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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

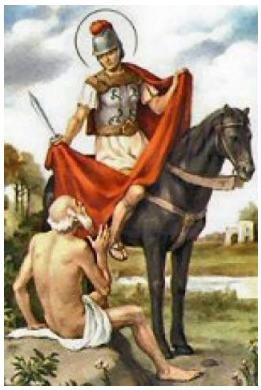
Saturday
8:30am-9:00am,
4:00pm-4:30pm
Or by appointment

7-8 November *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

Hello Everyone

I would like to start by welcoming the appointment of Deacon Luke Huynh into our Parish, he will be ordained as priest together with Deacons Paul Tran and Jeff Hood at St Patrick's Cathedral on the 24th of November. Hopefully you can find the time to participate in the ordination of our newest priests in the Diocese and especially the ordination of Luke who will be coming to St Bernadette's. Once again, the Parish is being blessed with the appointment of a newly ordained priest who comes to share with us the first fruits of his ministry.

As Deacon Luke is busy this week to write about himself for our parish bulletin, I would like to write something about a saint that is celebrated on the 11th of this month. St Martin of Tours is remembered for a simple act of generosity: sharing his cloak with a poor man shivering in the cold. But that moment points to the heart of his life. Martin learned to recognize Christ in those who were overlooked—and carried that faith from military service to monastic life and, eventually, the demanding work of a bishop.



Martin was born in Pannonia, in the Roman Empire, around 316. His father was an army officer, and Martin was enrolled in the imperial army while still young. According to his early biographer, Sulpicius Severus, Martin was drawn to Christianity from childhood and became a catechumen—a person preparing for Baptism—when he was about ten. Even as a soldier, he was known for humility and care for others, sharing what he had with people in need.

The famous cloak story took place at Amiens during a bitter winter. Martin had little to give except the cloak he wore, so he cut it in two and gave half to a beggar. Sulpicius recounts that Martin later saw Christ in a vision, wearing the piece he had given away. The vision echoes Jesus' teaching: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Martin's generosity was more than a charitable gesture; it expressed a Christian way of seeing the poor—as neighbors to be served and, in serving them, as people through whom we meet Christ.

After receiving Baptism, Martin eventually left military service and sought the guidance of St Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers. He embraced a life of prayer and solitude at Ligugé, where other men gathered around him. Yet solitude did not mean turning away from the world. Martin preached in the countryside, where Christian faith had not taken deep root, and his small community became a center of prayer and missionary life.

Around 371 or 372, Martin was chosen as Bishop of Tours. He did not seek the office,but accepted it and continued to live simply. Near Tours, he established a monastery at Marmoutier, where a community of monks lived in prayer and shared life. As bishop, Martin travelled through the region, taught the faith and cared for people in need. One account describes him pleading with an imperial official to spare prisoners who were facing execution. His pastoral concern reached beyond the Church's public life to people whose lives were at risk.

Martin died in 397, but his witness endured. As mentioned earlier the Church celebrates his memorial on 11 November. His life invites us to join prayer with practical compassion: to notice the person others pass by, to share what we can, and to carry the Gospel into ordinary places. The half-cloak remains a fitting image—not because Martin gave away everything, but because he gave what he had, and recognized Christ in the person before him.

St Martin of Tours, pray for us!



Peace in Jesus

Fr. Fernando Montano

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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@St Bernadette's youth Castle Hill
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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 will be on Friday 13th November in the St Joseph's Room. We will be talking about Saints.

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 14-15 Nov 2026

Ministry \ Mass	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Lectors	Judith Donoghue John Geoghegan Veronica Raic	Martin Collins Michelle Monteiro Yvonne Desouza	Jerard Heffernan Brian Blacklock Hansel Fernando	Joanne Dobry Carolyn Curro Malena del Gallego	John Zdrilic Jane Lapidario Michelle Kim
Communion Ministers	Felicity Carvalho Douglas Carvalho Mary McMahon Bernard Home Pauline Home	Claire Lagunzad Doug Desouza Bill Lee Hilary Zhang	Mary Tondini Ranmalee De Silva Lynda Sillick Yvette Braganza +1	Mila Mina Coney Lau Helen Carr-Boyd Elizabeth Joseph Jiji Joseph	Dess Guttierres Olivia Eberhaut Catherine Wibisono
Bookshop	Maureen Fearnside	Catherine Sneddon	Christine & Hubert Jenneke	Josie & Seng Yeoh	Remy de Leon
Flowers	**1st Collection**	**2nd Collection**	**Children's Liturgy**	**Housekeeping**	**Church Linen**
Margaret Jones	Mon 16th Nov Dorothy Finucane Margaret Stedman	Campion Fernando Gary Moeller Emelie De Leon	Lolita Suyko Julie James	Julieann Gething Risa Sidik Cheryl D'Sylva Karen Grace Francesca Cirillo	Belinda Yapp

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 about 30 mins. Children do not need to attend. 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. 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 family and friends who have gone before us.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Our annual Christmas Carols will be held on Friday 11th December at 7pm. If you are interested in performing at this year's Carols, please register your expression of interested via the QR Code, or contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or at admin@stbernadette.org.au
Applications close Friday 13th November.

FOOD FIESTA MEETING

We will be holding a planning meeting on Thursday 12th November at 7pm in the Marian Centre to discuss next year's Pentecost Food Fiesta (Sunday 16th May 2027). If you are interested in being involved in the food fiesta, please come along to our meeting.

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.a''

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**



This weekend, vinnies members will have donation buckets, and there will be envelopes on the pews, for the annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

November	This Week
Mon 9th	Reconciliation 2027 Parent Info Night
Tues 10th	Tuesday Morning Prayer Group 10am
	Reparation Prayer Group 7pm
Wed 11th	Wednesday morning bible study 10am
	Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm
Thurs 12th	Food Fiesta Meeting 7pm
	Holy Hour 8pm-9pm
Fri 13th	Senior Youth: Saints
Sat 14th	Spiritual Reading Book Club
Sun 15th	Young Adults: Isayah Maybury-Picatoste

November	This Month
Sat 21st Nov	Safeguarding training
Sun 22nd Nov	Fundraiser BBQ: Refugee Group
Thurs 26th Nov	Coffee and Chat 10am

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon:
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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Readings Next Weekend

14-15 Nov 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading	Second reading	Gospel
Prov 31:10-13	1 Thess 5:1-6	Mt 25:14-30

Feast Days This Week

9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 Nov Saint Leo the Great
11 Nov Saint Martin of Tours
12 Nov Saint Josaphat

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF

Recently Deceased: Robert Irwin, Aparicion Cardenas

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