



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 1

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

Monday - No Mass

St Louis

St Joseph Calasanz, priest

Tuesday - 9:10am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Monica

Thursday - 9:10am

St Augustine, bishop, doctor

Friday - 9:10am

The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

Saturday - 9:10am

St Rose of Lima, virgin

SUNDAY 30/31 August

(22nd 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.....

- ◆ When I hear Jesus asking me, "who do you say that I am?" I answer.....
- ◆ My personal encounters with Jesus reveal to me.....
- ◆ Jesus is building up his church through me by.....

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 23rd & 24th 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:

169. In a culture paradoxically suffering from anonymity and at the same time obsessed with the details of other people's lives, shamelessly given over to morbid curiosity, the Church must look more closely and sympathetically at others whenever necessary. In our world, ordained ministers and other pastoral workers can make present the fragrance of Christ's closeness and his personal gaze. The Church will have to initiate everyone - priests, religious and laity - into this "art of accompaniment" which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5). The pace of this accompaniment must be steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassionate gaze which also heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Turn your ear, O God, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

The gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

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.

CHURCH WORKING BEE

On Saturday 30th August from 8am until 1pm we will have a clean up of the church and surrounding gardens in preparation for our upcoming Confirmations. Cleaning of windows, statues, meeting room, sacristy, garden beds, car park area etc. If you can come along for any time during those hours, your help will be much appreciated. Please bring along any cleaning supplies/cloths/garden tools you may need, and together we can prepare for the Bishop and all our visitors in the coming weeks. Sign up sheets are outside church. Enquiries - Tina or Grant Dunn 9823 4704.



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: Domenico COLANERI, Marie CABON,
Guisepina 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

Anniversary: Frank BARILLA

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

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are
restless until they rest in You."

(St Augustine)

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

By Father Paul Turner

Confirmation. The ways of celebrating confirmation vary as much as the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some people celebrate confirmation in their adolescence after many months of catechesis and service. Some are confirmed when they are baptised. Members of other churches may be confirmed when they come to communion in the Catholic church.

This flexibility causes confusion. The many occasions for confirmation obscure its meaning. Surely confirmation seals a candidate with the gift of the Holy Spirit. But the disparity of age, preparation and celebration of this sacrament remains widespread.

In the early church, all the baptisms happened at the cathedral on Easter. After baptism, the bishop anointed with chrism, imposed his hand and prayed for the Holy Spirit.

When Christianity spread to rural communities, bishops could no longer gather all those to be baptised. Consequently, by the fifth century, they permitted the presbyters and deacons of the smaller communities to baptise. But the bishops 'confirmed' the baptisms in the community.

At the same time, our church was welcoming back into the fold those who had strayed to heresies. To ritualize their return, we borrowed two gestures from the baptismal rite: the imposition of hands and the anointing with chrism. From these beginnings, confirmation has come down to us as three families of rituals: 1) Initiation. The Eastern rites confirm (or chrismate) everyone as soon as they are baptised - even infants. In the west, we confirm at the baptism of adults and children of catechetical age. 2) Maturity. We delay confirmation for Catholics baptised as infants. The age of the typical candidate may range anywhere from seven to eighteen Dioceses in the United States may set their age within that range. That's why children in your diocese may be confirmed at one age and children in the next diocese are confirmed at another. 3) Transference. When baptised candidates transfer from another church into the Catholic church, we confirm them after they make their profession of faith.

Although the meaning of confirmation changes slightly within each family, its overall purpose celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit in the baptised, which helps us to bear faithful witness to Christ.

Ministries Next Week 30/31 August	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am
READERS:	E Vella J Oliveri	C Purcell T Simpson	D Ellul A Vlahadamis
EUCARIST MINISTERS:	C Araco D Vella M Camilleri D Tomic L Tononcelli D Adam L Topic P Micali C Smith B Smith	S Xuereb M Pignataro M Borgia S Ives	H Fenech M Lavorato C Goodyer G Zangari M Velardi F Holden M Aulsebrook B Aulsebrook C Porreca A Pinto



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. Thanks and see you then.



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!!



ANTIOCH WEEKEND

Thank you to all the parishioners for their support of the Bonnyrigg Antioch weekend which is running this weekend! From those who are helping with the food, to those of you who are praying for the youth; all your help and prayers have been greatly appreciated. Please continue praying for the youth who are doing their first Antioch weekend right now, that it may be a truly blessed time where they are able to really experience the love of Christ. We will make sure update you on how the weekend went in the bulletin next week. Thanks and God bless, Bonnyrigg Antioch team.



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.**

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

- Holy Hour after the 7pm Mass every Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- Priest's Retirement Foundation Appeal 6th/7th September.
- Baptism Preparation Meeting on Sunday 14th September, 2014 at 4pm in the Parish Hall

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 6:00pm and 7:30pm 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. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

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.



PARISH SUPPER AND MORNING TEA

Parishioners are invited to stay after all Masses next weekend 30th and 31st August for a cup of tea or coffee. Please bring a plate of food to share.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Bishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on **Friday 12th September at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral**. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be bought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9390 5290 or LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org

Men aged 18-30 are all invited to a free **Discernment Day** presented by the Dominican friars, **for men considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life**. St. Benedict's Parish, Broadway on **Saturday 6th September**, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Registration essential, no cost: Fr Thomas Azzi, OP - thomas.azzi@op.org.au

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



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.

Please keep watching this space for updates.



We congratulate the families of Liliana ROMEO and Emilia BRUZZESE who will be baptised here this Sunday 24th 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 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.

All Saints Parish, Liverpool is celebrating its 175th Anniversary. Celebrations will come to a close, fittingly, on 1st of November with Mass a Mass at 4.30pm concelebrated by a number of priests who have served the Parish - both present and former. After the Mass festivities will continue at the Liverpool Catholic Club with a Dinner-Dance. Tickets will go on sale 22 August. You can order your tickets through the Parish Office or by email at Allsaints175years@gmail.com. Cost of ticket is \$60. This is a great occasion to bring current and former parishioners together.