



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

10-11 October *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Continued from last week

Now, I would like to say something about the Liturgical Criteria for Sacred Music, something that Choirs must keep in mind while selecting the hymns for our liturgical celebrations.

Sacred music should possess several essential qualities.

- First, it must be **sacred in purpose and character**. It should be directed toward the worship of God and compatible with the holiness of the liturgy.
- Second, it must be **artistically worthy**. The Church's worship deserves music that is thoughtfully composed, musically coherent, and capable of bearing the weight of the mysteries celebrated.
- Third, it must be **liturgically appropriate**. Music should correspond to the rite, the liturgical season, the biblical texts, and the particular moment of worship.
- Fourth, it must be **theologically sound**. Hymn texts and musical settings should express Catholic doctrine accurately. Since music is a vehicle of belief, doctrinally ambiguous or erroneous texts are unsuitable for liturgical use.
- Fifth, it must promote **prayer and participation**. This does not mean that every piece must be sung by the entire congregation. Participation can occur through singing, listening, contemplation, silence, and interior union with the sacred action, and that is why hymns should be used in a language that is the common language.
- Sixth, sacred music must respect the **hierarchy of the liturgical elements**. It should support the proclamation of Scripture, the prayers of the priest, the responses of the people, and the Eucharistic action. Music should never obscure or compete with the central acts of the liturgy.

As we can see so far, in contemporary parish life, sacred music has a powerful pastoral role. It can evangelize those who have little theological education, provide words for grief and hope, and unite people across generations and cultures. Many people encounter the Church's faith first through music.

Music is particularly important for those who cannot easily express their faith in abstract language. A sung Psalm or hymn can give form to experiences of suffering, repentance, gratitude, and longing for God. It can preserve the faith of a community during times of hardship and create a shared language of prayer.

Nevertheless, pastoral effectiveness must not be confused with immediate popularity. The liturgy forms the faithful by drawing them beyond personal preference. A parish's music should be accessible, but accessibility should not mean superficiality. The Church must offer music capable of educating desire, enlarging the imagination, and directing the heart toward divine worship.

Sacred music also has an ecumenical and cultural significance. The Church's ancient musical traditions testify to the continuity of Christian worship across centuries. At the same time, legitimate local forms can express the universality of the Church in diverse cultures. This requires discernment: inculturation should enrich the liturgy without reducing it to the entertainment patterns of a particular society.

Continued next week



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.



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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)

Junior youth returns Friday 20th October in the hall. We will be talking about our church and going on a church tour.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Senior youth will be returning Friday 16th October in the St Joseph’s Room. We will be talking about Holiness.

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 18th OCTOBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 18th October 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall. Zofia Mrowka will be speaking about the Second Vatican Council.

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

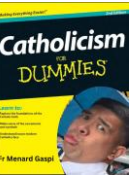
For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at admin@stbernadette.org.au for bookings and further details. Baptisms are held on the 1st, 2nd and 5th (when occurring) Sunday of each month at 12noon.

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 17-18 October 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	Priscilla Lee Maribel Alvarez Lorenzo Reyes	John Zdrilic Jane Lapidario Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Julian Bong Sherryl Rozario David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza +1	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	Dess Gutierrez Olivia Eberhaut Catherine Wibisono
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Josie and Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children’s Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Vanessa Tso	Mon 19 th Oct Pauline Home Bernard Home	John Geoghegan Kevin Johnson Douglas Carvalho	Joanne Boland Joanna Carmada	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Gabriella Tan Pauline Home	Tess De Santo

RCIA PROGRAM 2026/27

For those 16+ interested in becoming Catholic, we will begin our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program Wednesday 21st October. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or nancy@stbernadette.org.au



FR MENARD: CATHOLICISM FOR DUMMIES

Fr Menard will be running a 3 week program for those who are new to the church, cradle Catholics who want a refresher, or someone discerning the Catholic Church. Thursday 15th and 29th October at 6:30pm in the hall, followed by Adoration in the church at 8pm.

2026 LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT: 24 OCTOBER



All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6pm followed by festivities in the forecourt. Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more. Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live Some of our young adults will be performing on the night, so come along to cheer them on and check out the festivities!

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK ART COMPETITION

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2026 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. For more information visit parracatholic.org/artcomp

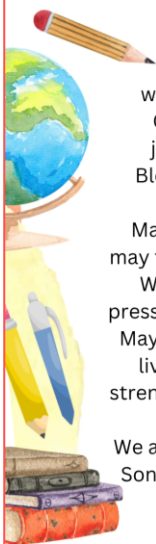


WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

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>



A PARISH HSC PRAYER



Heavenly Father,
we bring before you our HSC students.
Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage.
Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.
May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.
We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.
May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



HSC MASS SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 6PM

The annual Catholic Youth Parramatta HSC Mass will be held this Sunday 11th October at the 6pm Mass. Please wear your Yr 12 jerseys in support. All HSC students are invited to attend, and will receive a blessing (and a bag of goodies) as they prepare to start their HSC exams on Tuesday 13th October. Please keep all our year 12 students in your prayer.



St Bernadette's Parish Pilgrimage
• Jordan and the Holy Land



Fr Fernando and Nancy will be leading a pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land from 23rd August to 7th September 2027 with Harvest Journeys. To register, please visit <https://bookings.harvestjourneys.com/pv2737>

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



TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASSES

Tickets will be on sale outside the church on the weekends of 10/11th October, 17/18th October, and 24/25th October. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our major raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October	This Week
Tues 13 th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 14 th	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 15 th	Catholicism for Dummies 6:30pm Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 16 th	Senior Youth: Holiness
Sun 18 th	Young Adults: Zofia Mrowka
October	This Month
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Coffee and Chat
Thurs 29 th Oct	Catholicism for Dummies 6:30pm

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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Matt 22:14

Readings Next Weekend

17-18 October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Is 45:1, 4-6

Second reading

1 Thess 1:1-5

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

Feast Days This Week

14 Oct Saint Callistus I

15 Oct Saint Teresa of Jesus

16 Oct Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

17 Oct Saint Ignatius of Antioch

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Jesus Moreno

Anniversaries: Maria Zurawska, Santhosh Cherian

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Robin Reyden, Kristine Murgatroyd, Lukas Ivanic, Siena Maria Burns, Victoria Rix,
Barbara Ison, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Kim Cunanan, Louie Jacinto