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The Weekly Newsletter of St Bernadette's
Parish Community, Castle Hill, NSW

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NEW YOUTH MINISTER AT ST BERNADETTE'S

The St Bernadette's Parish Community welcomes Luke Hackett to the parish staff. We wish Luke well in his major role of working with the youth of the parish. He knows he has our support. Luke writes:

"Beginning as a youth in the parish in 1995 while attending Oakhill College, I developed a mature relationship with God and a passion for the Catholic Church. I developed as a youth leader, the fruits of which led me to spread the parish's good works in helping the Catholic parish of Wahroonga with its youth ministry.

"While continuing to finish a Bachelors Degree in building, I worked both the part time youth ministry position and full time junior project manager role.

"In 2006 I was appointed the 'parish and school liaison office' for Parramatta Diocese and continued building part time as a consultant. The following year I entered the Parramatta seminary to further discern my vocation to the priesthood. After some time in the seminary I went north and lived with the aboriginal community on the island of Galiwinku at the top of the Northern Territory.

"Teaching building in a work-for-the-dole scheme, I was adopted by the Unomerra tribe. I came back to Sydney to work in the building industry again and travelled with this company around Australia developing accommodation for the mines. Driven by a passion that all people can know the fullness of life in Christ, I am responding to the call of God and am back in a parish setting, this time as youth minister at St Bernadette's."

The parish has a total population of 45,347

people, going by the last census. 31.3% are Catholic. This means the total Catholic population of St Bernadette's Parish is 14,199. This makes it one of the biggest parishes in Sydney.

What is interesting about the parish is that the median age is 34 years. Only 8.6% of our parish population is over 65 years. One of the most telling demographics is that 23% of our parish is aged between 0 and 14 years. This is just one

reason for employing a youth minister. The other interesting statistic is that our biggest age group is the 15 to 19 year-old age group. The next biggest group is the 10 to 14 year-old age group. This reinforces the view that it is necessary to work with these young people to bring them to Christ.

If you are into statistics, it is interesting to note that the highest proportion of Catholic families in the parish have a weekly family income of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a week. That is saying that over a quarter of our Catholic households in this parish have a weekly income of over \$2,000 a week. Over

18% have a weekly income of over \$3,000 a week. In the light of my asking last Sunday for financial help from parishioners to keep the parish afloat, I have a tinge of sympathy for those attending week-day mass this week. They have been subjected (in the First Reading) to Paul talking about money in the most definite terms. My approach to asking for money last weekend was a rather mild affair compared to Paul's admonition to the parishioners at Corinth.

It is the end of the financial year and the end of the Year of St Paul but asking for money still continues, as it always has. *Father John.*



Luke Hackett, Youth Minister
at St Bernadette's Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations to all of our parish young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at ceremonies this week.

Justin Abeleda
 Martin Abeleda
 Nicholas Abrams
 Isabelle Acharya
 John Aguilar
 Kieran Albertini
 James Arico
 Taylor Ashkar
 Kryzl Baello
 Alexandra Baguley
 Nicola Baliva
 Alissa Baliva
 Simone Barkmeyer
 Daisy Batty
 Shannon Berne-Riley
 Angelica Bocanegra
 David Bocanegra
 Belinda Bonaccorso
 Rachael Brown
 Gemma Byrne-Quinn
 Nicholas Byrne-Quinn
 Jack Byrnes
 Jason Calabrese
 Chiara Carlo-Stella
 Joshua Carnevale
 Liam Carroll
 Matthew Caruana
 Jessica Ceh
 Ryan Chapman
 Alyssa Coleiro
 Joshua Coleiro
 Celine De Zilva
 Chantelle De Zilva
 Antonia De Ceglie
 Natalia De Souza
 Kalem Dempsey

Emma Dimech
 Bianca Dobson
 Myah Dowd
 James Duff
 Dennis Fernandez
 Lauren Fernandez
 Calvin Fernandez
 Ryan Fostey
 Emma Gardner
 Thomas Gardner
 Luke Gardoni
 Monique Giardina
 Damien Giardina
 Solenne Gibson
 Daniel Grace
 Hannah Grace
 Crescentia Gunawan
 Eugenia Gunawan
 Joseph Harb
 Madeline Hennesey
 Ellise Hicks
 Alanah Hicks
 Bailee Hourigan
 Joshua Hurst
 Georgina Jamison
 Jacob Johnson
 Thomas Johnson
 Gilbert Johnston
 Dominic Jones
 Simon Jones
 Emma Kavanagh
 Jeanette Kavanagh
 William Kearns
 Benjamin Keatinge
 Jack Langford
 Shenuka Lokuge

Alexandra Lu
 Courtney Lucchese
 Allison Luminarias
 Althea Luminarias
 Alyster Luminarias
 Nicholas Lynch
 Lachlan MacMahon
 Brittany Maggs
 Chloe Matthews
 Jack McConnell
 Charlotte McDonald
 Georgia McDonald
 Chelsea McEntee
 Bennet McKertich
 Paris Miller
 Christopher Milne
 Matthew Milne
 Sophie Minassian
 Stephen Morris
 Jacob Natividad
 Peter Nekrep
 Tilen Nekrep
 Dylan Ngu
 Adrian Oguz
 Sarah Phillipson
 Kellie Pike
 Chloe Pike
 Xavier Qasabian
 Jared Quinto
 Lachlan Randall
 Ellessia Rinaldi
 Edward Rinaldi
 Cameron Robinson
 Samuel Rojas
 Luke Russo
 Chantal Ryan-Linnane

Sarah Sakr
 Daniel Sammour
 James Saunders
 Martin Sheridan
 Paloma Sheridan
 Lucy Sierra
 Hamish Sinclair
 John Sindel
 Gina Skapetis
 Maria Skapetis
 Madeleine Smith
 Luka Soldan
 Hamish Stennett
 Jill Tengco
 Mitchell Togher
 Kirsten Tole
 Claire Tuivai
 Benjamin Tulinsky
 Daniel Vicaretti
 Nicholas Vumbaca
 Claire Ward
 Talia Weston
 Georgia Westwood
 Lachlan Williams
 Matthew Willis
 Alexander Wilton
 Benjamin Winiarski
 Delaney Wright
 Justin Yu
 Michelle Yu



Today's Readings



First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11. God responds to Job by declaring power over all of creation.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. In Christ there is a new creation, a new way of being.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41. Jesus calms the storm, and rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith.

Next week: 13th Week in Ordinary Time - Year B

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15;
 Mark 5:21-43.

HOLY HOUR every Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00pm including Rosary, prayers, hymns & scripture reading. All welcome!

Feast Days this Week

Birth of St John the Baptist - Wednesday, 24 June
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Saturday, 20 June

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN "Do Whatever He Tells You!" (John 2:6) on Monday 6 July at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa from 9.30am to 2pm. BYO lunch. \$10 donation. Phone 4773 8338.

LITURGY CORNER

It is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom faith is placed and to understand better what has been revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith (CCC 158). In the Gospel for this week (Mk 4:35-41), Jesus says to the disciples: "How is it that you have no faith?" So, what is faith? When we use the term 'faith' in relation to our religious belief, do we mean that faith is a gift from God – that it is God's grace operating to move us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, towards a conversion of heart and mind to an orientation which is to God? If the answer is 'yes', then it follows that even though faith is a gift freely given to us by God, it requires a personal response – the human will and intellect must cooperate with the divine grace. For a mature faith each of us need enrich our faith through understanding and nourish its growth (our growth in knowing more fully and deeply who God is and giving expression to it by the manner in which we live) through prayer, listening to and reading the Word (Scriptures), celebrating the Eucharist and coming together to learn with and from the Christian community. Adapted, The Summit.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE TODAY

Have you bought the new edition yet? All editions are available after all masses TODAY or can be purchased from the Parish Office during office hours. Buy your new book now and enjoy another year of great savings. \$55 for Parramatta/Hills edition or \$65 Sydney North & Sydney – these books are the best value ever! Check out the sample books in the foyer and see for yourself. All profits support our Life Teen Youth Ministry - "Leading Teens Closer To Christ".

SCHOENSTATT MASS: The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving and for collection donations for the autistic children in Sri Lanka will be held at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa at 11am next Sunday, 28 June. See the noticeboard for details.

POSITIONS VACANT: Parish Secretary at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. This position is full-time working 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. For further information and job description go to stpatrcathedral.com.au. Applications close 24 June.

Director of Financial Services, Catholic Education Office, Sydney. For information refer to the CEO website: www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au. Closes 3 July 2009.

With the end of the Financial Year fast approaching, would you please bring your contributions up-to-date, and please notify the Parish Office if you have changed your address or any other details.

LIFE BEGINS AT 50: Visit to the ABC studios - lunch and then attend a production of the "New Inventors". Friday 10 July. Cost \$6.50 and lunch at your expense. Tour commences 10.00am and the show ends approx 3.30pm. Numbers limited. Numbers and money to Howard by June 30.

Cards/Mahjong Friday 26 June at Ann & Charles' place at 7.30pm. Please confirm your attendance to them by Friday morning on 9894 9496.

SCHOOL DINNER DANCE: St Bernadette's P&F invites the Parish Community to join them for their annual Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday 4th July at Castle Hill RSL from 7pm until 12 midnight. Cost is \$65 per head. Organise a table of 10 people or a table can be arranged for you. Any queries please contact Vanessa Wadih on 98947776 or 0438393536.



STEPPING BEYOND WORKSHOP: The Solo Parent Ministry's next Workshop, for those who have been separated or divorced is happening at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown this Wednesday 24th June at 7.00pm. Come along, be supported and share in the discussion around the topic of "Difficult Emotions". The Workshop is facilitated by Oscar Ramirez (Centacare) and Eileen Quade. Register to Sr Eileen on 9890 2968 or equade@bigpond.com.

Life Teen: 1999-2009.
Celebrating 10 years of 'Leading Teens Closer to Christ' at St Bernadette's.

events & news for Youth & Young Adults ...

LIFE Nights - 'Judge Jesus!' is on NEXT SUNDAY. Jesus' divinity is put to the test. Join us next Sunday for a fun-filled night with special guest St Luke. The night starts in the Hall straight after the 6pm Youth Mass and finishes at 8:30pm.



Into LIFE is on Monday night for anyone in Years 7 and 8. Join us tomorrow (Monday) from 7 to 8:30pm in the Hall for a fun evening of games and activities! Bring \$2 for supper.

Life Teen Winter Camps 2009...

LIFE Nights - Alpha & Omega:

Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July for anyone in Years 9 to 12.

Into LIFE - The I in Team:

Monday 13th July to Wednesday 15th July for anyone in Years 7 & 8.

Both camps will be held at Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre and are run by a fantastic team of Life Teen Leaders and Parent Couples.

Information and registration forms for the camps are now available in the foyer of the church and on our website www.lifeteenaustralia.com

The Matt Maher Experience: Matt Maher and his band will be in Sydney July 3 and 4 for workshops and two live concerts. He is one of the leading songwriters in contemporary Catholic music today having started his career at the original Life Teen parish in Arizona. Concert tickets are \$10 and will be on sale after the youth Mass tonight - please see Alice or Sean.

Music and Liturgy Workshop - run by Matt will be held at the same venue from 3-5pm on July 4. This is also \$10 per person. Contact Alice (9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au) or email vincent@cys.org.au or 0410442171 to book your place or purchase additional concert tickets.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE Painting Day

Do you love to paint? Do you enjoy the company of people while you paint- perhaps with a few tips and encouragement? Then this day is for you! Saturday 27 June, 9.30 to 3.30 at Mt St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Cost: \$20. BYO lunch. Registration Sr Judith 0408 435782 or mtstbenedict@bigpond.com.



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS 2009

All parishioners are invited to join our celebrations as 146 of our parish children complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, held at the following times:

- **Confirmation** - Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June at 7:30pm.
- **Eucharist** - Sunday 28th June at 6pm vigil, 9am & 10:30am
- Sunday 5th July at 6pm vigil, 9am, 10:30am & 6pm.

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Parish Staff

Fr John Boyle, Parish Priest
 Fr Eugene Szondi, Assistant Priest
 Fr Sunny Michael, ms, Assistant Priest
 Sr Judy McLeod, rsm, Pastoral Associate
 Mrs Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator
 Mr Luke Hackett, Pastoral Associate (Youth)
 Mrs Frances Gallagher, Office Manager
 Mrs Monica Rubic, Parish Secretary (Finance: Mon-Thu)
 Mr Michael Watson, Maintenance Co-ordinator
 Mr Darren Edwards, Maintenance

Mass Times for this Week

Sunday Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am &
 6pm Parish LIFE TEEN Youth Mass

Weekdays Mon 6.45am
 Tue 6.45 am,
 Wed 6.45am, 9.15am
 Thurs 6.45am, 9.15am
 Fri 6.45am, 9.15am
 Sat 8.00am

Mass on Public Holidays at 8.00am

Reconciliation Sat 8.30am-9.00am; 4.30pm-5.30pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment only. Contact the Parish House. Please note the Church law: Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it. [Can. 867 §1]

Sacramental Preparation Program 2010: Information nights for families seeking First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion are at 7.30pm, August 3 or 4, this year.

St Bernadette's Parish School: Mr Paul Colyer, Principal 9634 2898

Please pray for Stephen Secco, Immaculata Pomsalli and John Henry Clouten who have died recently and for the anniversaries of Monica Gibbon and Clement De Silva.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – June 27 & 28

ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
VIGIL John Maker S6	Rebecca Barrett Tony Calabria Douglas/Felicity Carvalho	Jessica Fearnside, Marjorie, Dominic & Natasha Orioles, Rebecca Barrett, Harry Reyden, Jackie/Cassandra Holden, Moira Mitchell, John Geoghegan
7.30AM Stephen MacMahon S7	Gerard Kearney Daryl Hill Audrey Markowskei	Rose & Peter Huby, Gerard & Geraldine Kearney, Carmel Moriarty, Joyan Fife
9.00AM Philip Myers S8	Ann O'Brien Susan Moore Peter Hine	Christine Kelly, Rodney Jilek, John Hogan, John Leach, Hilary Fong, Joan Claxton, Gi Zenere, Mike Reidy, Yvette Braganza
10.30AM Melvyn Myers S9	Eamon Keane Donna Boddy Jo-Ann Campion	Tim Abrams, Coney & Charlie Lau, Letty & Robert Yu, Ollie Nguy, Susana Lorenzo, Adel Boudib, Dawn Wickramasinghe

6.00 PARISH LIFE TEEN YOUTH MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - June 28

Adult Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Musos
Alex Tomic	Annalyce Hangan Belinda Lee Chris Dogulin	Bass Erich Gracias Flor Piano Alice Bradshaw Guitar Daniel Ang
Lectors Vanessa Muscat Tina Muscat Brenda Clasquin	Kate Eagleston Monica O'Callaghan	Singers Alison Wong Annabel Irawan Darian Jessup- Lonsdale Erich Gracias Flor Sara Ang Veronica Sahabu
Altar Servers S10	Projectionist Matthew Ashton	Horns/Strings/ Winds Sarah Ashton Ashley Adams
Gift Preparation Jeremy Smith Mitchell Johnson-Green	Ushers Paul Musgrave Phillip Smith	Welcomers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY First Communion No Children's Liturgy	CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING Marion Heron, Marjorie Anderson, Caroline Higgins, Bernadette Logue	COUNTING (2nd Collection) Karl Proctor, Anne Cheung, John DeBrincat, Joe Morgan
FLOWER ROSTER Maria Battaglia	COUNTING (1st Collection) Sandra Watson Denise Hicks	BOOKSHOP Joanne Barrett / Carmel Moriarty / Bernadette Navarra / Barbara Halpin / Natasha Orioles