



# 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**

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

*St Peter Claver, priest*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

**Thursday - 9:10am**

**Friday - 9:10am**

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*

**SUNDAY 13/14 September**  
*(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)*

**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 have injured another, what motivates me to seek forgiveness and reconciliation is.....
- ♦ Concrete actions I take to promote unity in my family, workplace, neighbourhood, city, nation include.....
- ♦ I am most able to recognise Jesus in my midst and working through me when.....

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 6th & 7th September, 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:

227. When conflict arises, some people simply look at it and go their way as if nothing happened; they wash their hands of it and get on with their lives. Others embrace it in such a way that they become its prisoners; they lose their bearings, project onto institutions their own confusion and dissatisfaction and thus make unity impossible. But there is also a third way, and it is the best way to deal with conflict. It is the willingness to face conflicts head on, to resolve it and to make it a link in the chain of a new process. "Blessed are the peacemakers!" (Mt 5:9).

228. In this way it becomes possible to build communion amid disagreement, but this can only be achieved by those great persons who are willing to go beyond the surface of the conflict and to see others in their deepest dignity. This requires acknowledging a principle indispensable to the building of friendship in society: namely, that unity is greater than conflict. Solidarity, in its deepest and most challenging sense, thus becomes a way of making history in a life setting where conflicts, tensions and oppositions can achieve a diversified and life-giving unity. This is not to opt for a kind of syncretism, or for the absorption of one into the other, but rather for a resolution which takes place on higher plane and preserves what is valid and useful on both sides.

229. This principle, drawn from the Gospel, reminds us that Christ had made all things one in himself: heaven and earth, God and man, time and eternity, flesh and spirit, person and society. The sign of this unity and reconciliation of all things in him is peace. Christ "is our peace" (Eph 2:14). The Gospel message always begins with a greeting of peace, and peace at all times crowns and confirms the relations between the disciples. Peace is possible because the Lord has overcome the world and its constant conflict "by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Col 1:20). But if we look more closely at these biblical texts, we find that the locus of this reconciliation of differences is within ourselves, in our own lives, ever threatened as they are by fragmentation and breakdown. If hearts are shattered in thousands of pieces, it is not easy to create authentic peace in society.

### **RAISE YOUR VOICES!**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.*

**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** *Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

# YOUTH CORNER

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



**Sick:** Sam CORDINA, Michael ARACO, Manina FOTI, Harry FULLERTON (4 years), Maureen LEAVERS (India), Christine TRIGAS, Robyn MUSOLINO, Crystel SACOBOS, Heather GOODWIN, Eugene KLEIBERT, Dora BADINO, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Kui LAI

**Recently Deceased:** Mrs Clare FULLER, Robyn EBERL, Nhuc San CU, John CUTJAR, Domenico COLANERI, Marie CABON, Guisepina ROMANO

**Anniversary:** Sosamma Mathew POTTOORE, Lasorba ROSA, Giovanna CAMILLERI

**Other:** Joseph LAY, Cesar LAI, Julia and Arthur HIGGANS, Marie and Anthony VELLA, Charles HIGGANS, Josephine VELLA



**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 this 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 Tomasz on 9823 2572 or email Tomasz at [tomaszj@johnthebaptist.org.au](mailto:tomaszj@johnthebaptist.org.au)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.”  
(St John Chrysostom)

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

By Father Paul Turner

### Catholic Communion.

Visitors to Catholic parishes often complain that they may not join in communion at Mass. Many other denominations welcome all who profess faith in Christ to the communion table, but Catholics have always restricted who shares the meal. For those who practice hospitality at home by setting an extra place at the table for visitors, the Catholic custom gives offense.

However, Catholic communion is just that, a sign of Catholic unity. The Eucharist symbolises our union with God but also our union with one another.

Many groups use a symbol to identify their members. Students wear school jackets. Scouts earn medals. These customs give groups signs of association. When a new member joins the group, the symbol frequently becomes part of the rite of initiation, a sign of transition and a source of pride. Those baptised in other communions who make a profession of faith with us may be received into the full communion of the Catholic church. Their communion becomes the high point of their transition into membership.

Ordinarily, Catholics do not share communion at other churches nor do other believers share communion in Catholic churches. Exceptions exist but they are rare. In danger of death, for example, or in some grave necessity, non-Catholics might receive permission from a Catholic bishop to receive communion. If they do not have regular access to their own minister, ask for Catholic communion on their own and express a Catholic faith in the Eucharist, they may obtain permission to receive communion.

Theologians debate the possibilities for full communion while ordinary families find themselves separated by what often appears to them as small differences in their beliefs. The more unity we find among ourselves, the closer all Christian churches will come to resolving the differences.



### TEEN TALK GAVEL CLUB

(Public Speaking for Students in Years 5 - 12)

will meet again next Sunday 14th September at 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

| Ministries Next Week 13/14 Sept | Sat 5.30 pm   | Sun 8.00 am                              | Sun 10 am   |
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| <b>READERS:</b>                 | A Pace<br>J Abela   | R Vadala<br>L Pavlovic                   | L Aulsebrook<br>M Aulsebrook  |
| <b>EUCARIST MINISTERS:</b>      | J Landro<br>A Watts<br>V Pittavino<br>E Vella<br>G Zutelija<br>L Negel<br>K Galindo<br>P Bennett<br>C Bennett<br>M Harvey | F Foti<br>R Agostino<br>L Hope<br>J Hope | H Fenech<br>M Lavorato<br>C Goodyer<br>G Zangari<br>M Velardi<br>F Holden<br>M Aulsebrook<br>B Aulsebrook<br>C Porreca<br>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.

**Leah Darrow Australia Tour - From Top Model to Role Model**  
Leah Darrow has travelled all the way from the USA to share her incredible story of how she went from being a contestant on America's Next Top Model, to an international speaker on pure love. She will be holding two talks here in Sydney where she will share her incredible story of conversion. See her on the 12th September at Redfield College, Dural from 7:30pm or on the 17th September at St Charbel's Maronite Church, Punchbowl from 7:30pm. Both events are free for all who want to attend and are open for all youth and young adults. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to hear such an amazing speaker. For more details visit [www.thelazarifoundation.com](http://www.thelazarifoundation.com)



After another fantastic Outreach weekend, Antioch has finally returned to its weekly Sunday night meetings! Once again, thank you to all those who assisted with the weekend, your prayers and help contributed to the weekend's success. Our next Antioch meeting will be held on Sunday 14th September from 6:30-8:30pm at JB parish hall. All young adults from 15-24 are invited to come along to experience some music, talks, sharing, prayer and fellowship!



### 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.**

### 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 have now ceased.

**GROUP LEADERS MEETING:** The group leader meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th September** at 7:00pm in the Church.

**Reconciliation Preparation lessons** will begin on the **FIRST WEEK OF TERM 4**. All lessons **MUST** be completed before candidates are able to make their First Reconciliation.

**Reconciliations will be held on 11th-14th November, 2014**



### CONFIRMATION NEWS

Bishop Terence Brady will celebrate Confirmation with our candidates this weekend. Please keep the Candidates in your prayers.



**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.



## Happy Father's Day to all our Dad's

### ITEMS FROM THE PPC MEETING 28TH AUGUST, 2014

- Guest speakers from Schoenstatt Men's Fellowship group addressed the PPC to discuss a **program of renewal for MEN of all ages**. How do we (men) live our life more meaningfully as Father and child? How do we learn to become more sensitive without losing our "masculinity". Self-education will help grow inner harmony and peace towards a balanced style.
- Musical equipment - i.e. microphones, song books need to be upgraded. Anyone with any Music store connections please contact the Parish Office 9823 2572.
- Sunday 5:30pm Mass is in need of readers, ministers of Communion and musicians, we would like to start a roster, if you can help please contact Nina Laureti 0408 465 149 or Sharon Cook 0410 494 700.

**SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS** - The Sunday evening Mass is becoming quite popular and due to the increased numbers a roster needs to be established. If you attend this Mass and are a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, singer or musician please contact Nina Laureti 0408 465 149 or Sharon Cook 0410 494 700.

**Schoenstatt Jubilee - 19 October 2014.** The Schoenstatt Movement celebrates 100 years of foundation this year and a day of celebrations is planned for Sunday 19 October at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. The day begins at 10am. At 10:30am a Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Paul Gallagher. Lunch will follow and then an international festival with activities for children. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3:00pm. All are welcome. For more information email [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone 4773 8338.



**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 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 have now ceased.

**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 from the Parish Office.

**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 at the Parish Office. 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



**SPECIAL MASS AND PRAYERS** for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East here at John the Baptist Church at 2:00pm on Sunday 14th September.



**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**  
**13-14 September, 2014**  
**Seminary of the Good Shepherd**  
50-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush

Cost: This is a FREE retreat

RSVP is essential for catering purposes

Sr Anthony Mary RSM, Vocations Promoter - Ph: 9390 5970

### INFORMAL DINNER WITH BISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Bishop Peter, the Archdiocese of Sydney's Apostolic Administrator, cordially invites you to dinner! A night of converse over good food with good company about discernment and the Priesthood hosted by Bishop Peter Comensoli.

**Who:** Young men who are open to a possible calling to the Priesthood at any stage of discernment.

**When:** Thursday 18th September, 6:45pm to be seated by 7:00pm.

**To register:** Contact your Parish Priest, REC, or University Chaplain so that you can receive a personal invitation from Bishop Peter which is required for entry. Please note: You must register by Friday 12th September as spaces are limited.