



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

Tuesday - 9:10am

St John Eudes, priest

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Thursday - 9:10am

St Pius X, pope

Friday - 9:10am

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday - 9:10am

St Rose of Lima, virgin

SUNDAY 23/24 August

(21st 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 helps me persist in focusing on Jesus, like the Canaanite woman did, is.....
- I am most single-minded about..... I need to become more single-minded about.....
- My "great faith" bears the fruit of.....

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 16th & 17th 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:

167. Every form of catechesis would do well to attend to the "way of beauty" (via pulchritudinis). Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendour and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties. Every expression of true beauty can thus be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus. This has nothing to do with fostering an aesthetic relativism which would downplay the inseparable bond between truth, goodness and beauty, but rather a renewed esteem for beauty as a means of touching the human heart and enabling the truth and goodness of the Risen Christ to radiate within it. If, as Saint Augustine says, we love only that which is beautiful, the incarnate Son, as the revelation of infinite beauty, is supremely lovable and draws us to himself with bonds of love. So a formation in the *via pulchritudinis* ought to be part of our effort to pass on the faith. Each particular Church should encourage the use of the arts in evangelisation, building on the treasures of the past but also drawing upon the wide variety of contemporary expressions so as to transmit the faith in a new "language of parables". We must be bold enough to discover new signs and new symbols, new flesh to embody and communicate the word, and different forms of beauty which are valued in different cultural settings, including those unconventional modes of beauty which may mean little to the evangelisers, yet prove particularly attractive for others.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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.

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: Marie CABON, Guiseppe ROMANO,
His Eminence Edward Bede Cardinal CLANCY AC,
Bishop Ted COLLINS MSC, Fr John MESSORE OSB, Bill WOODS,
Alfred SAMMUT (Mellieha, Malta), Hugh ZARB (Swieqi, Malta),
Dominic CATANZARITI, Denise BAKER, Michelina FIORE,
Iris Da RIN
* Anniversary: Teresa CARBONE, 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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What we love we shall grow to resemble."
(St Bernard)



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.



Gracefest Aged 16-25? Like contemporary Catholic music? Want to encounter faith in a fresh way? Then you want to be a GRACEFEST on 30 August, 2014, 7-10pm, at Catholic Youth Services HQ in Homebush! **GRACEFEST** is an awesome night of praise and worship, adoration, testimony, reconciliation and catechesis, with preaching from Fr Dave Callaghan MGL and music by Stephen Kirk and the Grace band. There is an optional 5pm Vigil Mass in the parish of St Dominic's next door and a free dinner from 6pm. Visit Facebook for more info and spread the word!!

OUTING Thanks to all those who attended the outing to the Don Bosco centre last Friday! We all had a fantastic time and I'm sure many of us can't wait for the next one! A very **BIG** Thanks also goes out to the parent helpers for the night, it couldn't have gone as well or as smoothly without you. Also, make sure to keep your eyes peeled for when we announce our next outing.... (hint) It may be a theme park of some sort....



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. 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**.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY			
By Father Paul Turner			
Holy Water. Holy water will be flowing freely from every font after the Easter Vigil this year. Most churches keep holy water on hand either in the baptistry or in a separate covered font so the faithful have ready access to it. A priest or deacon may pray the church's water blessing at any time of year, but the blessing of all blessings happens at the Easter Vigil.			
Baptism is the sacrament which opens the door to the others and incorporates us into the Body of Christ. So solemn is the rite, so rich its meaning, that we first bless its water. We pray that the Holy Spirit will vivify the water, making it fit for its holy purpose.			
Holy Water, quite simply, is leftover baptismal water. We set it by the doors of the church and bring it to our homes because it will remind us of our baptism.			
The water we bless at Easter usually doesn't last the whole year. In the old days, we used to have a second water blessing on Pentecost to boost the supply. Now there are several occasions when we bless water. For example, a water blessing and sprinkling can replace the penitential rite on any Sunday. On those days when the priest walks around sprinkling you with water at the beginning of Mass, he's not just playing games. He's making the connection between that Sunday and Easter, days of baptism, faith and new life.			
Other occasions for blessing water include the rite of infant baptism or a prayer service just to bless water as found in the book of blessings. The blessing should be a public event, not a private prayer in the sacristy. That way we can all join in the prayer and the renewal of our baptism.			
Ideally, the water we bless on Easter will at least last throughout the Easter season. During the Easter season we have alternate prayers for the sprinkling which replace Sunday's penitential rite, and for the blessing of water at infant baptism. The prayers assume that we're using water which was already blessed at the Vigil.			
However you use holy water, whether when walking into church, sprinkling your home, or to bury the dead, it will always remind us of what happens this Easter throughout the church, the baptism which makes us members of the household of God.			

Ministries Next Week 23/24 August	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am
READERS:	G Turnbull M Camilleri	R Vadala S Davies	D Cordina J Habib
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS:	M Harvey P Bennett C Bennett A Pace Mr Borg M Romano A Demasi L Oliverio Luisa Valleri N Valleri	D Cordina J Finucane G Agostino R Morellini	D Ellul J Papaleo G Buttel N Laureti N Freeman N Dubuisson J Habib A Vlahadamis T Dunn G Dunn

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.

CONFIRMATION NEWS



RECONCILIATION - Reconciliation for the Confirmation Candidates will be held on **Thursday 28th August, 2014** between 7:00pm and 8:00pm in the Church.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT - will be held on Friday 29th August commencing at 6:00pm. Parents are asked to drop the candidates to the Group Leader at the Church by 5:45pm and are invited to return at 8:00pm to join the group for Exposition and Benediction.

ALTAR SERVERS - Would you be free to serve for a Confirmation Mass on Saturday 6th September at 3:00pm or Sunday 7th September at Noon or 3:00pm. Please contact Linda on 9607 4993 or the Parish office on 9823 2572 if you are able to assist.

PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

The Priest's Retirement Foundation was established in 2007 in response to the urgent need of our sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese. The foundation has seen a steady rise in the number of our elderly clergy requiring assistance of some kind: whether it's accommodation, health insurance, dental bills and other relocation expenses.

The Sydney Archdiocese contributes **two dollars for every dollar** you donate, significantly increasing the value of your gift.

Our appeal will be held on the 6th/ 7th September. Contributions can be made through envelopes on Church seats. Thank you for your support.

CWF CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL

THANK YOU to everyone who kindly donated to the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal last weekend. 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. 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.

The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW - Presents a Maltese Film Night

In the George Preca Centre, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church,
198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Thursday 28th August, 2014 starting at 7:30pm

A movie of interest & entertainment to be chosen on the night.

There will be light refreshment - Entrance free, all welcome.

Contact Mary Ramundi 9688 1432 or Charles C Mifsud 98718 84663



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 24th 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 or call 9390 5290.



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

PARTY 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.

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 next meeting is to be advised.

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



Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser - John the Baptist Bonnyrigg

The Year 6 Graduation committee will be holding a 'Sausage Sizzle' on Sunday August the 31st after the 10:00am Mass. Come join us for a Cevapi roll and help us raise funds to farewell the class of 2014.



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.

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