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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

21-22 November *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr A*

Hello Everyone!

Time is going quick and once again we are approaching the holy season of Advent. Every few years, I share the story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe on this space. This year, it is a special year in the devotion of our Lady. Pope Leo XIV has granted a Holy Year for the National Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The celebration marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the new Basilica and the moving of the miraculous image to the new church.

As I have mentioned before, my grandmother used to live two blocks away from the Basilica, so I remember well when the new basilica was being built and the opening of the new church. I also remember buying tickets with my allowances to support the construction of this holy place that years later was the church where I was ordained as a priest.

Once again I hope you enjoy the beauty and the simplicity of the narratives of our Lady and the conversations with St Juan Diego. May the reading bring joy and hope to all of you as we are about to start the preparations for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus our Saviour.



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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The Oldest Narrative of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Here is the account, in its proper order, of how quite recently, miraculously, there appeared the Perfect Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Queen, at the Tepeyac hill, known as Guadalupe. First, she allowed Herself to be seen by a little Macehual (Indian), by the name of Juan Diego; then her precious image appeared before the recently elected Bishop Don Fray Juan de Zumarraga.

Ten years after the conquest of the city of Mexico, when all arrows and shields had been laid aside, when there was peace everywhere among the peoples, faith began to sprout and put forth green shoots, opening up its corolla to the knowledge of Him through Whom one lives: the true God. In that year, 1531, within a few days of the month of December, a Macehual (little Indian), a poor man of the people named Juan Diego lived, it is said, in Cuautitlan, although in all things related to God (his religion) he belonged to Tlatilolco (the parish in Mexico).

Continued next week



When making online donations please remember to select St Bernadette's CASTLE HILL to attribute it to our parish quota. The Diocese have 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 Good Works Christmas Appeal.

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) and 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 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTING

The Young Adults are planning an outing into the city to explore the Christmas lights displays Sydney city has to offer! All welcome.
Who: all young adults 18-35 yrs are invited
When: Wednesday December 16th 5:30pm till late
5:30pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, 6:30pm Dinner at Verandah Bar, 8:30pm light show at St Mary's Cathedral.

ROSTERS 28-29 Nov 2026

Mass / 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 Hyacinth Jones Leo Stanton	
Communion Ministers	Beverley Curtis Esther Coleiro Kathleen Abernethy Keith D'Sylva Maureen Fearnside	Julian Bong Sherryl Rozario David Rodrigues Andrea Tomic	Brian Blacklock Jenny Blacklock Ellen MacMahon Skirma Cervin +1	Sylvia Rego Venetia Lee Henry Li Winnie Li Nina Irwin	Dess Guttierres Anabel Formosa Remy de Leon
Bookshop	Pauline Home	Catherine Seddon	Margaret Stedman	Maria Gobbo	Remy de Leon
Flowers	**1st Collection**	**2nd Collection**	**Children's Liturgy**	**Housekeeping**	**Church Linen**
N/A	Mon 30th Nov Pauline and Bernard Home	Karl Procter Martin Collins Joe Morgan	Stefanie Chehade Laura Burton	Andrea Tomic Krystyna Graczyk Myra Tan Gabriella Tan Pauline Home	Mandy Leong



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



PARISH FUNDRAISER BBQ

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

COFFEE & CHAT THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER



Please stop by the Marian Center for coffee & chat this Thursday morning, 26th November, after the 9.15am mass. All welcome. Please bring a plate of Christmas finger-food to share

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.

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.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donations to Vinnies Christmas appeal. They raised nearly $3000 to help those in need this Christmas.

FOR SALE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE AND BOOKSHOP



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

2027 Columban Calendars **$10 each**





Daily Mass Book 2027 **$35 each**

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







Upcoming Events

Please see notices for further details.

November	This Week
Tues 24th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 25th	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 26th	Coffee and Chat 10am
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
December	**Next Month**
Fri 4th Dec	First Friday: Adoration and healing mass
	Combined Youth outing: Rock climbing
Sat 5th Dec	Vinnies Christmas hampers
Sun 6th Dec	
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Carols 7pm
Sat 12th Dec	Spiritual Reading Book Club

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon
The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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Readings Next Weekend

28-29 Nov 2026

The First Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Is 63:16-17, 64: 1, 3-8	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:33-37

Feast Days This Week

23 Nov Saint Clement I, Saint Columban
24 Nov Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
25 Nov Saint Catherine of Alexandria

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Emily Carey, Vinh Hung Le

For all the names in the Book of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Kristine Murgatroyd, Lukas Ivanic, Victoria Rix, Barbara Ison, Eleanor Ross, Minda Robles, Graham Mostyn, Paul Le Large, Thi Tien Phung