



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 2

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

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:10am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Spring Ember Day

Saturday - 9:10am

SUNDAY 6/7 September

(23rd 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.....

- ♦ To deny myself and take up the cross demands of me.....
- ♦ Letting go of myself and receiving a new self from Jesus is evident in my life when.....
- ♦ Jesus is transforming my life into his Life in these ways.....

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 30th & 31st 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:

170. Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true freedom. Some people think they are free if they can avoid God; they fail to see that they remain existentially orphaned, helpless, homeless. They cease being pilgrims and become drifters, flitting around themselves and never getting anywhere. To accompany them would be counterproductive if it became a sort of therapy supporting their self-absorption and ceased to be a pilgrimage with Christ the Father.

171. Today more than ever we need men and women who, on the basis of their experience of accompanying others, are familiar with processes which call for prudence, understanding, patience and docility to the Spirit, so that they can protect the sheep from wolves who would scatter the flock. We need to practise the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders. Only through such respectful and compassionate listening can we enter on the paths of true growth and awaken a yearning for the Christian ideal: the desire to respond fully to God's love and to bring to fruition what he has sown in our lives. But this always demands the patience of one who knows full well what Saint Thomas Aquinas tells us: that anyone can have grace and charity, and yet falter in the exercise of the virtues because of persistent "contrary inclinations". In other words, the organic unity of the virtues always and necessarily exists *in habitu*, even though forms of conditioning can hinder the operations of those virtuous habits. Hence the need for "a pedagogy which will introduce people step by step to the full appropriation of the mystery". Reaching a level of maturity where individuals can make truly free and responsible decisions calls for much time and patience. As Blessed Peter Faber used to say: "Time is God's messenger".

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.*

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

YOUTH CORNER

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



Sick: Michael ARACO, Manina FOTI, Harry FULLERTON (4 years), Maureen 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: John CUTJAR, Domenico COLANERI, Marie CABON, Guiseppina 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

Anniversary: Giovanna CAMILLERI, Antonio PAPALIA, Anne Nelly L'OLIVE, Louis Octave BATTOUR, Jacinta HABER

Other: Betty MURRAY, Josephine VELLA, 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 next 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

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

(St Gregory the Great)



ANTIOCH WEEKEND

The Antioch youth group have just finished what was a fantastic and grace-filled Antioch weekend! Although many of them were absolutely exhausted by the Sunday night, the outreach weekend was a roaring success. The weekend had a great energy about it with all of the youth enjoying the talks, activities, prayer and fellowship that it had to offer. A special thank you must go out to the parishioners who helped out during the weekend. Whether you helped with setting things up, packing up, cooking/delivering food, running around or praying for the youth and for the weekend, please know that we are all incredibly appreciative! All of your help went a long way to making the weekend what it was. Thank you also to our Antioch parents (who were there for the whole weekend and worked tirelessly to make it flow) as well as our priests for their great support. It was beautiful to see so many young people from the parish on fire for the faith and enjoying one another's fellowship. The Antioch youth group is continuing to grow which is a very positive sign for our parish. Thanks and God Bless!

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.



Ignite youth conference -

The Ignite Conference is a contemporary Catholic conference for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, parents, priests and religious. The conference will be held in Brisbane from 25-28 September and will have over 1000 youth in attendance! It's about encountering Jesus Christ and the Church, experiencing dynamic faith, being empowered to impact the Church and the world. Ignite Conference 2014 will leave you changed. See <http://igniteconference.com.au/> for more details!



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

The Ambo. Ambo, lectern, pulpit — it goes by many names but it serves one purpose, to mount the Liturgy of the Word. In some denominations, the ambo dominates the worship space. Since the Bible alone governs their system of belief, they give its proclamation primacy of place in the arrangement of the sanctuary.

In Catholic churches the altar typically dominates the sanctuary because our tradition has emphasised the Eucharist as the climax of our worship. However, this worthy emphasis sometimes caused us to slight the role of the word of God, and our ambos have suffered from sapless designs and insignificant placement. For centuries the priest used to read the Scriptures himself at the altar. Altars had an "epistle side" and a "Gospel side." Now the Scriptures have their own place, the ambo. (In Greek the word originally referred to a platform or stage.)

The ambo's specific purpose provides a place for the Scriptures, the responsorial psalm and the Easter proclamation (the Exsultet, proclaimed once a year, only at the Easter Vigil). It may also be used for the homily and the general intercessions (the Prayer of the Faithful). But that's it! It is not the place for announcements, for the priest's opening prayer, for the soloist at the wedding, or the folk choir—unless, of course, they're singing the responsorial psalm. The priest should pray from his chair, and the songs and announcements belong at a stand in a different location. We reserve the ambo for the word of God.

Consequently, the ambo should look special. It enjoys a fixed place in the sanctuary, not a portable status subject to removal or displacement. Too often we obscure the ambo with decorations and banners, as if it were merely a hook for hanging pictures rather than the home for the word of God. It demands dignity of place, room for candles if desired and a location where all can see and hear the reader. Microphones of good quality are essential in most churches. A church's best mikes belong with the Scriptures, not just with the musicians.

The ambo is the primary place from which we hear the word of God and it deserves our sacred respect.

Ministries Next Week 6/7 Sept	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am
READERS:	P Micali L Tononcelli	J Finucane L Barilla	J McVeay C Goodyer
EUCHARIST MINISTERS:	V Petkovic A Gorla B Gorla R Cicchitelli G Rapisarda R Fenech M Fenech M Abela J Abela M Brito	T Simpson B O'Connor V Tomac A Esposito	D Ellul J Papaleo G Buttel N Laureti N Freeman N Dubuisson J Habib A Vlahadamis T Dunn G Dunn

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.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

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.



GROUP LEADERS - A reminder for Group Leaders to please return your Leaders book and any unused papers with the folders to the basket in the Church Meeting Room by Sunday 7th September. Thank you.

CATECHIST NEWS: Teresa will run the **BASIC 2 COURSE** on **Monday 8th and 15th September in the JB Parish Hall from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries: Nina 9823 3277

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

On the weekend of **13th and 14th September** our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Contributions can be made through envelopes that will be available on the Church seats. Thank you for your support.



PARISH SUPPER AND MORNING TEA

Parishioners are invited to stay after all Masses this 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**. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9390 5290 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

All Saints Parish, Liverpool is celebrating its 175th Anniversary. Celebrations will come to a close, fittingly, on 1st of November with 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.

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



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

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 September, October or after, are asked to attend a preparation session which will be held on Sunday 14th September, 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 family of Chloe DAVINO who will be baptised here this Sunday 31st 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'** this 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.

CHURCH WORKING BEE

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Church Working Bee last weekend. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



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

- Holy Hour after the 7pm Mass every Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- Catholic Mission Church Appeal 13th/14th September.
- Baptism Preparation Meeting on Sunday 14th September, 2014 at 4pm in the Parish Hall