



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 2

'Prayer of the Church'

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

Monday - No Mass

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday - 9:10am

*St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and companions, martyrs
St Cajetan, priest*

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Mary of the Cross, virgin

Thursday - 9:10am

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr

Friday - 9:10am

St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

Saturday - 9:10am

St Clare, virgin

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 11/12 AUGUST

(19th 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 4th and 5th August, 2018

JESUS IS FOOD FOR US

Every time we eat food we do something which no scientist has ever been able to do: we take into ourselves something dead and we give it life. Food becomes part of our body. Many times our health depends on food. There is an old proverb that says: "*You are what you eat.*" Eat rich food and you get fat; eat junk food and you get malnutrition, without eating food then you are dead. Give a patient with scabies the correct food and his skin disease clears up. Whenever we have a big job to do, we get ready by eating good food.

Knowing all this, Jesus decided to hide inside of bread with all his power and become the food of the souls of his followers. Said Jesus: "*I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*"

In the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and its aftermath, we see Jesus trying to free people not only from their basic needs but to help them to understand life in a deeper level. The crowd sees Jesus as someone who can satisfy their material and physical needs (food when they are hungry, healing when they are sick). For this reason they want to make him king. Jesus calls them to a deeper understanding because it is only in faith that they can grasp how he gives himself to them as food for eternal life. Faith is necessary in order to receive the gift of life. Faith also helps us to open our mind and heart to listen and receive and respond to Jesus-the Word of God. The Word which we heard needs to be assimilated to that its values are appropriated and became part of us. Ultimately, Faith means letting Jesus make his home in us, so that he can transform us in a perfect way. Therefore, when we received him into our life, we will let his life, his attitudes and values influence our way of living.

When Jesus fed the multitudes he attended to their basic needs but then he challenged them to something higher, to let him become their food, to let him become the source of their attitudes and values; but they were not ready for this and so they challenged Jesus: "*What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do?*"

Let us pray that as we listen to His Word and receive His life may we let Him make His home in us so that our life will be conform to His Life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1391 Holy communion augments our union with Christ. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me."

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



Sick: Claudio Da SILVA, Charlie SALIBA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Josie HOPE, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER, Nancy VARTULLI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT,

Recently Deceased: Father Paul RYAN,

Death Anniversary: Mary Joseph HABIB

Other: Special Intention

Saints of the Week



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary Helen MacKillop (15th January 1842 - 8th August 1909), also known as Saint Mary of the Cross, was an Australian Roman Catholic nun who, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia with an emphasis on education for the poor, particularly in country areas.

On 17 July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008. On 19 December 2009, Pope Benedict XVI approved the Roman Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010 during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the only Australian to be recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint.

Feast day: 8th August

Patron: of Australia, Brisbane, Knights of the Southern Cross



NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

Dear people of God,

It is a great joy that I am now a member of John the Baptist Parish. I have been appointed an

Assistant priest here at Bonnyrigg. I was born in a faith-filled community in Uganda which inspired me from a tender age to pursue the priestly vocation. I did most of my training at home, however, 5 years ago I was asked by my Bishop to undertake further studies here in Australia (at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd - Homebush). By the grace of God, I was ordained a Deacon in 2016 and spent that whole year at St. Felix Parish, Bankstown with Fr. Dominic. About this time last year, I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Kampala in Uganda where I served as an Assistant priest in a parish until my return to Sydney just days ago.

I ask each one of you to pray that I may have a successful ministry. I promise you my prayers day by day. May St. John the Baptist inspire all of us to proclaim Jesus always by our manner of life.

God bless you all.

Fr Richard Ddumba



St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr Edith Stein, born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology. Eventually she became interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany. Eleven years later Edith entered the Cologne Carmel. Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in religion was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of fifty-one. In 1987, she was beatified in the large outdoor soccer stadium in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa. Even though her life was snuffed out, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonized on October 11, 1998.

Feast Day: 9th August



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	9823 2572
Josie	0407 203 593
Linda	9607 4993

Afternoon tea will be provided



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

This weekend is the CWF Appeal which continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs. The CWF is your Catholic Charity. Couples, families, refugees, migrants, our future priests, Catholic public school children, the deaf and hearing impaired are just some of the people you are helping by supporting the CWF. There is so much can be done with your donations, so please give generously.

Our contribution for this collection is \$7,400 and any shortfall has to be made up from Parish Funds. Envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church.

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.



We congratulate the family of Emelia Giselle De BOUCHERVILLE who will be baptised here this Sunday 5th August.

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 6:30pm.



CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

The Parent Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church.** Parent/s must attend - no children preferred.

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

Lessons: commence week beginning Sunday 19th August.

Confirmation Enrolments have now closed for 2018.

For further information contact Linda 9607 4993

JB SPRING FAIR

**21st October 2018
11am – 4pm**



JBs Got Talent—we are looking for **enthusiastic performers** to entertain us at our Spring Fair.

We also need **Generous sponsors** to offer prizes for the Spring Fair.

If you have what it takes to entertain or can assist with prizes please contact Caterina 0416 044 149

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be this Tuesday 7th August commencing at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend



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

When: 17th - 19th August 2018

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au

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

PARISH LITURGY MEETING

The next meeting of the Liturgy group will be held on Thursday 9th August at 7.00pm in the Presbytery

You are invited



The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone to our prayer meetings.

The meetings start with Praise and Reflection, followed by teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of reflection, teaching, sharing and great fellowship.

When: Thursday 9th August, 2018 @ 7pm
(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

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

Ministries Next Week 11/12 AUG	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	M Camilleri E Vella	S Davies M Jebraill	G Zangari M Zangari	T Corvelo
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	S Rapisarda J Oliveri L Topic M Brito J Burxgx V Petkovic	V Tomac A Esposito M Esposito F Foti F Bushby	G Zangari R Hibbs M Aulsebrook C Porreca S Hambrook J Papaleo	
CHURCH COUNTER	J Oliveri	R Demasi	V Baltazar	Younart
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	12/8/2018	19/8/2018	26/8/2018	2/9/2018
	S Shabo	C Monteleone	J Sultana	A Portolesi
10AM MORNING TEAS	128/2018	19/8/2018	26/8/2018	2/9/2018
	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting of the Jordan Youth Group will be held on **Saturday 18th August between 3.30pm and 5.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

Primary school students in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to come together to engage, learn, pray and be involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Join us in group discussions, games, activities and reflection.

For further details contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572 or email: info@johnthebaptist.org.au

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Communion Antiphon: *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Next Sunday:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What I most seek in my daily living is..... What most satisfies is.....
- ♦ The tension (perhaps even misunderstanding) I feel about Jesus as the "bread of life" is.....
- ♦ I encounter Jesus as the "bread of life" when.....

First reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the second book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

the glories of the Lord and his might
and the marvellous deeds he has done,
Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living

the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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