



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

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Saturday - 9:10am

St Vincent de Paul, priest

SUNDAY 27/28 September
(26th 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.....

- ♦ The labour in the vineyard that Jesus has invited me to do is.....
- ♦ When I labour faithfully in Jesus' vineyard, the generosity of God that I already experience is.....
- ♦ I find it easiest to choose to do Jesus' work of salvation when..... I find it the most difficult when.....

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 20th & 21st 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:

234. An innate tension also exists between globalisation and localisation. We need to pay attention to the global so as to avoid narrowness and banality. Yet we also need to look to the local, which keeps our feet on the ground. Together, the two prevent us from falling into one of two extremes. In the first, people get caught up in an abstract, globalised universe, falling into step behind everyone else, admiring the glitter of other people's world, gaping and applauding at all the right times. At the other extreme, they turn into a museum of local folklore, a world apart, doomed to doing the same things over and over, and incapable of being challenged by novelty or appreciating the beauty which God bestows beyond their borders.

235. The whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts. There is no need, then, to be overly obsessed with limited and particular questions. We constantly have to broaden our horizons and see the greater good which will benefit us all. But this has to be done without evasion or uprooting. We need to sink our roots deeper into the fertile soil and history of our native place, which is a gift of God. We can work on a small scale, in our own neighbourhood, but with a larger perspective. Nor do people who wholeheartedly enter into the life of a community need to lose their individualism or hide their identity; instead, they receive new impulses to personal growth. The global need not stifle, nor the particular prove barren.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ARCHBISHOP FOR SYDNEY

The Holy Father Pope Francis has Appointed Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney. Bishop Fisher was born in Sydney, and served as its auxiliary bishop from 2003-2010. We welcome and congratulate Bishop Fisher on his appointment, as we remember him in our prayers and Masses this weekend as he takes up his new position.

YOUTH CORNER

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



Sick: Carmen SPITERI, Audrey SPITERI, 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: Evelyn VASSALLO, Fr. Peter BROCK, Grace AXO, Fr Len WHOLOHAN, Jacqueline MARSH (Canada), Mrs Clare FULLER, Robyn EBERL, Nhuc San CU, John CUTJAR

Anniversary: Consuelo BOUBETA, Violet ANDERSON, Luciano MORASSUT, Les BRYEN



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 5th October, 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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”
(St Padre Pio)

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

By Father Paul Turner

The Dismissals. We have two formal dismissals in every Mass. After the homily we dismiss any catechumens who are present. At the conclusion of the service we dismiss everyone else.

We have too many informal dismissals to number. People leave to get to the bathroom, take out a small child who’s had enough already, or the beat the crowd to the parking lot.

We used to formalise all our dismissals. Records from the early church show dismissals of catechumens and faithful as we have them today. But they also show dismissals of sinners preparing for reconciliation (the “penitents”) and of those possessed by demons (the “energoumens”).

Dismissals brought order to the service and sent people forward with a mission. This is their real purpose. It’s not a “get out of here” ritual, it’s a “go forth” ritual. It’s not so much about leaving: it’s more about going someplace.

When we dismiss catechumens, we’re not sending them away like the sticky-faced children of our next door neighbour. We’re sending them forth to talk about the word of God they’ve just heard. When we dismiss the faithful, we send them forth to put the Mass into action, renewed by the Eucharist, proclaiming the Gospel wherever they go.

People who excuse themselves from the assembly because of children of Mother Nature use common sense. But those who leave Mass before the final dismissal cause annoyance. At a purely social level, leaving Mass early is just rude. It’s like leaving home without saying goodbye. At a ritual level, leaving after communion shows a misunderstanding about the Mass. People who take communion and run figure they’ve got what they came for. But they’ve missed the point of Mass.

Liturgical prayer is common prayer. Singing the songs, making the responses, observing common silences and sharing the sign of peace all bind us in communion long before we share bread and cup. Communion is communion not just with God, but with one another. Those who leave early essentially say they’ve come to take care of themselves, but they shirk their community responsibility.

The closing dismissal sends us off together so we never have to proclaim the Gospel alone. We are dismissed together, and together we bring Christ to the world.



Are you aged 18-30? Are you looking for the next step? Are you willing to take a leap of faith? From 24 November to 20 December 2014 the 8th Youth Leaders’

Formation Course (YLFC) will be held by the Archdiocese of Sydney out at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults to live in community while being immersed in a transformative spiritual, pastoral and intellectual life. The YLFC includes over thirty presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! See the promo videos and find out more at catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc or email ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org. Applications close 6 October.



Catholic Youth Services invites all Young Adults to the next Catholicism 101 in the evening of Tuesday 30 September; a new monthly casual catechesis held at St Mary’s Cathedral following

the weekly City Silence Holy Hour for young adults. This month we welcome international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute as we explore the concept of Beauty. What is it about the beautiful that draws hearts and stirs the ache for communion within us all? Join us for a light supper before the talk. City Silence runs from 6.30-7.30pm with Catholicism 101 immediately afterwards. For details visit facebook.com/catholicyouthservices



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 upcoming Antioch meeting will be on Sunday 28th September from 6:30-8:30pm at JB Parish Hall. All youth from 16-24yo are more than welcome to attend!



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 17th October** 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 17th October, 2014.**

Ministries Next Week 27/28 Sept	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am
READERS:	M Camilleri A watts	A Violi P Lavorato	H Pinto A Pinto
EUCHARIST MINISTERS:	D Tomic L Tononcelli D Adam L Topic P Micali C Smith B Smith V Petkovic A Gorla B Gorla	D Sullivan L Barilla R Imbert L Barbara	H Fenech M Lavorato C Goodyer G Zangari M Velardi F Holden M Aulsebrook B Aulsebrook C orreca A Pinto

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.

FR KELVIN'S HOLIDAYS

I will be on annual leave from the parish from Monday 22nd September for a month. I will remember you all in my Masses and prayers during that time. Fr Epeli will be looking after the parish during this time.

 **ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

The Spring Edition of AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS is available at the doors of the church today. Please take your free copy.

FROM CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

Theology of the Body Two-Day Seminar - Why are we here? What does it mean to be human? What is this restlessness in the human heart that nothing in the world seems to satisfy? Join international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, as he leads a very special two-day seminar in Sydney, unpacking John Paul II's ground-breaking reflections on human love and the divine vision for masculinity and femininity. This unique event is ideal for men and women, young and old, clergy and laity, students and professionals. The seminar will be held on Tues 30 Sep and Wed 1 Oct at ACU in Strathfield. Places are limited and registration is essential. For a copy of the information email tab@catholicyouthservices.org or call 02 9764 4357.



REMEMBERING MARRIAGES AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special **Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday, 12 October at 10:30am**, followed by morning tea in the beautiful historic Chapter Hall. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, **RSVP the Event Coordinator** via email valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or phone **Helen** on (02) 9220 0414.

OCTOBER REATREATS AT MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

Day Retreat October 4 - St Francis and Art -

A day of meditation on St Francis' life through Australian Art - Mr Steven Miller - Cost: donation (\$20) and bring your own lunch

Weekend Retreat - October 10-12 - St Teresa of Jesus -

The Lord himself taught St Teresa to pray; we look at the place and role of Jesus in her prayer - Fr Greg Homeming, OCD - Cost \$220
Contact: Ph: 8795 3400; email: retreats@carmelite.com;

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 or phone 4773 8338.

YEAR 10 1982 - OLR FAIRFIELD SCHOOL REUNION Saturday 18th October at 7:00pm The Crossroads Hotel

Cnr Hume Highway and Camden Valley Way, Casula
\$25.00 per head Finger Food

RSVP and payment by Wednesday 8th October, 2014
Please contact Leonie Wilmore (Leonie Kelly) for more details
leoniewilmore@bigpond.com or 0419 242 178



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 October, November or after, are asked to attend a preparation session which will be held on Sunday 5th October, 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 took place on 6th and 7th September, 2014.

Please keep watching this space for updates.



We congratulate the family of Angelo BAGALA who will be baptised here this Sunday 21st September.

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

2014 Reconciliation Enrolments have now ceased

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. 

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.



CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Catholic Mission Appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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

- Holy Hour after the 7pm Mass every Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30pm.
- Baptism Preparation Meeting on Sunday 5th October, 2014 at 4pm in the Parish Hall