the Church held liturgical singing in great esteem as a symbol of ecclesial communion. We can therefore conclude with these beautiful words of Saint Ignatius of Antioch: "Let each of you unite to become a choir, so that, harmonious in love and taking up the song of God in unison, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father, so that he may hear you and recognize, from the good works you perform, that you are members of his Son" (cf. Letter to the Ephesians, 4, 2).



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

THANK YOU

for caring for our spiritual fathers,
with love, gratitude and respect.



Thank you for your generous donations. We have raised \$6200 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.

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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Reference

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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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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)

Senior youth are now on break for the holidays. Keep an eye out for Term 4 dates coming soon!

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

ROSTERS 26-27 September 2026

Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
Lectors	Mitch Dielwart Garry Tierney Stacey Leong	Wayne Vergano Jackie Willard Margaret Ash	Neil Fonseca Anne D'Cruz Danielle Vassallo	Irene Ngu Jeethu Bobby May O'Connell	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Julian Bong Sherryl Rozario David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam +1	Tersa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Mandy Leong Don de Leon Puspa Winendiah
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children’s Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Lucy Achermann	Mon 28 th Sept Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Karl Procter Martin Collins Joe Morgan	N/A	Cathy Teh Clarissa De Lima Joanne Myatt Constance Fidel Michelle Gardoni	Mandy Leong



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 this Sunday 20th September at 12 noon in the Marian Centre, where he will share stories and photos from his journey on the Camino earlier this year.



COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

GUEST SPEAKER: CASTLE HILL POLICE

Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this Thursday morning after the 9.15am mass. Castle Hill Police will be joining us again to talk about how we can keep ourselves safe, especially online.



PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

The World Youth Day Pilgrims are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses next Sunday 27th September. Bacon & Egg Rolls \$5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Fr Menard will be holding a Blessing of the Pets on Sunday 4th October at 4pm on the school basketball courts.

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 by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://forms.gle/Y2aUSzG9zuRt1uGP6>



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

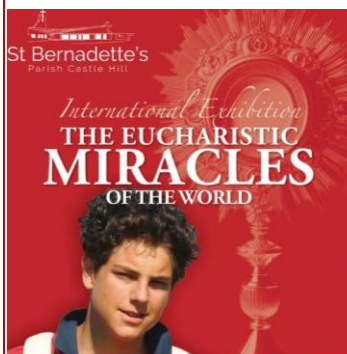
Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. We will be hosting the exhibit at St Bernadette's from Sunday 13th September to Saturday 26th September in the Parish 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 this Saturday 19th September 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.



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

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



PARISH OUTING

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the outing on Thursday to Mary Mackillop Place. A great day was had by all.



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proudly presents



From Little Things is an original and uplifting story about resilience, belonging and the power of community.

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St Gabriel's School
190 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill

Wednesday 23 September at 6:30pm
Thursday 24 September at 6:30pm

Tickets: \$15 per person
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Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September

This Week

Tues 22 nd	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 23 rd	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 24 th	Coffee & Chat: Castle Hill Police Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 25 th	Junior Youth: Eucharistic Miracles
Sat 26 th	Seminar: Dr Christian Stephens 3pm
Sun 27 th	Fundraiser BBQ: World Youth Day

October

Next Month

Mon 5 th Oct	Public Holiday
Sat 10 th Oct	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Sun 18 th Oct	Young Adults

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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Readings Next Weekend

26-27 September 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Ezek 18:25-28

Second reading

Phil 2:1-11

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

Feast Days This Week

21 Sept

Saint Matthew

23 Sept

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

26 Sept

Saints Cosmos and Damien



"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard."

Matthew 20:1

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Sus Abhayaratna, Pamela Deitch

Anniversaries: Margaret Gordon, Frank Hegerty, Marie Gregory, Ante Vidovic, V K Scaria, Gilberto Espiritu

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