



THE MASSABIELLE

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

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday 5th Oct

8:00am

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

3-4 October *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Continued from last week



Music also enables the Church to pray as one body. Individual voices become part of a common act. The assembly does not merely listen to a performer; and therefore, it is not appropriate to clap at the end of Mass as if thanking the church choir for what we might think was a nice performance and good selection of music. The church choir, through sacred music, joins in the Church's worship according to the structure of the liturgy. Even when a choir sings on behalf of the assembly, its ministry should draw the people into prayer rather than turn them into spectators.

Catholic worship uses sensible signs. Water, oil, bread, wine, gestures, vestments, architecture, silence, words, and music all belong to the human and ecclesial world through which God communicates grace. Sacred music participates in this sacramental structure by making the mysteries audible.

This does not mean that music is itself a sacrament. Rather, music serves the sacramental action and disposes the faithful to receive its grace. It helps the Church perceive that the liturgy is not merely a meeting or educational gathering, but participation in Christ's saving work.

The Church's liturgical year unfolds the mystery of Christ from the Incarnation through his Passion, Resurrection, Ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. It also sustains the hope of the faithful during Ordinary Time. Sacred music gives this annual cycle a distinctive spiritual voice and therefore, the selection of music has to be adapted according to the Liturgical Cycle.

Advent music expresses expectation and longing. Christmas music proclaims the joy of the Incarnation. Lenten chant and hymns invite repentance and conversion. Holy Week music enters into the Passion of Christ. Easter song announces the victory of the Resurrection. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, while Marian and saintly feasts express the communion of the Church in heaven and on earth.

Because music is associated with particular seasons, it helps form the Church's memory. A melody heard repeatedly each year can become a spiritual landmark. Through music, the faithful learn not only the calendar but the meaning of Christian time.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Please remember to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour this Sunday at 2am for daylight savings.



MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

8am Mass only.

Church will be closed after mass. Parish Office closed.

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

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

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 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 10-11 October 2026					
Ministry	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Les Blanch Rod Burridge	Scott Koslow Lisa Biasucci Sue Pinkerton	Steve Vassallo Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Venetia Lee Maribel Alvarez Lorenzo Reyes	Michelle Barreto Laura Burton Nathan Colaco
Communion Ministers	Charles D'Emanuele Cynthia D'Emanuele Lucille Wilson Sue Pinkerton Ross Pinkerton	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Monica Rodrigues Campion Fernando	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
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Flowers	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Children’s Liturgy	Housekeeping	Church Linen
Regina Jaegal	Mon 12 th Oct Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	Bill Lee Chris Crowe Eddy Pagnucco	N/A	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Doug Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Lois and John Donnelly

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



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 8th, 15th and 29th October at 6:30pm in the hall, followed by Adoration in the church at 8pm.

HSC MASS SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 6PM

The annual Catholic Youth Parramatta HSC Mass will be held next 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 our year 12 students in your prayers these coming weeks.

ST BERNADETTE'S SPIRITUAL READING BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meeting is Saturday the 10th October at 9am in the St Joseph's Room. We are currently reading The Way of Trust and Love by Jacques Philippe. All Welcome. For more information, please contact Danielle Vassallo on 0421 649 641 or sdvassallo@bigpond.com

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!



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>



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

Blessing of the Pets

To celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Fr Menard will be holding a Blessing of the Pets this Sunday 4th October at 4pm on the school basketball courts. All pets welcome!



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.

harvest 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. For more information see the flyers on the noticeboard, contact Nancy on pa@stbernadette.org.au or visit <https://bookings.harvestjourneys.com/pv2737>

Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

October	This Week
Mon 5 th	Public Holiday 8am Mass
Tues 6 th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 7 th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 8 th	Catholicism for Dummies 6:30pm
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Sat 10 th	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Sun 11 th	HSC Mass 6pm
October	This Month
Thurs 15 th Oct	Catholicism for Dummies 6:30pm
Sun 18 th Oct	Young Adults: Zofia Mrowka
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Coffee and Chat

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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Readings Next Weekend

10-11 October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 25:6-10	Phil 4:12-14, 19-20	Mt 22:1-14

Feast Days This Week

5 Oct	Saint Faustina Kowalska
6 Oct	Saint Bruno
7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
9 Oct	Saints Denis and companions, Saint John Leonardi, Saint John Henry Newman

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Christopher Dobles, Gaudeliza Abesamis-Tan, Bert Hofstaetter

Anniversaries: Branko Runac, Margaret Davis, Efrén De Leon, Angela Crowe, Elizabeth Kurian, Joseph Jacob Poovathumbkal

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

