



John the Baptist Parish

Bonnyrigg Heights

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



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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 4

'Prayer of the Church' prayed at John the Baptist 10 minutes before weekday Masses Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday - No Mass

St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Bridget, religious

Thursday - 9:10am

St Sharbel Makhluf, priest

Friday - 9:10am

St James, apostle

Saturday - 9:10am

Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY 26/27 July

(17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Masses :

8:00am

10:00am

5:30pm

1st Sunday of Month:

5:30pm Youth Mass

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.15 - 5.00pm



Reflection Questions.....

- ◆ What and who help me discern God's will for my life are.....
- ◆ I experience growth in my being the visible presence of the kingdom of heaven when.....
- ◆ I need to embrace more fully God's "mystery" (see first reading) of my life by.....

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19th & 20th July, 2014



POPE FRANCIS- "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL" (EVANGELII GAUDIUM)

In 2013 Pope Francis wrote his first letter to the Church throughout the World entitled "The Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium). Below is an excerpt from the letter:

49 "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: 'Give them something to eat'" (Mk 6:37)."

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..*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

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

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

I would ask that all who receive Holy Communion at Mass would ensure that when they receive the host, the host is consumed at the altar. If there is a special need for the sick, please approach Fr. Epeli or Fr. Kelvin and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the sick or ill.

What's coming up in the Parish.....

- Holy Hour after the 7pm Mass every Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- Baptism Preparation Meeting on Sunday 3rd August, 2014 at 4pm in the Parish Hall

YOUTH CORNER



YOUTH FAMILY MASS
Attention all High School aged and older students and their families!

The next Youth Group Family Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Sunday 3rd August, 2014.
All are welcome to attend!

For more information on the activities and Youth Groups below see the WYD/Youth Group bulletin board or call Mary Fraser on 0403 647 399 or Tomasz on 9823 2572 or email Tomasz at tomasz@johnthebaptist.org.au

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream of great things.”
(Pope Francis)

ANTIOCH WEEKEND



The parish Antioch youth group will be running an Outreach weekend for all youth aged 15-23 from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th August. The weekend will be an incredibly fun time packed full of activities, talks, share groups, prayer, FOOD, games and free time all spent with friends and other youth who share the same beliefs as YOU! The weekend is run by youth for youth, so if anyone wants more information or is interested in attending, call or text Rachel 0412 672 663 or Joe 0435 188 118. Please pray for the success of the weekend.

Galilee Night



Firstly, a HUGE thanks to all the youth who helped out with Jordan youth group before our last Galilee night; you were a fantastic help. A reminder that our **next Galilee night will be Friday 25th July** so remember to put it in your calendar. Just to reiterate, *Galilee Night* now coincides with *Jordan youth* which runs on the same day from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and will be followed by Galilee from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Any student help with Jordan youth earlier will also be greatly appreciated. The *Galilee nights* are open to all students in years 7-9. Permission slips to help with Jordan and/or attend Galilee will be available at Freeman College or by request from Tomasz. Thanks and see you then.

Don Bosco Centre Outing: All youth of the Parish are invited to join us for a heap of sporting fun at St Mary's Don Bosco centre. If you're keen on trampolines, jumps, basketball, soccer, pool, table tennis, foosball and more, then this night is definitely for you. We'll be heading off on Saturday 16th August at 6.30pm (after Vigil Mass) from just outside the church and will be back by 10.30pm. There will also be a chance to grab a bite to eat from Maccas for those of us who may get a little hungry.

If you're keen to join us, a sign up sheet is on the youth noticeboard. The cost of the night is \$20. We would also appreciate if some extra parents would be able to help supervise on the night. If any parent is available to help please sign on the bottom of the sheet. Thank you



Jordan Youth

Anyone in years 5-6, please join us as we continue on the journey of growing closer to God and strengthening our current relationships through fellowship, prayer, games, food, DVD's and other exciting activities. Jordan Youth group is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to experience the joy and love of our faith! The meetings will run on Friday's once a month from 3:30-5:30pm. If anyone would like any further information, please email Tomasz or simply turn up to our **next meeting on Friday 25th July, 2014.**

* **Your Prayers are requested for the**
* **following, for whom Mass will be offered:**
* **Sick:** Harry FULLERTON (4 years), Maureen LEAVERS (India),
* Pamela LEAVERS (India), Christine TRIGAS, Robyn
* MUSOLINO, Crystel SACOBOS, Violet CORDINA,
* Heather GOODWIN, Justin ZERAFA (8 years old),
* Eugene KLEIBERT, Dora BADINO, Guido BADINO,
* Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Kui LAI
* **Recently Deceased:** Grace KENNY, Barry SCOTT, Rita SCIBBERAS,
* and Father David HUME
* **Anniversary:**
* **Other:** Very Special Intention
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LITURGY AND MINISTRY

By Father Paul Turner

The Body of Christ: The distribution of communion has seldom changed. In the earliest Christian centuries, the faithful simply took the bread and cup in hand as at any meal. The Church in the middle ages reserved the communion cup for the clergy. The laity, if they received communion at all, were limited to the reception of the host on the tongue. Now, for the first time in history, the church formally offers the option of taking communion on the tongue or in the hand.

No matter which method we choose, reverence for the Eucharist should guide us. Those who choose communion in the mouth experience the gift of God unmediated by the touch of their own hand. Those who choose communion in the hand see God's gift in hands which service others. Either way, we come to the table like beggars with open mouths and open hands—not taking the food ourselves but begging it from another human being.

Too often we rush this intimate moment. Sometimes we resemble fast food more than banquet.

Think of taking communion in five distinct parts: positioning, looking, proclaiming, responding and taking.

First the worshiper gets into position. If you're distributing communion, wait for the next person to stop walking. If you're receiving, take a moment to prepare.

Next, look at the bread or the cup. And look at each other. The two of you are the mystery you are about to proclaim.

Then the minister proclaims the mystery: The Body of Christ! The Blood of Christ! (Say it with an explanation point!) Christ who existed before existence, Christ the eternal Word who became flesh in Bethlehem, Christ whose flesh and blood were nailed to a cross, Christ whose body rose from the dead in a new form, Christ who left his body and blood in the Eucharist, Christ whose body *we are*—this is the Christ we proclaim.

Amen! Respond with faith, joy and hope. Imagine you're saying "Thank you" ("Eucharist") for the gift you've always wanted, saying "I love you" to the one you love the most, saying "I believe to a world confused by sin.

Then, only then, take communion. Join in communion with the body of Christ, risen and present all around you.

The Body of Christ. Amen

Francis Sullivan to speak at St Charles Borromeo Ryde on the Royal Commission and its ramifications for leadership in the Catholic Church at St Charles Catholic Primary School Hall, 582 Victoria Road Ryde at **7.30pm on Thursday, 24th July, 2014.**

While the evening will have particular significance for Catholics, anyone who wants to be more informed about the Royal Commission and its ramifications for leadership in the Catholic Church is welcome.

Onsite parking is available via Charles Street or Potts Street.

Enquiries to Jack de Groot 0411 309 422

HOLY LAND TOUR 2015

"Experience the very land where Jesus lived and worked His ministry."

Expressions of interest for a John the Baptist Parish Pilgrimage of the Holy Land.

When: late December 2014 or early January 2015 (to be agreed upon by travellers).

Length of Pilgrimage: 14 days including travel time.

Price: from \$6,300 fully inclusive (depending on numbers) or \$3,999 tour only.

Places we visit: Dead Sea, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Lake Galilee, Mt Tabor, Cana, Jerusalem, Masada, Jericho to name a few.

Inclusions:

- Return economy class airfares.
- Accommodation with private facilities in reputable 3-4 star hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Transportation by deluxe air conditioned motor coach throughout the tour.
- Professional local tour escorts and local guides.
- Escorted airport transfers.
- Led by Priest/chaplain.

If you are interested please contact Nina Laureti 9823 3277 or 0408 465 149.

More information, a detailed itinerary and a visit by a Harvest representative will be available once we have an idea of numbers.



CONFIRMATION: Parent Meeting will be held this Tuesday 22nd July, 2014 in the Church commencing at 7.00pm.

Contact Linda 9607 4993 if you have any enquiries

2014 Reconciliation Enrolments

The Parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th August in the church.

Reconciliation Enrolments will be held on the weekends 23rd and 24th and 30th and 31st August 2014 in the Parish Hall at the conclusion of the 5.30 Vigil Mass and Sunday 8am and 10am Masses.

Please bring completed enrolment form, a **photocopy** of your child's baptism certificate and \$25.

Enrolments will NOT be accepted without correct documents. No enrolments will be taken BEFORE or AFTER the above dates.



First Holy Communion Photos 2014

Photos can be collected from the meeting room outside the church on:

Saturday 19th July	from	3.00pm until 5.30pm
Sunday 20th July	from	9.00am until 11.30am
Sunday 27th July	from	9.00am until 11.30am
Saturday 2nd August	from	3.00pm until 5.30pm
Sunday 3rd August	from	9.00am until 11.30am.

Note: For all other photos not collected from previous First Holy Communion or Confirmations, these will also be available at the above times.

Enquiries please phone Maria 0407 662 535.



URGENT CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED: I would like to invite any parishioners who can spare 3 hours, every 2 months to help with cleaning the church. Our present cleaning groups are in need of extra members. If you can help please ring Ann 0425 284 860 or Leanne 9823 2572 at the parish office.



PARISH HOUSIE: Every Saturday between 2:00pm and 4:30pm at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

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Gambling More, enjoying less?

For free and confidential information and advice about problem gambling, please contact

Gambling Help 1800 858 858
www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms are usually held on Sundays at John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg Heights. It is necessary to make a booking through the parish office and attend a Baptism Preparation session in the parish hall. All parents wishing to have a child baptised in April, May or after, are asked to attend a preparation session which will be held on Sunday 3rd August, 2014, at 4:00pm. The Baptism will be pencilled in, and will only be confirmed once you have attended the Baptism Preparation session.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation/Confession will take place on 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th November, 2014.

Enrolments will be held on 23rd and 24th August and 30th and 31st August, 2014 at the conclusion of the Saturday 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 8am and 10am Masses.

First Holy Communion took place in June, 2014.

Confirmation will take place on 6th and 7th September, 2014. Enrolments for 2014 have now been completed.

Please keep watching this space for updates and changes to the dates and times.



We congratulate the family of Aaliyah ROSS who will be baptised here this Sunday 20th July.

Reconciliation: A Core Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th July 2014 commencing at 7.00pm in the Church meeting room.

BIBLE STUDY: Every Thursday 10:00am - 11:00am in the Church Meeting Room (after the 9:10am Mass and Rosary). For further information please contact Meding on 9823 7121 or 0410 177 673.



Bereavement Support Group:

Our parish has a group to assist people who have lost someone dear to them whether it has been recently or a while ago to help them cope with their loss. We will meet fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. This group will be fairly informal but we will have resources to guide us through.

The group will meet again next Tuesday 22nd July, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

If you need any information please do not hesitate to contact Josie on 9607 3973. You are able to join this group at anytime.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2014/2015 are now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

The new weekly envelopes do not have credit card facilities for weekly donations. To assist our counters we encourage all Parishioners who use credit cards to use regular payment by credit card. Yellow forms are available outside church with the new envelopes. Please place forms in second collection. Any enquiries please contact Michael or Linda 9823 2572

If any Parishioner is interested in joining our Planned Giving Envelopes there will be clipboards available for you to place your names on the request forms. If you wish to have your contribution direct debited there will be yellow Standing Authority forms available also. Thank you.

Taxation receipts will be available for collection at the end of July



PARISH SUPPER AND MORNING TEA

Parishioners are invited to stay after all Masses next weekend 26th & 27th July for a cup of tea or coffee.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Cricket Registrations: Liverpool Catholic Club Cricket registrations will be held on Sunday 27th July and Sunday 3rd August at Powell Park from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Minis U5-U9, Juniors U10-U16, Seniors U14 and older. Further details contact Debbie Van der Meer, Secretary 0425 229 566.