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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For Direct Deposit donations to this parish
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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Theme: The readings for this Sunday highlight God's generosity. Christ explains it in the parable about the workers in the vineyard and the generous landowner who paid them all the same wage. On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, but he is radically just. The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. Jesus wants to highlight that the kingdom of God is a place of forgiveness and generosity. We often think that our own actions deserve more reward; and so, fail to seek God's generosity and mercy. Let us pray for God's mercy upon all of us.

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

First Collection or Pastoral Revenue (taken after the homily) support of the priests of the parish and of the Archdiocese of Sydney.
Second Collection or Church Donation (after the Prayers of Faithful) for repairs, maintenance and administration & operation of parish
Planned Giving: Parishioners are encouraged to join the planned giving system to support our parish. Please contact the parish office to Join PG Envelopes system > donate weekly with cash; OR
PG Monthly> provide your bank card for monthly processing OR
PG Direct Deposit> set up your own direct deposit monthly.
Tap & Go Devices Donations (Anytime)
50% of Tap Donations goes to First Collection/Pastoral Revenue Account & 50% goes to Second Collection/St Bernard Parish Church Account.
The tap terminals on both sides of the church can be used for donations.
Thank you for all your donations!

First Eucharist 2026

Candidates from St Bernard Primary School will receive their First Eucharist this Sunday, 20th September 2026.
Congratulations to the students!
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.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal total collected last weekend was $1102.30: $797.30 cash & $305 cards 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. Tax receipt for card donations are issued by the Archdiocese Fundraising Office. The parish will issue receipts for the cash donations. Thank you.

First Eucharist (St Bernard Primary School students)

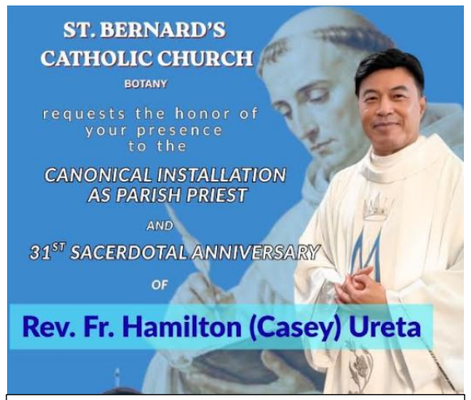
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 20 September 2026

Prayers and Thanks
Thanks to **The Spies Family** for the flowers offered this weekend. We pray for their intentions. We also thank **Jimmy & Marilou Ong** for the flowers offered in thanksgiving. May God bless The Spies and The Ong Families abundantly.

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.

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

Liturgical Training reminder for registered Acolytes
VENUE: Marcellin Room, Ground Level, St Martha's Parish 38, Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040 9.30am -12.30pm on Saturday 10th October 2026, Saturday 17th October 2026, Saturday 24th October 2026, & Saturday 7th November 2026



Sunday 11th October 2026 Mass at 9am presided by His Excellency Bishop Tony Percy.
Festivities and Refreshments after mass.
Please bring a plate of food to share.
The carpark gate will be closed from 8am on the day for the festivities.

Walk with Christ 6-weeks Program
on Wednesdays 7pm to 8:15 pm, starting 14th Oct 2026 at St Bernard's Church; led by Kevin O'Neill and Yoalanda Fernandez (our Parish Ambassadors). Program books are supplied. This spiritual journey is designed to prepare our hearts and minds for the annual Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 22 November 2026. The Walk with Christ is the start of the multi-year journey of spiritual renewal leading up to the International Eucharistic Congress 2028. *You are invited to be a part of it! You are also highly encouraged to bring a family member or friend who has drifted away from the faith.* Please register your name on the form at the front entrance of the church. Thank you.

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: Eileen Harper, Josefina Del Castillo Flores, Erlinda Torino, Alvin Ureta
4. Anniversary: Aurora Garcia, Jose Garcia Jr, Vincent Amasi, Pedro A. Panganiban, Stephanie D'Souza
5. Other Deceased: Milan Mihaljevic, Therese & Alfred Scerri, Isabel Fenech, All Souls in purgatory

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 26 Sep - VIGIL SAT 5:30 PM
Readers: Maria & Fabian Heaton
Acolyte: Maureen Burnett

Sun 27 Sep - SUNDAY 7:00 AM
Readers: Zenny Custodio/Nancy Cowan
Acolyte: Mele Lusaipau

Sun 27 Sep - SUNDAY 9:00 AM
Readers: Kylie Brakel/Sarah Cortes
Acolyte: Paul Keshan
Counters: Dever Family
Altar Society: (Gp A) Zenny Custodio, Rose Keshan & Ruby Gorospe
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.

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.

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