



# 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 4

'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 Callistus I, pope, martyr*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St Hedwig, religious*

*St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin*

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Luke, evangelist*

## SUNDAY 18/19 October

*(29th 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.....**

- ♦ My typical excuses in face of God's invitations are.....
- ♦ What helps me realise the seriousness of God's invitations and come to positive and definite responses is.....
- ♦ A negative response to an invitation from God that I now regret is.....

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 11th & 12th October, 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:

262. Spirit-filled evangelisers are evangelisers who pray and work. Mystical notions without a solid social and missionary outreach are of no help to evangelisation, not are dissertations or social or pastoral practices which lack a spirituality which can change hearts. These unilateral and incomplete proposals only reach a few groups and prove incapable of radiating beyond them because they curtail the Gospel. What is needed is the ability to cultivate and interior space which can give a Christian meaning to commitment and activity. Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervour dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer, and to my great joy groups devoted to prayer and intercession, the prayerful reading of God's word and the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist are growing at every level, of ecclesial life. Even so, "we must reject the temptation to offer a privatised and individualistic spirituality which ill accords with the demands of charity, to say nothing of the implications of the incarnation". There is always the risk that some moments of prayer can become an excuse for not offering one's life in mission; a privatised lifestyle can lead Christians to take refuge in some false forms of spirituality.
263. We do well to keep in mind the early Christians and our many brothers and sisters throughout history who were filled with joy, unflagging courage and zeal in proclaiming the Gospel. Some people nowadays console themselves by saying that things are not easy as they used to be, yet we know that the Roman empire was not conducive to the Gospel message, the struggle for justice, or the defence of human dignity. Every period of history is marked by the presence of human weakness, self-absorption, complacency and selfishness, to say nothing of the concupiscence which preys upon us all. These things are ever present under one guise or another; they are due to our human limits rather than particular situations. Let us not say, then, that things are harder today; they are simply different. But let us learn also from the saints who have gone before us, who confronted the difficulties of their own day. So I propose that we pause to rediscover some of the reasons which can help us to imitate them today.

### **RAISE YOUR VOICES!**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*I 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:** *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

# 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:** Adrian MOORE, Evelyn VASSALLO, Fr. Peter BROCK, Grace AXO

**Anniversary:** Josephine VELLA

**Other:** All the Deceased, 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 Sunday 2nd November, 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

"You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him."  
(St Teresa of Avila)

### 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](http://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.

### 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](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au) under "Important Dates."

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

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

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes in the George Preca Centre**

**The Maltese Welfare of NSW Inc** is conducting a night of information **Coping with Stress**



**Wednesday 22 October 2014**

For more information please phone, Emanuel: 9822 0228 or mobile 0409 744 376

**The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW**

**Presents a Cultural Evening on the town of Birzebbuga**

**Thursday 30th October, 2014 starting at 7:30pm**

Guest Speaker: Emanuel Camilleri -

For more information contact Mary Ramundi 9688 1432

All welcome to both nights, admission free with light refreshments



### TEEN TALK GAVEL CLUB

**(Public Speaking for Students in Years 5 - 12)**

will meet again this Sunday 12th October at 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

### 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.



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](http://catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc) or email [ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org). Applications close 6 October.



### Installation Mass for Archbishop Anthony Fisher

All youth and young adults are invited to support the new Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, by attending his installation mass on the evening of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. After Archbishop Anthony was announced as the new Archbishop of Sydney, he said that one of his three top priorities as Archbishop was Youth Ministry! That's fantastic news for all of us young people and we're really looking forward to all the great ideas Archbishop Anthony has for the youth of Sydney. For more details please contact Tomasz.



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!



### 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.

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WORKSHOP**

**14th October at 7:00pm**

A workshop on ministering Communion will be held in the Church on Tuesday 14th October at 7:00pm. This workshop is for any **new parishioners** who would like to join this ministry and is also an excellent refresher course for **all current ministers**. School age children from 16 are most welcome.

Enquiries: Nina Laureti 0408 465 149

**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: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7.15pm - 8.15pm**

**Location: St John the Baptist Church**

**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 families of Gianluigi VACCARI and Isaac PANTE who will be baptised here this Sunday 12th October.

**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

**Communion and Confirmation photos** can be collected from John The Baptist meeting room (just outside the church) on:

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm until 5.30pm
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm until 5.30pm
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am until 11.30am
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 3.30pm until 5.30pm
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.00am until 11.30am



Please note: we will also have photos from previous years that still have not been collected.

All enquiries please phone Maria on 0407662535

All Saints' Parish, Liverpool is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on All Saints' Day, Nov., 1 with Mass at 4.30pm celebrated by Bishop Peter Comensoli and concelebrated by a number of priests who have served the Parish over the years. After the Mass festivities will continue at the Liverpool Catholic Club with a Dinner-Dance. Tickets for Dinner-dance are \$60 per person. You can order your tickets through the Parish Office: 9602 8466, Rosetta Misitano 0419 471 951 or email: [Allsaints175years@gmail.com](mailto:Allsaints175years@gmail.com)

Ministries Next Week 18/19 Oct	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	M Camilleri A Watts	L Barilla C Purcell	M Aulsebrook L Aulsebrook	K Garvin M Garvin
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS:</b>	A Pace A Demasi Luisa Valleri N Valleri C Araco D Vella M Camilleri D Topic L Tononcelli D Adam	T Simpson B O'Connor V Tomas A Esposito	D Eillul 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 2nd November, 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](http://www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au)