



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

17-18 October *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Continued from last week

Finally, I would like to add that Sacred music is one of the great treasures of the Catholic Church. Its history begins in the psalmody of Israel, continues through the worship of the early Christians, develops in Gregorian chant and polyphony, expands through the artistic achievements of later centuries, and remains a living question in the context of contemporary liturgical renewal.



Its theological importance arises from the nature of the liturgy itself. Through audible and visible signs, Christ encounters his Church. Music helps proclaim the Word, express the faith, unite the assembly, sanctify time, and lead the human person toward contemplation. It gives voice to the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity and helps the faithful enter more fully into the mysteries celebrated throughout the liturgical year.

The Church's tradition does not require one single musical style for every place and period. Yet it does require that sacred music remain faithful to the liturgy, to Catholic doctrine, to artistic excellence, and to the worship of God. Gregorian chant, sacred polyphony, hymnody, and worthy contemporary compositions can all serve this purpose when they are governed by these principles.

The ultimate measure of sacred music is not its novelty, complexity, popularity, or emotional power. It is whether it helps the Church pray as the Body of Christ, receive the Word of God, enter into the sacrifice of Christ, and anticipate the worship of heaven. Sacred music fulfills its mission when, through human voices and instruments, it enables the Church to sing the eternal praise of the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

Parish Finance Update 2025-26



St Bernadette's
Parish Castle Hill

This weekend the Finance Committee will be presenting a video of the finance update for 2025/2026. The video will also be available on the Parish Website shortly, for those who would like to watch again at their leisure.

Thank you for your generous support as Parishioners, for helping keep us in the strong financial position we are in, and helping us continue to have a wonderful community.

The blue forms for direct debit details can be found on the glass tables in the church foyer.

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

BSB067 950

Account No00004265

Account NameDiocesan Clergy

Reference6006 Your name

EFT to the Second Collection – for support of the Parish

BSB067 950

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)

Junior youth returns Friday 23rd October in the st Joseph’s room. We will be talking about our church and going on a tour.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Senior youth will be on Friday 30th October in the St Joseph’s Room. We will be talking about Divinisation.

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 24-25 October 2026					
Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Ministry					
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	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee Hilary Zhang	Delphine Fernandes John Donnelly Lois Donnelly Winnie Lam +1	Teresa Somasundram Margaret Hawkes Dorothy Finucane Hilary Fong Bernadette Boulos	Mandy Leong Don de Leon Puspa Winendiah
Bookshop	Elaine Small	Eugenia Fidel	Christine and Hubert Jenneke	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children’s Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Maria Gobbo	Mon 26 th Oct Conni and Garry Tierney	John Giorgiutti Claire Lagunzad Joe Lagunzad Mila Mina	Laura Burton	Marjorie Anderson Robyn Morgan Sa Bunsoem Laurie Burridge	Claire Lagunzad

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 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. 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

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 15 NOVEMBER

The annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass by 6 November.



NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes are available in the foyer for November Mass offerings. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased relatives and friends on the back

of the envelope or on a typed list inside, with a donation. **Please note any cheques will not be processed until December.** The front of the envelope is for your details. The completed envelope can be placed in the collection boxes or given in to the Parish Office. From there the names will be put into the "Book of Remembrance" which will be placed on a temporary altar on the Sanctuary throughout November. Masses will be offered during the month of November for our friends and family who have gone before us.

RECONCILIATION 2027 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend our information evening being held on Monday 9th November at 7.00pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 2 and above (year 3 in 2027), who have received the sacrament of Baptism. The meeting will run for one hour. Children do not need to attend. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

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



TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASSES

Tickets will be on sale outside the church on the weekends of 17/18th October, and 24/25th October.

*Prizes awarded for best dressed male and female.
Sweeps, games and lucky door prizes to be won!*

We will also be selling raffle tickets for our major raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

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St Bernadette's Parish Pilgrimage
journeys • 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>

Upcoming Events	
Please see notices for further details.	
October	This Week
Tues 20 th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 21 st	Wednesday morning bible study 10am Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 22 nd	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 23 rd	Junior Youth: St Bernadette's Church
October	This Month
Thurs 29 th Oct	Catholicism for Dummies 6:30pm
November	Next Month
Sun 1 st Nov	All Saints Day
Mon 2 nd Nov	All Souls Day
Tues 3 rd Nov	Melbourne Cup Lunch
Fri 6 th Nov	First Friday lunch and Adoration
Mon 9 th Nov	Reconciliation 2027 Parent Info Night

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Readings Next Weekend

24-25 October 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Ex 22:20-26

Second reading

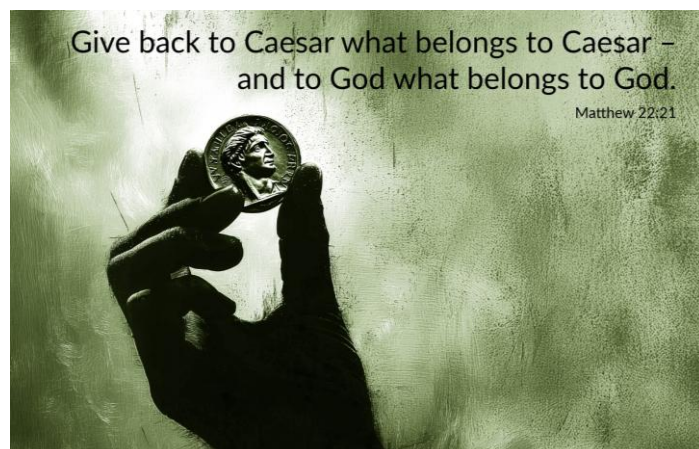
1 Thess 1:5-10

Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

Feast Days This Week

- 19 Oct** Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
Saint Paul of the Cross
22 Oct Saint John Paul II
23 Oct Saint John of Capistrano
24 Oct Saint Anthony Mary Claret



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Joyce Coleiro, Jesus Alvarez, Maureen Dorahy

Anniversaries: Simon Anderson, Adrian Attapattu, Richard Macky, Joseph Pancras, V K Scaria, Cathy Flynn, Margaret Bowie, Yvonne Hill

In Remembrance: Susanta Abhayaratna, Pan Soon Jeong

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Kristine Murgatroyd, Lukas Ivanic, Siena Maria Burns, Victoria Rix, Barbara Ison, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Graham Mostyn