



St. John the Baptist Catholic

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights



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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER 4

'Prayer of the Church'

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

Monday - No Mass

St Bridget, religious

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Sharbel Makhluf, priest

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St James, apostle

Thursday - 9:10am

Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 28/29 JULY

(17th 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

21st and 22nd July, 2018

"For they were like sheep without a Shepherd" Mark 6:30-34

In this week's Gospel Mark writes. The disciples gathered around Jesus and reported on the preaching and teaching they had been about in the past days. They all were excited and pleased. However, they also were tired and hungry and they had been surrounded by people for days. Jesus suggested that they go away from the crowds of people for a while.

They all got into a boat and Jesus took them off to a deserted place. Here they would have peace, quiet and rest. It would also give them time to talk with Jesus about their experience.

However, the people saw them leaving and they hurried after them to the place where Jesus was going.

Jesus and his disciples must have been disheartened when they saw the people waiting for Jesus. However, Mark writes that Jesus was filled with pity and concern for the people. Jesus recognized that the people were "sheep without a shepherd." They were hungry and yearned to hear Jesus teach and preach. They needed the spiritual "food" that only Jesus had to give them. And Jesus recognized their deep need and yearning. He recognized that they truly were "sheep" without anyone to care for them. So Jesus sat down and began teaching them.

At times, we also are like "sheep without a shepherd." At these times, it may be helpful to ask ourselves: what am I hungry for? What am I yearning for? Do we recognize this hunger and thirst in others? Or do we stay focused primarily on ourselves?

We are called to be like Jesus! We are called to nurture the people in our lives, especially the lost, forgotten or hidden. For a moment stop and ask yourself: who would appreciate your time for just 5-10 minutes today? It doesn't have to be intense conversation. It often is a great gift simply to truly notice another. Who knows: someone else may notice you or I today!



Deacon Mervyn

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



Sick: Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Josie HOPE, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER, Nancy VARTULLI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT,

Recently Deceased: Una Rosina HARRIS

Death Anniversary: Vincenzo FAMELI, Rosa LA SORBAS, Stefano ARFI, Edward CARUANA, Maria NAPULI, Carmelo SAPIENZA, Sebastiana SAPIENZA, Irena SMOLINSKI

Saints of the Week



St James—apostle

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem and was martyred for his faith by King Herod.

Feast day: 25th July

Patron: of pilgrims and Spain

Congratulations!

We congratulate Dinh Nguc Tinh and Do Thi Bien on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary of Marriage.



Sts Joachim and Anne

Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled "Joaquin," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life. Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself. Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honoured and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

Feast Day: 26th July



CatholicCare Sydney

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems and assist you to find help while you wait for funded services.

Seniors, their family and friends and community members are invited to join us for a free presentation to find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

WHEN: Saturday 25th August 2018

TIME: 1.00PM

WHERE: John The Baptist Catholic Church, 45 Mount Street Bonnyrigg Heights.

RSVP: Parish Office: 98232572
 Josie: 0407 203 593
 Linda: 9607 4993

Afternoon tea will be provided.

The Bishop's Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, on **Monday 6th August 2018 at 7.00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for the Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals.

Booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://the.bishopsblendiffthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

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 5th August.** Following Mass Fr Dominic and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.



JB SPRING FAIR

**21st October 2018
11am – 4pm**

JBs Got Talent— We are looking for **enthusiastic performers** to entertain us at our Spring Fair. If you have what it takes please call Caterina, 0416 044 149.

Looking for **Generous sponsors** to offer prizes for our Spring Fair. Please call Caterina 0416 044 149 if you are able to assist.

Any enquires please contact:

Josie: 0407 203 593
Caterina: 0416 044 149
Susan: 0419 606 683



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship.

When: 17th—19th August

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au.

Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or email adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

TAX RECEIPTS are now available for collection from the Parish Meeting Room .

Ministries Next Week 28/29 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	E Vella J Oliveri	L Barilla M Jebrail	N Dubuisson A Vlahadamis	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	M Camilleri A Pace A Demasi M Pangallo C Araco A Vlahadamis	J Finucane D Triganza L Barilla P Vujica R Morellini	N Laureti D Oliveri N Freeman N Dubuisson J Habib T Vartuli	
CHURCH COUNTER	M Privitera	R Demasi		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	29/7/2018	5/8/2018	12/8/2018	19/8/2018
	D Triganza	S Leonello	S Shabo	C Monteleone
10AM MORNING TEAS	29/7/2018	5/8/2018	12/8/2018	19/8/2018
	Group 5	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

Confirmation will be held on Saturday 29th September at 2:00pm and Sunday 30th September at noon and 3:00pm.

JB Spring Fair Sunday 21st October.

Year 6 Graduation Mass 11th December at



CONFIRMATION MEETINGS 2018.

Group Leader's Meeting 31st July 2018 Commencing at 7.00pm in the Church.

Parent Meeting 7th August 2018 commencing at 7.00pm in the Church.

Candidate Commitment weekend: Saturday 18th August at 5.30pm and Sunday 19th August 2018 at 8.00am, 10.00am and 5.30pm Masses.

Lessons: commence week beginning Sunday 19th August 2018.

For further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone for an evening of Praise and Worship, teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more.

Why not come along and joins us, this is a great opportunity to be inspired and refreshed.

When: Thursday 26th July, 2018 @ 7pm

(Meetings are held fortnightly on a Thursday)

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

Contact: Susan (02) 9607 5137 or 0415 342 672



Fatima Devotions

Will be held on the first Saturday of each month. The next Devotions will be on **Saturday 4th August, commencing at 7.45am** with the Rosary.

Adoration and Benediction, will commence at 8.30am

Wicked

Wicked is the untold story of the witches of OZ. A local theatre group are staging performances of Wicked in August. A group is being arranged to attend a performance on Saturday 18th August at 2.00pm in Campbelltown Town Hall.

If you are interested in attending please contact Mary on 0403 647 399 as soon as possible as tickets are selling fast. The cost is \$47.00. Transport can be arranged if required.



ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.*

Next Sunday:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I need Jesus to shepherd me to.....
- ♦ I hasten to Jesus when.....
- ♦ I experience the fuller life to which Jesus is shepherding me when...

First reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

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