



St. John the Baptist Catholic

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights



(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)

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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER 1

'Prayer of the Church'
Morning Prayer is prayed
at St John the Baptist
10 minutes prior to
weekday morning Masses

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Thomas, apostle

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Elizabeth of Portugal

Thursday - 9:10am

St Anthony Zaccaria, priest

Friday - 9:10am

*St Maria Goretti, virgin,
martyr*

Saturday - 9:10am

Bl Peter To Rot, martyr

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 7/8 JULY

*(14th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B)*

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

1st Friday of the Month:

7:00pm Mass in
Vietnamese

1st Saturday of the Month

Fatima Devotions 7.45am
Adoration /Benediction
8.30am

Reconciliations:

Saturdays – 4:15 – 5:00pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office
Or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 30th June and 1st July, 2018

FAITH, HOPE AND TRUST

The mother beamed as her young daughter auditioned with a great love song. Another mother nearby murmured at the strange notes the daughter was coming up with. The proud mother said, "She got her voice from me." The other mother said, "You were very lucky to get rid of it."

The Gospel today tells us about a woman who was healed from her sickness after twelve years of pain and suffering; and a little girl who was raised back to life by Jesus' power.

Jairus, a synagogue official falls at the feet of Jesus and begs for his help. His courage and, his trust in Jesus, comes from his feeling of helplessness. He felt so desperately about his daughter serious sickness. Jesus says nothing, promises nothing but goes along with Jairus to his home. On the way, Jesus encounters a woman who had been suffering from an incurable haemorrhage, an affliction which makes her and anyone who touches her, ritually unclean. Her last hope was to approach Jesus who wants to cure not just her sickness but her whole being. He makes her stand up in front of the crowd and be acclaimed for her trust, be acclaimed for her cleanliness, so that she would no longer feel hopeless and insecure. "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." The faith of the sick woman effects her cure. Similarly, the faith of the synagogue official brings back to life his dead daughter. Even after the news arrived that his daughter was dead, Jesus encouraged him to have faith.

Christ possesses divine power that is stronger than any evil inimical to us. He can heal the sick, raise the dead, forgive sins and promise everlasting life to those who believe him. The definitive proof of his divinity is his triumph over his own death, three days after his crucifixion.

Mark and the other evangelists write about the miracles of Christ not because they simply want to hand down a good story to future generations. They have witnessed these miracles and would like all believers to share their saving faith. Let us pray that even when we have to face life's greatest tragedies, we will continue to hope, to trust and believe in God's loving care who will not give us the second best.

BIBLE TRIVIA (unjumble the words)

1. HBELZEIAT : Barren cousin of Mary who is the mother of St John the Baptist
2. ASCIPAAH : High priest of the Jews.
3. SBRABBA : A revolutionary. Was released instead of Jesus during the Passover.
4. SRIBCES : Writers of the Jewish Law.
5. SREPEHAIS : Teachers of Jewish law.
6. How many times must you forgive if your brother wrongs you according to Jesus?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Think of a better way to prepare ourselves
before we come to Mass.

Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:



Sick: Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI,
Fr Jose Maria ENEDAGUILA (Spanish Chaplain),
Josie HOPE, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER,
Nancy VARTULI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT,

Recently Deceased: Rose BENJAMIN,
Vittorina (Vicky) GHARARDELLO

Dear Parishioners

The end of the Financial Year has come again. Receipts for your Planned Giving contributions for 2017/18 will be available in July and I would like to thank you for your continued financial support of the Parish. Please note that the tax deduction is 25% for those who have indicated that they want to claim tax.

We are continuing upkeep of the church and at the same time we need to save up for a new church in the future. There are some improvements being made to the sound system and lighting in the Church, fixing of the church roof, cleaning up the surrounds as well as some repairs to the Presbytery. We have been discussing a new Early Childcare Centre and a master plan for the church and grounds. We still have much to do in Pastoral Care for the needy in our Parish. We look forward to outreach our Parish Mission. I would like us to work together to build up our parish community in faith and offer my sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity in giving faithfully to the Planned Giving and other collections in the Parish. Your generosity is inspiring and allows us to plan and budget for the future needs of the Parish.

I am especially grateful to our Parish Council, Finance Committee and thank them for their time and expertise. It is very much appreciated. If any parishioner has a query or would like to offer any suggestions to the Parish Council and Finance Committee, please let me know.

One again my thanks for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Dominic Dinh PP

PS: Your Panned Giving Envelopes for 2018/19 are now available for collection outside the Church. Please make sure you check your name and address before collecting it. Contributions received from Planned Giving are the major source of income for the running expenses of the Parish. For example, running the office, Secretary's wages, expenses of pastoral initiatives, building and maintenance of the parish facilities, etc. Paying for the CWF deficit and insurance are also big expenses. Thank you to all Parishioners who already support the Parish, the tax receipts for the end of this financial year will be available in July.

If you are not yet a member and would like to join our Planned Giving Program with 25% tax deduction, please contact the Parish Office. We are encouraging all envelope givers to consider using our monthly **DIRECT DEBIT SYSTEM**. It is a much simpler approach and reduces costs as well. If you would like to consider this option please complete a **direct debit** authority form which may be found in the foyer, on our website, otherwise contact the Parish office.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Reconciliation Program 2018

There will be no Reconciliation sacramental program in 2018 and accordingly no Holy Communion program in 2019.

The reason for this decision is that children will now be required to be older when preparing for their Sacraments. It is hoped that this extra year will allow children to have a better understanding of the church teachings and the meaning of the sacraments.

The next Reconciliation program will be held in November 2019, any children in grades Year 3 and above can apply to enrol in that program.

The next Holy Communion program will be held in June 2020, for any children who have made their Reconciliation and are in grades Year 4 and above can apply to enrol in that program.

For further information please contact the Core Group Leaders Kylie Farias on 0473 779 338 or Tamara Vella on 0424 166 248.

Saints of the Week



St Thomas

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Thomas, unwilling to believe other apostles had seen the Risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed "My Lord and my God."

Feast day: 3rd July

Patron: architects



St Maria Goretti

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home concentrating on sewing Alessandro's shirt when he tried to rape her. Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell. St Maria Goretti forgave her attacker on her death bed. One night during his 27 years in prison, her attacker dreamt of Maria giving him flowers. Upon awakening he repented his life of crime and sought the forgiveness of Maria's mother after his release from prison.

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint .

Feast Day: 6th July

Patron: of youth, young women, purity and victims of rape.

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION



Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass on Sunday 1st July**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

JB SPRING FAIR

21st October 2018
11am – 4pm



WANTED: No celebration would be complete without food. We are incredibly blessed to have an abundance of culture. We currently have the following food stalls: Italian, Mauritian, Vietnamese, Croatian, Indian and Australian.

We need more to broaden our tastebuds, Phillipine, Assyrian, Dutch, Tongan, Lebanese and many more countries are needed to join our International Food fair.

Please contact Susan on 0419 606 683 if you are able to assist in any way.

Any enquires please contact: Josie: 0407 203 593
Caterina: 0416 044 149
Susan: 0419 606 683
Maria: 0407 662 535

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1509 'Heal the sick!' The church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that St Paul suggested is connected with bodily health.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS:

Enrolments will take place **this weekend** in the Parish Hall at the following times:

Saturday 30th June - 4.00pm - 5.15pm and 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Sunday 1st July - following 8.00am and 10.00am Masses

To successfully enrol you will need to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate, a completed enrolment form and a \$35 contribution fee.

If you require any further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

The Holy Father's Appeal is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It's an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can.

Answers to Bible Trivia

1. Elizabeth
2. Caiaphas
3. Barabas
4. Scribes
5. Pharises
6. Not 7 times, but 7 x 70.

Fatima Devotions



Will be held on the first Saturday of each month **commencing 7th July 2018**.

To permit sufficient time for Adoration and Benedicton, the Rosary will commence at 7.45am

Christmas in July or Wicked



Would you like to celebrate Christmas early? The Parish Women's group are planning a Christmas in July celebration.

When: Friday 20th July commencing at 7.00pm

Cost: \$10.00 each to cover food and drink.

There is a performance of **Wicked** on **Saturday 18th August** at 2.00pm at Campbelltown Town Hall. The cost is \$47.00. Partners are welcome to join this outing. Transport can be arranged if required. Tickets for Wicked are selling fast.

If you are interested in attending either event please contact Mary Fraser on 0403 647 399 as soon as possible

Payment for either event will be required by Sunday 8th July.

Ministries Next Week 7/8 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace L Krslovic	J Poljak I O'Connor	T Corvelo C Porreca	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	G Siciliano A Portolesi S Rapisarda J Oliveri L Topic M Brito	T Simpson M Jebraill B O'Connor V Tomac A Esposito	N Freeman N Dubuisson J Habib T Vartuli E Villegas G Dunn	
CHURCH COUNTER	J Oliveri	V Baltazar	Younart	
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	8/7/2018 S Nguyen	15/7/2018 K Jekki	22/7/2018 R Marciano	29/7/2018 D Triganza
10AM MORNING TEAS	8/7/2018 Group 2	15/7/2018 Group 3	22/7/2018 Group 4	29/7/2018 Group 5

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS



The photos for First Holy Communion will be available for collection at the following times:

When: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd August
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th August

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Where: Church Meeting Room

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

Communion Antiphon: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.*

Next Sunday:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Those who live a deep faith life and through their example call me to grow in my faith are.....
- ♦ I struggle with faith when.....
- ♦ Because of my faith, my expectations are..... My faith moves me to act in these ways.....

First reading **Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23, 24** **A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **29:2, 4-6, 11-13** **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading **2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15** **A reading from the Second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: *The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.*

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **2 Timothy 1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 5:21-43** **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord

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