



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

5-6 September 2026 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

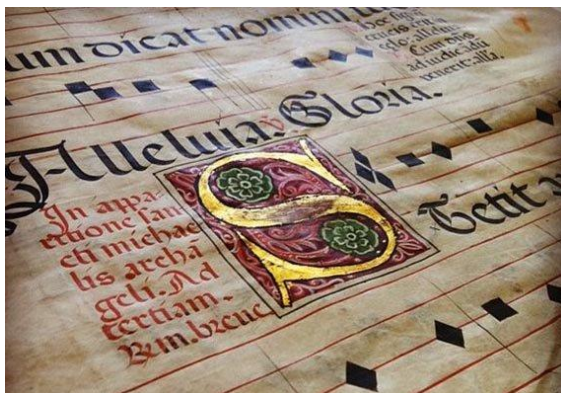
Continued from last week

Here we find the core of the Council's teaching, which confirms and deepens the ministerial function of music in the liturgy, which had already been highlighted by Saint Pius X in the Motu Proprio "Inter sollicitudines" (22 November 1903). Music, indeed, is part of the liturgical action and is not merely a decorative part of the celebration. In the liturgy, to sing and to play music means to pray, attuning one's heart to that of our sisters and brothers and to God, through active participation in the mystery that is being celebrated. In particular, music expresses the affective dimension of prayer, as Saint Augustine says:

"Cantare amantis est", that is, "singing belongs to those who love" (Sermo 336, 1). This is very important, because it helps us to open our hearts to God's action in grace and to allow ourselves to be moulded by it.

Singing also fosters communion. It contributes to the unity of hearts, overcoming differences between people and bringing everyone together in praise of God through the symphony of voices. Thus, it becomes an epiphany of the Church, a tangible manifestation of the communion that belongs to her very nature.

Certain requirements arise from the profound theological significance of sacred song as an integral part of the liturgical action. The first is that it must respond at every level to what is most appropriate for the liturgical moment, beyond fashions or the particular sensitivities of composers. Its form, especially in its melodic aspect, must be at once noble and simple, of high musical quality and easily performable, particularly when it is intended to be sung by the whole assembly (cf. SC, 121).



For the same reason, the Council recommends that the texts too should be suitable, profound and at the same time readily understandable, inspired mainly by Sacred Scripture, the liturgical books and the spiritual Tradition of the Church. Attention must be paid to this, so that the dynamic expressed in the ancient principle *lex orandi, lex credendi*, that is, the law of prayer is also the law of faith, may remain alive and continue to grow.

Continued next week

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 \$1375 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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Diocesan Clergy

Reference

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BSB

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Account No

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Account Name

Castle Hill Catholic Church

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

ROSTERS 12-13 September 2026					
Mass Ministry	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Caroline Dumapit Malisa Barsic John Abernethy	Dan Mathias Paul D'Cruz Joyan Fife	Geoffrey Kemmis Jennifer Piyush Amber McLean	Sylvia Rego Vince del Gallego John Eberhaut	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Lucille Wilson Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee Hilary Fong	Angela Stenglin Christine Jenneke Hubert Jenneke Rosalie Sampath Celeste McLean	Lydia Flores Paul Irwin Florina Vanderwaals Mary Winslow Jeyaraj Winslow	Anabel Formosa Brennie Hassan Jane Lapidario
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Margaret Stedman	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children’s Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Sandra Fernando	Mon 14 th Sept Conni and Garry Tierney	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	Sandra Emmet Laura Burton	Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem Laurie Burrridge	Belinda Yapp

Happy Father's Day

May God continue to bless all the Fathers, Grandfathers, and Father-figures who support us in our lives.



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, scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/Y2aUSzG9zuRt1uGP6>




FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

Our Youth will be selling tickets for our Fathers' Day raffle this weekend. 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.



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 19th SEPTEMBER

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 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.





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-9pm	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




ST BERNADETTE'S SPIRITUAL READING BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meeting is Saturday the 12th September at 9am in the St Joseph's Room. We are currently reading chapters 19-23 of "Introduction to the Spiritual Life" by Brant Pitre. All Welcome.

For more information, please contact Danielle Vassallo on 0421 649 641 or sdvassallo@bigpond.com



RCA 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 Camino earlier this year.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

September	This Week
Tues 8 th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 9 th	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 10 th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 11 th	Junior Youth: Pray More
Sat 12 th	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Sun 13 th -Sat 26 th	Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
September	This Month
Sun 13 th -Sat 26 th	Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
Thurs 17 th Sept	Parish Outing: Mary MacKillop Museum
Fri 18 th Sept	Senior Youth: Metanoia
Sat 19 th Sept	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am-4pm
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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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Readings Next Weekend

12-13 September 2026

24th 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

8 Sept

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 Sept

Saint Peter Claver

12 Sept

The Most Holy Name of Mary



Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Bowie Pritchard, Canunita Enerio-Edmilao

Anniversaries: Engracia Corpuz, Jerry Simotas, Julian Felice, Rosamma Varghese, Olga Delgado Vivanco

In Remembrance: Josey Varghese, Salvatore Papaluca, Archilles and Margherita Forestieri

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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