



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

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Jerome, priest, doctor

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Thursday - 9:10am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

St Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY 4/5 October

(27th 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 "I will not" that I need to change in my response to God is.....
- ♦ I am trapped in self-righteousness when..... I am open to looking honestly at myself and making necessary changes in my daily living when.....
- ♦ Those who have taught me the "way of righteousness" are.....

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 27th & 28th 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:

238. Evangelisation also involves the path of dialogue. For the Church today, three areas of dialogue stand out where she needs to be present in order to promote full human development and to pursue the common good: dialogue with states, dialogue with society - including dialogue with cultures and the sciences - and the dialogue with other believers who are not part of the Catholic Church. In each case, "the Church speaks from the light which faith offers", contributing her two thousand year experience and keeping ever in mind the life and sufferings of human beings. This light transcends human reason, yet it can also prove meaningful and enriching to those who are not believers and it stimulates reason to broaden its perspectives.
239. The Church proclaims "the Gospel of peace" (Eph 6:15) and she wishes to cooperate with all national and international authorities in safeguarding this immense universal good. By preaching Jesus Christ, who is himself peace (cf. Eph 2:14), the new evangelisation calls on every baptised person to be a peacemaker and a credible witness to a reconciled life. In a culture which privileges dialogue as a form of encounter, it is time to devise a means for building consensus and agreement while seeking the goal of a just, responsive and inclusive society. The principal author, the historic subject of this process is the people as a whole and their culture, not a single class, minority, group or elite. We do not need plans drawn up by a few for the few, or an enlightened or outspoken minority which claims to speak for everyone. It is about agreeing to live together, a social and cultural pact.
240. It is the responsibility of the State to safeguard and promote the common good of society. Based on the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, and fully committed to political dialogue and consensus building, it plays a fundamental role, one which cannot be delegated, in working for the integral development of all. This role, at present, call for profound social humility.
241. In her dialogue with the State and with society, the Church does not have solutions for every particular issue. Together with the various sectors of society, she supports those programmes which best respond to the dignity of each person and the common good. In doing this, she proposes in a clear way the fundamental values of human life and convictions which can then find expression in political activity.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us accordingly to the bounty of your mercy.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Remember your mercies, O Lord..*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

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

Anniversary: Sam PERINICH, Iluminade MENDOZA, Doris COOK

Other: 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 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

“When one loves, one does not calculate.”
(St Therese of Lisieux)

Family needs Prayers and Assistance

As some of our community may be aware, one of the students in Year 2 here at John the Baptist Primary school, Sebastian Aguiar, has a very rare medical condition known as Rohhad's Syndrome.

The condition is so rare that Sebastian is the only known sufferer in Australia and one of only about 70 in the world.. In an attempt to raise public awareness of Rohhad's Syndrome, the Channel 7 News crew visited our school last week to film Sebastian and this story aired on Monday 23rd September.

There are many ongoing medical costs required for Sebastian's care, and he is already permanently tracheotomised and relying on a ventilator through the night. His home will also possibly require some renovating to allow his family to continue caring for him.

There is a weblink set up for those wishing to know more about this condition or to support the family at www.mycause.com.au under the name of SEBASTIANS FIGHT FOR LIFE (without an apostrophe). Could you please keep this family and those of several other families within our school, in your prayers as they struggle through the challenges of caring for a sick child. THANK YOU.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS DAY: led by Bishop Terry Brady and coinciding with the Synod on the Family in Rome. This is an opportunity for grandparents to draw mutual support from one another as they pass on the faith to their grandchildren. Day begins with Mass and includes reflection for grandparents, catechesis for children, lunch, refreshments and rosary walk pilgrimage.

WHEN: Saturday 18 October, 10:00AM-3:30PM

WHERE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale

COST: \$10 per adult, children free

RSVP by 10 October to 9307 8404 or email LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org



A RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN THE YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE. Is God calling you to be a Religious Consecrated Woman? A discernment retreat for young women considering consecrated life will be held in Varroville from 21-23 November 2014. Speakers include Fr Michael de Stoop, Sr Maria Casey, RSJ, Sr Mary Lourdes, LSP, Sr Mary Rachel, OP, and Lorena Portocarrero from "The Fraternas." There will be common and private prayer, daily Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. Various religious women will give vocation stories and be available for private meetings. Held at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566. On Friday, 21 November (evening) to Sunday, 23 November 2014. Program can be downloaded from www.vocationcentre.org.au under "Important Dates."

Cost: \$220/person. Registration is essential for food & accommodation. **Enquiries/registration:** vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9390-5970.

RSVP: Please register by **Monday, 10 November 2014.**

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



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

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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 12th October 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.**

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.

⊕ ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

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.

NEW AND ONGOING INITIATIVES

Family Mass for Young Families

First Fridays of the Month
John the Baptist
7:15pm

Second Fridays of the Month

Formation on the Christian Life of Women

Time: 7:15pm - 9:00pm

Location: John the Baptist Church

Includes: meditation, spiritual reading and adoration.

Fourth Fridays of the Month

Formation on the Christian Life for Men

Time: 7:15pm - 9:00pm

Location: John the Baptist Church

Includes: meditation, spiritual reading and adoration.

DURING OCTOBER ONLY

REFLECTIONS ON THE FOUR MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Dates: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

Time: 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Location: St John the Baptist Church

IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE PPC MEETING ON THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

- **Children's Liturgy** - Children's Liturgy has become a babysitting service, please note that **School Age Children from Kindy to Year 4 ONLY** are expected to attend Children's Liturgy. Year 5 and older are expected to remain in Church.
- **Friday 5th December Christmas Carols** - Keep this date free. More details to come.
- **Tuesday 14th October at 7:00pm Ministers of Communion Workshop**, for those who nominated this ministry on the yellow forms and invitation extended to anyone who would like to become a Minister of Communion, minimum age 15.

Enquiries please contact Nina Laureti on 0408 465 149.

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.

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 



ATTENTION READERS: The new roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Ministries Next Week 4/5 October	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Abela A Pace	P Lavorato S Davies	N Debuisson D Cordina	C Sullivan J Sullivan
EUCHARIST MINISTERS:	A Pace A Demasi Louisa Valleri N Valleri C Araco D Vella M Camilleri D Tomic L Tonnoncelli D Adam	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	

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



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