



# 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 3

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

**Monday - No Mass**

*St Clare, virgin*

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

*St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Pontian, pope, martyr*

*St Hippolytus, priest, martyr*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St Dominic, priest*

*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr*

**Friday - 9:10am**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Stephen of Hungary*

## SUNDAY 9/10 August

*(18th 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.....**

- ♦ I encounter the clash between divine action and my human response when.....
- ♦ Jesus has 'stretched out his hand' and saved me from.....
- ♦ I am able to keep looking to Jesus who brings Life when..... I cast my eyes away from Jesus when.....

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 9th & 10th August, 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:

### **Evangelisation and the Deeper Understanding of the Kerygma**

160. The Lord's missionary mandate includes a call to growth in faith: "Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Mt 28:20*). Hence it is clear that the first proclamation also calls for the ongoing formation and maturation. Evangelisation aims at a process of growth which entails taking seriously each person and God's plan for his or her life. All of us need to grow in Christ. Evangelisation should stimulate a desire for this growth, so that each of us can say wholeheartedly: "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (*Gal 2:20*).

161. It would be not right to see this call to growth exclusively or primarily in terms of doctrinal formation. It has to do with "observing" all that the Lord has show us as the way of responding to his love. Along with the virtues, this means above all the new commandment, the first and the greatest of the commandments, and the one that best identifies us as Christ's disciples: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (*Jn 15:12*). Clearly, whenever the New Testament authors want to present the heart of the Christian oral message, they present the essential requirement of love for one's neighbour: "The one who loves *his neighbour* has fulfilled the whole law... therefore love of neighbour is the fulfilling of the law" (*Rom 13:8, 10*). These are the words of Saint Paul, for whom the commandment of love not only sums up the law but constitutes its very heart and purpose: "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, 'you shall love your neighbour as yourself'" (*Gal 5:14*). To his communities Paul presents the Christian life as a journey of growth in love: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" (*1 Th 3:12*). Saint James likewise exhorts Christians to fulfil "the royal law according to the Scripture: You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (*2:8*), in order not to fall short of any commandment.

### **RAISE YOUR VOICES!**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Look at your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*I hope in the Lord,*

*I trust in his word.*

**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** *Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives your fill of finest wheat.*

# YOUTH CORNER

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



**Sick:** Manina FOTI, 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:** His Eminence Edward Bede Cardinal CLANCY AC, Bill WOODS, Alfred SAMMUT (Mellieha, Malta), Hugh ZARB (Swieqi, Malta), Dominic CATANZARITI, Denise BAKER, Michelina FIORE, Iris Da RIN, Grace KENNY

**Anniversary:** Les PACE, Les IVES, Syed Abdul RAHMAN, Lasorba ROSA

**Other:** Very Special Intention



## 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 7th September, 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](mailto:tomasz@johnthebaptist.org.au)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Neve be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”  
(St Maximilian Kolbe)

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

By Father Paul Turner

**Font.** The Baptismal font is the womb from which Christians are born. As physical birth happens only once, so does our spiritual birth. Although fonts originated as part of the furnishings for cathedrals, today virtually every Christian church building maintains a font to facilitate the welcome of new members.

Fonts have many traditional shapes. Some are round, recalling a mother's womb. Some are cruciform, showing our sharing in the death of Christ. Others are tomb-shaped for the same reason. Still others form an octagon, reminding us that Christ rose on the "eighth day" of the week, a day outside normal time, like the eternity we will share with him through baptism.

The font may be placed in one of many traditional locations. Some are in a room to themselves. Originally, fonts were in separate buildings. At the Easter Vigil, the assembly would go out to the font to attend the baptisms, then bring the newly baptised into the church for the Eucharist. Some of our fonts, in rooms by themselves, keep this tradition, but small rooms make it difficult for the assembly to celebrate with the newly baptised. For this reason, other fonts are placed in or near the sanctuary for better visibility, or near the door of the church to symbolise our entry into the Christian community. In churches where the faithful enter each Sunday past the baptistery, they may use it to sign themselves with holy water. We remind ourselves of our baptism in Christ each time we enter our churches. Some parishes have a movable font - they wheel it in for baptisms and wheel it out afterwards. It helps visibility but lacks the reverence of a stable place.

Many fonts are large enough for full immersion of the candidate. Others are small to accommodate pouring water over the head of an infant. Both forms of baptism are permitted, but a renewed interest in immersion in the universal church is introducing larger fonts in full view of the assembly, suitable for fully symbolising our death and rising in Christ.

Some fonts resemble fountains, with flowing water even when baptisms are not celebrated. The running water symbolises life in Christ.

The font is one of the most sacred areas of our churches. It deserves the reverence of the faithful, for it is there where we are reborn, where our family grows and where we first meet Christ, whose resurrection is our destiny.



**Mass for Pregnant Mothers:** Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual 'Mass for Pregnant Mothers' to be celebrated by Bishop Peter A. Comensoli at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of August at 10:30am.

Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. RSVP and enquiries can be directed to [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9390 5290.



## 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 12th September** 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.



## 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 12th September, 2014.**



**Connect** 'The Hebrew Scriptures', presented by Rabbi Gad Krebs of Kehillat Masada Synagogue. He will help us to explore in fresh ways the stories and

personalities of the Old Testament and deepen our relationship with God. This is part of the CONNECT series of meetings hosted by the Antioch Youth Movement. All are welcome.  
Venue: All Saints Parish, Liverpool.  
Date: Sunday 10 August 7.00pm.

### CLERGY CONFERENCE

Next week Frs. Epeli and Kelvin will be attending a Clergy Conference for the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese of Sydney. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a Communion Service will be celebrated in the parish Church, with regular devotions on Wednesday night.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Next Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Masses at John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg Heights are:

9:15am (Whole School Mass)

11:00am

1:15pm (Freeman College)

7:30pm

### 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.

### 2014 Reconciliation Enrolments



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.

### **CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL**

This weekend you will be asked to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Through your donations to the CWF we are able to fund the 6 benefiting agencies (CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Ephpheta Centre, Seminaries and Chaplaincies). These agencies represent the breadth of the charitable and pastoral missions of the Sydney Archdiocese. Your generous support would be most appreciated. Our Parish quota set by the Archdiocese of Sydney, is \$7,700.00 per appeal (three appeals per year). Any shortfall is paid out of Parish funds.

Dear Parishioners,

My family will be participating as Team NASSO in this year's 7.5km Memory Walk & Jog held in Sydney [on Sunday 14 September](#) - supporting Alzheimer's Australia.

If you wish to donate or have a fun day and join our team, please view link details....

<https://memorywalk2014sydney.everydayhero.com/au/silvana-1>

Thank you & God bless - Silvana Amalfi and families :)

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

- Holy Hour after the 7pm Mass every Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- Baptism Preparation Meeting on Sunday 14th September, 2014 at 4pm in the Parish Hall
- CWF Appeal this weekend 9th and 10th August

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

Think! About your choices  
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](http://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.

**Please keep watching this space for updates.**



We congratulate the families of Aria MIROSEVIC, Jasmine LEWIS, Noah PACE and Marion PTASZEK who will be baptised here

this Sunday 10th August.

**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 12th August, 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.

**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 for the 2013/2014 Envelope Contributions, Charitable Works Fund, Project Compassion and Priest Retirement Foundation are available for collection after all Masses this weekend. We thank you for your generous support of the Parish.

*Fr Kelvin*

If you have any queries please contact Michael O'Mara on Monday or Thursday at the Parish office on 9823 2572 between 10am and 4pm. Thank you



### **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.**

### **HOLY LAND TOUR 2015**

Due To the current unrest in Israel, **the proposed Holy Land tour in January is now postponed.** If circumstances change, we will advise. Let us pray for peace in those sacred areas. Enquiries to Nina Laureti 0408 465 149