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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

14-15 November *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

A small corner of Luke Huynh

My name is Thien Quoc Huynh (Luke Huynh). I was born in Vietnam and grew up with my younger sister under the care of my parents. In Vietnamese, "Thien Quoc" means "the reign of God". Interestingly, my grandfather wanted to reserve this name for my cousin, but because I was the first grandson, he gave it to me. Another interesting point, which my mom has just revealed to me recently, is that a doctor, a Catholic nun, delivered me after a misdiagnosis of a miscarriage by medical doctors. So, my parents sent me to the Sisters of the Holy Cross for kindergarten. And do not be surprised; my mom always received invitations from the sisters to meet regularly about my misbehaviours.

My childhood faith was shaped by the great efforts of local priests, nuns, and parishioners, especially through the Eucharistic Youth Movement. When I moved to Australia to study a Bachelor of Accountancy in 2015, I joined the Eucharistic Youth Movement at Saint Therese's Parish in Lakemba, Sydney. God willing, I met sister Therese at Saint Therese's Parish. After three years serving the Youth group and joining spiritual discernment, Sister Therese invited me to meet a priest from the Holy Spirit Seminary in Parramatta (after months, I discovered that Sister Therese's convent is in the Diocese of Parramatta; that's why). Fathers Chris and John, then, invited me to discover God's call in this Diocese. I finished accountancy work in Sydney and moved completely to Parramatta. After working in the Chancery for a period to get to know the Diocese and complete my pre-seminary, I found inner peace, joy, and strength to say 'Yes' to God and begin the journey toward Priesthood. Entrusting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I have survived in academic study where I could not find any number or mathematical calculation

During my formation with Fathers Paul and John, I discovered the true joy and love of being with and serving communities, as Christ has done, from the local parish to the deaf community. So, it is a great joy for me to say, "Here, I am, Lord; I come to do your will", when I receive the appointment to Saint Bernadette's Parish.

Thank you for welcoming me, accepting me, and allowing me to be a member of the family at Saint Bernadette's Parish. I am still on a journey of learning and discovery; please help me by sharing your experience and wisdom.

I invite you to join us for the priestly ordination of deacons Jeff, Paul, and I at Saint Patrick Cathedral on Tuesday 24th November 2026 at 7:30pm.

Your presence is our spiritual gift; your prayers are our spiritual strength, and your support is our spiritual witness. I look forward to seeing you and sharing more with you soon.





NEW TO THE PARISH

We would like to welcome all new parishioners. If you are new to the parish, please collect a registration form from the foyer or the Parish Office and please come and say hello to one of the Clergy or Nancy at mass.

Welcome

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

BSB	067 950
Account No	00004265
Account Name	Diocesan Clergy
Reference	**6006 Your name**

EFT to the Second Collection – for support of the Parish

BSB	067 950
Account No	00000032
Account Name	Castle Hill Catholic Church
Reference	**Second Collection** (Your Name)

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)

Junior youth will be on Friday 20th November in the hall. Fr Menard will be holding a teaching Mass for us.

SENIOR YOUTH (years 9-12)

Senior youth & Junior youth will be going on a combined outing to The Edge rock climbing centre on Friday 4th December.

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 15th NOVEMBER

Our Young Adults Nights (18-35 Yrs) is on Sunday 15th November 7:00pm-9:00pm in the hall. Isayah Maybury-Picatoste will be speaking about the Sacraments and Intention Devotion.
Dinner included. Please let us know any dietary requirements by contacting ym@stbernadette.org.au

ROSTERS 21-22 Nov 2026

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Les Blanche Rod Burridge	Scott Koslow Lisa Biasucci Sue Pinkerton	Steve Vassallo Catherine Whitelock Ann O'Brien	Venetia Lee Maribel Alvarez Lorenzo Reyes	Timothy Leong Anabel Formosa Rheza Tan
Communion Ministers	Lisa Hurst Rick Jenkins Brian Fitzalan Natalia Chui Conni Tierney	Yvonne Desouza Patrick Bowie Monica Rodrigues Campion Fernando	Delphine Fernendes 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	Jenny and Brian Blacklock	Dorothy Finucane	Remy de Leon
Flowers	**1st Collection**	**2nd Collection**	**Children's Liturgy**	**Housekeeping**	**Church Linen**
Lucy Achermann	Mon 23rd Nov Maureen Fearnside Remy de Leon	David Tye Cosimo Miccoli Chris Clancy	Jody Masina Jenny Blacklock	Maria Mochnik Yvonne Desouza Doug Desouza Anna Schweda Karen D'Souza Neil Fonseca	Melia Shammas



RECONCILIATION 2027

Enrolments are now open for Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. 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. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au



NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes are available in the foyer for November Mass offerings. Masses will be offered during the month of November for our family and friends who have gone before us.

FACE-TO-FACE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DAY

On Saturday 21st November we will be running Cycle 2 (modules 4 & 5) for those needing to complete their safeguarding training and would like to do it face-to-face. Training will be held from 10am-1:30pm in the hall. To register please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at admin@stbernadette.org.au

FR. MENARD'S 2ND PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to join the Gaspi family for dinner and activity after the 5pm mass on Saturday 21st November in the hall.



PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

The St Bernadette's Refugee Group are running a fundraiser BBQ at the morning masses next Sunday 22nd November. Bacon & Egg Rolls $5 each. Cash and EFTPOS available.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2026



We are again asking for the generous support of our parishioners, to help bring the spirit of Christmas into the homes of families that our St Vincent de Paul members visit throughout the year, as well as assisting families through Catholic Care Social Services (CCSS) at Emerton. If you can assist with a donation of a hamper, please take a hamper label from the Church foyer, and return the hampers to the Church on the weekend of **5th & 6th December.** Information is on the notice board regarding the assembly of the hamper and suggestions for its contents and size. Please be mindful of the weight of hampers.
For more info contact Carole on 0438 014 070.

FOR SALE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



Presence Advent reflection
by Wollongong Diocese **$7each**



Daily Mass Book 2027 **$35 each**



Break Open the Word 2027 **$35 each**



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

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Melbourne Cup lunch last week. A fabulous day was had by all. Congratulations to our winners of the raffles, sweeps, and best-dressed fashion. Thank you to our generous sponsors who donated prizes.

NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2027

Planned Giving envelopes for the next 12 months are available in the foyer. Should you wish to move to credit card or direct debit please contact the parish office.



Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

November	This Week
Tues 17th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 18th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 19th	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 20th	Junior Youth: Mass
Sat 21st Nov	Safeguarding training
Sun 22nd Nov	Fundraiser BBQ: Refugee Group
November	**This Month**
Thurs 26th Nov	Coffee and Chat 10am

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

Communion Antiphon:
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Readings Next Weekend

21-22 Nov 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King of the Universe Year A

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17	1 Cor 15:20-26, 28	Mt 25:31-46

Feast Days This Week

16 Nov Saint Gertrude, Saint Margaret of Scotland
17 Nov Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
18 Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of saints Peter and Paul
21 Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF
Recently Deceased: Richard Kemmis
For all the names in the Book of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Gianna Locke, Kristine Murgatroyd, Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Barbara Ison, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Graham Mostyn, Paul Le Large