



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 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

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St John Paul II

Thursday - 9:10am

St John of Capistrano, priest

Friday - 9:10am

St Anthony Claret, bishop

Saturday - 9:10am

SUNDAY 25/26 October

(30th 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.....

- ◆ What "belongs to God" in my life is.....
- ◆ The goodness and truth I must more fully embrace in order to serve rightly both the kingdom of God and civil authority is
- ◆ When people look upon me and my life, the "image" and "inscription" they see is.....

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 18th & 19th October, 2014

Dear friends,

Today is a very special day in the life of the Church. Today Pope Francis will Beatify Pope Paul VI as the Extraordinary Synod on the Family concludes in Rome. Most of you will remember this much loved Pope who guided the Church after Vatican II. Pope Paul VI would be seen as a true servant of the dignity of love and life. Against all opposition, he remained true to the teachings of Jesus regarding marriage and family life. His encyclical called *Humane Vitae* (On Human Life) was very prophetic which has, since its publication proved to be sound, wise and correct. But the Synod on the family has not fully concluded. Bishops will return home with what they have shared and heard to prepare for the second half of their meeting which will be held this time next year. Let us keep praying that the leaders of the Church will be faithful and careful in their leadership like the countless faithful shepherds who have gone before us.

At our parish level, the preparation classes for First Reconciliation are well underway. I thank the coordinators, leaders and parents for their commitment to do this for their children. They are the apple of God's eye. Children are the gems of humanity. They are the crown of the married love of one man and one woman. Children are the most treasured members of the Church. The little we do to for the good of their souls will bear good fruit in their future.

Fr Kelvin returns from his annual leave this week. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and support during this past month. On your behalf I thank the priests who have come to do the Weekend Masses during Fr Kelvin's absence. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood. On that note, I pray that the Our Blessed Mother will assist us always from heaven. May St John the Baptist help us always to be courageous and prudent in making Jesus known and loved in everything we do.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr Epeli

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Give the Lord glory and honour.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

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, Christine TRIGAS, Robyn MUSOLINO, Crystel SACOBOS, Heather GOODWIN, Eugene KLEIBERT, Dora BADINO, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Kui LAI

Recently Deceased: Maureen LEAVERS (India), Adrian MOORE

Anniversary: Caesar LAI

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son." (St John Paul II)



Youth Prayer Intentions and Mass

All the youth and young adults of JB Parish are invited to the weekly Wednesday night Mass to pray for specific intentions (which will change each week). There will be a chance to celebrate mass, pray for the intention during Holy hour as well as some time for fellowship with other youth. So please join us this Wednesday 22nd October at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **All young people suffering from depression.** This Wednesday is also very special as it will be the first ever feast day of Saint John Paul II, so make sure you don't miss this very special time.



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 31 October.

Christmas Hamper Raffle and Donations

The Antioch Youth group will soon be selling raffle tickets for specific Christmas hamper prizes in order to start their fundraising campaign for the upcoming World Youth Day to be held in Krakow, Poland! With the packages soon to be released, the youth of our parish will need all the help they can get to consider this incredible life-changing opportunity. Currently, the Antioch youth are asking for any donations (or ideas for donations) that people are willing to give for these hampers such as: vouchers, wine, chocolates, and anything else that may be appropriate or appealing. The final draw will be held on the night of the parish Christmas Carols. If you are able to assist in any way, please call Sharon on 0410 494 700 or if you would like to remain anonymous, simply leave the donation at the parish office. Thank you!

All Saints' Parish, Liverpool is celebrating its 175th 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 9 951 or email: Allsaints175years@gmail.com



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

(a marriage enrichment experience for married couples) 7-9 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

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.**

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 Birzebuga 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

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 21st November** 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.



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 21st November, 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.

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

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.



We congratulate the families of Jonathan VIEIRO, Gabriel HANAS and Chloe ARANIEGO who will be baptised here this Sunday 19th 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



PARISH SUPPER AND MORNING TEA

Parishioners are invited to stay after all Masses next weekend 25th & 25th October for a cup of tea or coffee. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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

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



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

To help us prepare for the beautifully joyful event of Christmas, Fr Epeli will be running an Advent Bible study on the Sundays during Advent. This Bible study will help us to delve deeper into the mystery of Advent and the importance of how we prepare for Christmas using the beautiful Marian model of preparation. The first session will start on Sunday 30th November from 4pm-5:15pm. This will continue for all four Sundays of Advent. All are welcome and encouraged to attend so that we can really enter into the Christmas Preparation period more deeply.

See the Church notice Board and tables for the following notices:

- Catholic Institute of Sydney Information Evening 31st October
- Play written by St John Paul II "The Jeweler's Shop", 25/26 October

Ministries Next Week 25/26 Oct	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	L Tononcelli G Turnbull	N Belen T Simpson	F Holden N Debuissou	M O'Mara G Colusso
EUCHARIST MINISTERS:	L Topic P Micali S Smith B Smith A Gorla B Gorla M Brito P Bennett C Bennett M Harvey	F Foti R Agostino L Hope J Hope	H Fenech M Lavorato C Goodyer G Zangari M Velardi F Holden M Aulsebrook B Aulsebrook C Porreca A Pinto	

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