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: All you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

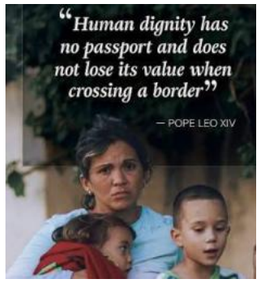
Theme: On this Sunday, the 112th World Day of Migrant & Refugees, we pray especially for the safety and well-being of all children and their families who forced to flee due to war, poverty, violence, and environmental disasters. May our Blessed Mother Mary protect them as they face severe risks like trafficking, exploitation, and separation.
Today's gospel prompts us to reflect on the power of actions versus words. True transformation lies in our deeds, not just appearances. We might profess goodness but act differently. The sincerity of our hearts matters more than our knowledge. Despite initial refusals or mere lip service, we can still choose to embrace what is right and answer God's call to serve. Our actions can reshape our paths, illustrating our commitment to God's will.
Communion Antiphon: By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: ..For this 112th World Day, the theme, "Even just one of these children," draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord's promise that "whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Mk 9:37). Every year millions of children and adolescents are forced to leave their homeland because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters. ..Let us entrust migrant and refugee children to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, together with Saint Joseph and the child Jesus.. May she accompany their steps and help our communities to become living and credible signs of the Gospel.

First Eucharist 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.
Congratulations to the students who received their First Eucharist last Sunday.

Daylight Savings begins on Sun 4 October.
On Sunday 4th October, at 2:00AM the clocks are put forward to 3:00AM.

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 your donations!**



112TH WORLD MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

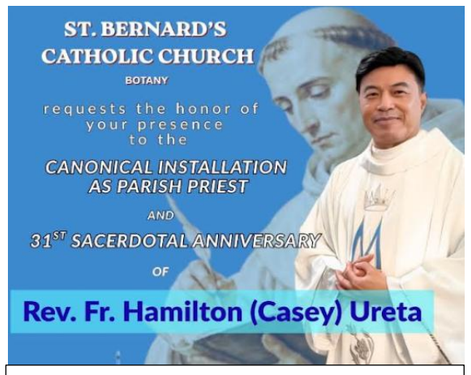
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
27 September 2026

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.

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
Those who registered, please attend.

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.
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.

International Eucharistic Congress 2028
Official dates have been confirmed for the upcoming congress. As we mark exactly two years until the Opening Mass this week, let us unite in prayer as we prepare and journey together as a community.
(Sydney) Symposium: 20–22 September 2026
Congress: Sun 24 September – Sun 1 October 2028
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: in preparation for the annual Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession at St Mary's Cathedral on Sun, 22 Nov 2026. This event begins our spiritual renewal leading up to the International Eucharistic Congress 2028. 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: Alvin Ureta, Eileen Harper, Josefina Del Castillo Flores, Erlinda Torino
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 3 Oct - VIGIL SAT 5:30 PM
Readers: Mariela & Rebecca Dever
Acolyte: Chris Hanna

Sun 4 Oct - SUNDAY 7:00 AM
Readers: Michael Spies/Julie Bjazevich
Acolyte: Socorro Lucas/Mele Lusaipau

Sun 4 Oct - SUNDAY 9:00 AM
Readers: Jimmy Ong/Michael Ong
Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio
Counters: Pauline Weir & Brad Playford
Altar Society: (Gp B) Tess Oliva, Pearl Ventura & Dagney Payet
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.