St Bernard's Parish Botany

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Sunday Mass Times
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:00am and 9:00am

Kid's Church (helpers welcome)
Sunday 9:00am during School Terms
Parents/carers, contact the office to help.

Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 7:00pm Mass and Novena
Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat: 9:00am

Baptism: By appointment
First & Third Sundays of the month
at 10:00 am
Interviews on Wednesdays 5:00pm

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 9:30am – 10:15am

Sacrament of Confirmation:
In 2026: It was on 24 May.
For 2027: Date is not known yet.

Marriage:
By appointment (Six months' notice)

Friday Devotions
6:00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm – Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Prayers (Rosary & Act of Consecration)
Thursdays 9:30am to 10:00am

St Vincent de Paul Society: Contact the parish office if you would like to join.

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Account Name: Botany Parish Church
BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 1000 00878

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Acknowledgement of Country: We respect and honour the Gadigal peoples of the Eora Nation and the Bidigal Clan; traditional custodians of the land. We pay our respects to Elders past and present in this land of the Holy Spirit.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Theme: The readings focus on mercy and forgiveness. In the gospel Jesus tells the parables about mercy and tells Peter to forgive "seventy times seven." Christ demands that we forgive one another not only because it is the compassionate thing to do, but also it is how God acts and expects us to act. It is the very "being" of God to forgive. By forgiving, we choose not to let any offense that has happened control how we continue to relate to one another. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness. Jesus' response to Peter is a way of reminding us that God forgives us countless times. Our "heavenly Father" has shown us the way. If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our live. Let us forgive one another "from the heart" as we approach our merciful God.

Communion Antiphon: The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Child Protection Sunday 13 September
National Child Protection Week reminded us that keeping children safe, supported and heard is everyone's responsibility. As a parish community, we are called to raise awareness, amplify young voices and turn our everyday conversations into action. Together, we can strengthen our support for families and build a community where every child is valued, respected and able to thrive.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried for the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the office on (02)93905147 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also speak with your parish priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal takes place this weekend. This appeal provides for our retired and sick priests; for their accommodation, board and lodging expenses, care for frail priests, health insurance and medical expenses, car expenses. Donations above $2 are tax deductible. Please support our retired and sick priests. Donations above $2 are tax deductible. Tax receipt for card donations are issued by the Archdiocese Fundraising Office. The parish will issue receipts for the cash and other donations. Thank you.

First Eucharist 2026
Candidates from St Bernard Primary School will receive their First Eucharist next Sunday, 20th September 2026. Candidates from public schools within the parish will receive their First Eucharist on Sunday, 22nd November. Preparation classes for public school students will begin on 17th October. Please pray for the candidates.

Safeguarding Sunday

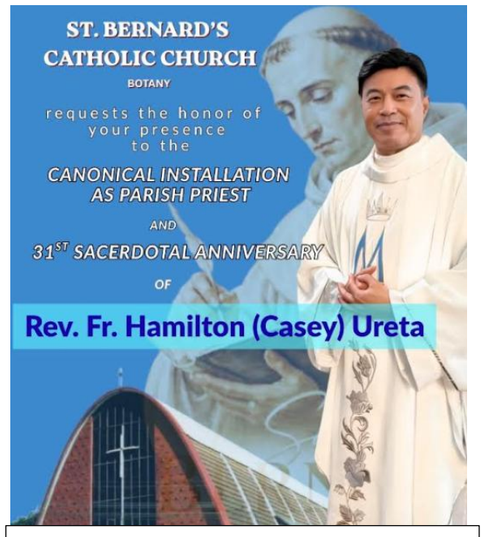
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
13 September 2026

Flowers and Candles Offering
The Flowers & Candles Offering Form dated to 22 Nov 2026 is in the foyer. Please fill out the form to dedicate the weekend to offer flowers for your prayer intentions.

Our Parish Ambassadors for Eucharistic Congress 2028 are Kevin O'Neill and Yoalanda Fernandez. They will keep us informed on the events and updates leading up to it.

Acolytes Roster Oct 2026 to April 2027 are available in the sacristy.

The Piety Stall is open before & after the weekend masses on Vigil Saturdays 5:30pm and Sun 9am.



Sunday 11th October 2026 Mass at 9am presided by His Excellency Bishop Tony Percy

The Welcome Collective

After the recent Catholic Mission Talk by Anne Nesbitt, a parish group was formed to welcome a refugee into our community. We are calling ourselves the Welcome Collective. We are seeking donations that will directly support an individual, couple or family, through the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Program (CRISP), supported by Catholic Mission. Every donation, big or small, can make a meaningful difference and help give someone the best possible start in their new home. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, please use the QR code. If you would like to receive updates on our progress, we will send out occasional update emails to our supporters. If you want to be on the list, please email thewelcomecollective1@gmail.com

***Mass Intention Names** must be received at the parish office before Wed 12:00noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Names for prayer intentions must be clearly written and indicated whether for it is for the sick or deceased; otherwise they cannot be published.*

Sick List: Please help review the names on the sick list, & inform the parish office if any name(s) should be removed. Thank you.

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Don Beattie, Esperance Mankarios, Jesus Agbay, Janet Bacal, Angela La Spina, Mario Pena Fontillas, Nikki Gonzales Crisostomo, Roda del Castillo de la Pena, Lina Vella, Tony Camilleri, Cody Hambly, Barry Elliott, Dionisio Oliva, Gilda Mendoza, Leticia Bautista, Grant Manning, Karen Quah, Louise Jones, Barbara Gallacher, Ron Cooper, Keith Streetings, Jason Denny, Patricia McCarthy, Judy Cooke, Elmer Mandado, Regina Attalah, Ryan Bacal, Ana Bradaric, Gesalit Cabrera, Felicia Clark, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Mark R Javier, Gwen Menzies, All the sick and suffering.

3. Recently Deceased: Alvin Ureta (Fr Casey's brother), Joan Birmingham, Lee Guam Soon, Joseph Vassallo, Robert Rances Jr

4. Anniversary: Vincent Amasi, Pedro A. Panganiban, Stephanie D'Souza, Deva Wickremasinghe, Jose Mateo, Dolores Tubungbanua

5. Other Deceased: Milan Mihaljevic, Therese & Alfred Scerri, Isabel Fenech, All Souls in purgatory

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 19 Sep - VIGIL SAT 5:30 PM
Readers: Kathy Smyth/Maureen Burnett
Acolyte: David Spowart

Sun 20 Sep - SUNDAY 7:00 AM
Readers: Carol O'Loughlin/Tanya Sarkissian
Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 20 Sep - SUNDAY 9:00 AM
Readers: St Bernard Primary school children
Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio
Counters: Joseph & Josepine Apolonio
Altar Society: (Gp C) Marilou Ong
& Charito Lan Kam
Flowers Offering: sponsor needed

If you would like to help with any of the tasks below, please contact the parish office. Thanks for your support.

Altar Society volunteers needed: arrange altar flowers, and tidying the sanctuary and sacristy once a month.

Handyman needed for odd jobs around the church.

Kids Church: Parents and Carers, do you want to be a leader or helper at Kids Church? Kids Church is run purely by volunteers and extra helpers are always welcomed. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a smile! The time commitment is one Sunday Mass per term and all theme details are provided.

World Youth Day Seoul Korea 2027 3 Aug to 8 Aug 2027. Youths 18 years to 35 years old interested, please contact parish office.