



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 2

'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

Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

SUNDAY 4/5 APRIL

(Sunday of the Resurrection)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Masses :

8:00am

10:00am

1st Sunday of Month:

5:30pm Youth Mass

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.15 - 5.00pm



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B) 28th & 29th March, 2015

Dear friends,

On behalf of Fr Kelvin I invite you to join with us in congratulating our Permanent Deacon Mervyn Francis and his wife Rita on his ordination last Thursday night in St Mary's Cathedral. We thank also the parishioners who took the bus in to be present at the ordination. It was very encouraging to witness the ordination of the 6 new Deacons for the Church here in Sydney. Four of them will go on to becoming priests in the near future. We give thanks to God for the gift of our new Deacon Mervyn to the parish and also thank his wife Rita for her generosity to the Church and God's people. In that similar joy, we commemorate today the joy of the city of Jerusalem as they welcome Jesus the King into the city.

Today as we know is *Palm Sunday* or *Passion Sunday* and the beginning of the Holy Week in the year. The Lord enters Jerusalem and the people cheer him with shouts of joy and praise. May these words from St Andrew of Crete (8th Century Bishop) might help us to reflect about today's feast in a deeper way: "Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us. In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself.....So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel."

May you have a prayerful Holy Week and a blessed Sacred Easter Triduum.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr Epeli

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

*If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ I deny Jesus when..... I betray Jesus when..... I run away from Jesus when.....
- ◆ I help Jesus carry the cross when.....
- ◆ I stand by Jesus when.....

YOUTH CORNER

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



Sick: Donna CORDINA, Sr Virginia MAHONEY, Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Jarcisius ZAMMIT, Facunda MARTINO (7 years), Luis MARTINO, Anna MILLZARSKI, Bogdan MILLZARSKI, Justin ZERAFA, Tony MITTIGA, Cherish ADINA (6 months), Carmen SPITERI, Audrey SPITERI, Michael ARACO, Christine TRIGAS, Crystel SACOBOS, Eugene KLEIBERT, Dora BADINO, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Kui LAI

Recently Deceased: Fr Brendan SHIEL, Mary GAUCI (Melbourne), Fr James GALLEN

Anniversary: James T REILLY, John J McNULLY, Lukasz SPRYCHA

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 on Sunday 5th April, 2015.
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

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”
(Pope Francis)

WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE



A huge thank you to everyone in the community who purchased tickets/generously donated to support our fundraiser for World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland 2016. It really does mean a huge lot to the youth in this parish that are looking forward to attending what will undoubtedly be the experience of a lifetime. God-willing this money that has been fundraised will allow as much youth as possible to go to Poland and richly grow in faith. The final weekend (after this weekend) to purchase tickets will be the Easter weekend.. We have a great range of prizes as well which are listed on the back page of the bulletin. Just a reminder that the raffle will be drawn on Divine mercy Sunday (12th April) after the 10am mass in the Parish Hall. Thank you again to all! God bless.

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.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

The NSW Government requires that all volunteers who work with children must be registered with the State Government through their parish. Parishioners working in the following ministries require a WWCC:

- Youth Ministers, Workers and Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Catechists
- Children's Liturgy Coordinators
- Children's Choir Leaders



Every person working in these areas must register by 28th March, 2015. All completed forms need to be handed into the office before the abovementioned date. Please also include you Date of Birth. All enquiries should be directed to Leanne Lang (parish secretary) either by phone or by the parish email address.

You will not be able to work with children until your forms have been handed into the office and we have registered you with the Office of the Children's Guardian and received clearance.

Jordan and Galilee



Our upcoming Jordan and Galilee night will be held on Friday 24th April at JB parish hall. All year 5-6 students are invited to Jordan youth group which runs from 3:30-5:30pm where students will meet the leaders outside the church right after school. Jordan youth group will feature DVD's, fun activities, talks, prayer, sharing and food! Then from 6-8pm all students in years 7-10 are welcome to our Galilee night which will involve time for fellowship, presentations, discussions, prayer, activities and also plenty of food! The Galilee youth are also invited to help out with Jordan earlier in the afternoon and will receive a free pizza dinner for their great effort. Please join us for what will surely be a fantastic night!

OFFICIAL WORKD YOUTH DAY SYDNEY TO KARKOW LAUNCH (and Archbishop welcome!)

Sydney Archdiocese! The time has finally arrived for the official launch of the 2016 Krakow World Youth Day! Join us as we welcome our new Archbishop Anthony Fisher and launch our "Road to Krakow" WYD pilgrimages! It will be a huge night of celebration which will include food, live Polish entertainment, information stalls, testimonies, video clips, a talk from Archbishop Fisher, and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! So come and meet your new Archbishop and learn about our pilgrimage in 2016 to the city of Mercy. The festival launch will be held at the Cathedral College hall on Tuesday 21 April from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence from 6.30pm that evening so come spend an hour with Jesus before the launch.

Lenten Youth Program (Grades 5-12)

Every Monday during Lent all students from grade 5-10 are invited to participate in a youth Lenten program which runs after school from 3:30-4:30pm at JB parish hall. The program includes time for fellowship, prayer, talk, reflections, snacks and drinks. This is a great way to participate in the call of prayer and charity during Lent and another way we can give up our time (as well as chocolate!) to focus more on Christ this Lent. Our next meeting is this Monday 30th March.



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 1st April at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **Anyone that does not yet know the true joy of Easter.** If you would like to offer an intention one week, please contact Joe to do so.

JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment packs are available from the school office between 8:30am and 4:00pm. The Enrolment period runs from 9th March to 29th May, 2015. Kindergarten enrolments are considered where the child turns 5 years of age before 31st July of the year of intended commencement. Any enquiries please phone the school office on 9823 5042.

ORGANIST NEEDED!

Attention organists out there! Fr. Gerard Moran from the Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville needs an organist for Holy Week, especially for the Tridium. If you can help him out please call the Secretary on 8795 3400.



SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE GATHERING

18 April 2015, 10.30am to 3.00pm, St Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill. Join parishioners across the Archdiocese to explore the justice issue of Domestic Violence and discover ways your communities can respond. FREE Event & lunch is provided. Register: jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8461.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday 30th March	9:10am Mass
Tuesday 31st March	9:10am Mass 5:30-6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Several Priests)
Wednesday 1st April	7:00pm Mass
Thursday 2nd April	No Morning Mass, Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:30am. Everyone is invited to the Mass. 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3rd April	10:00am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 4th April	9:00am Morning Prayer Easter Vigil 7:30pm Mass
Easter Sunday 5th April	8:00am, 10:00am

Please note there will be NO 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm

Fr Epeli wishes to advise that the Church will be closed prior to the commencement of the Vigil Mass. The Mass will commence in the School grounds for the Blessing of the New Fire and procession into the Church.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Volunteers for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers etc. for Palm Sunday, and the Easter Masses. If you can assist in any way please place your name and contact details on the sign up sheets on the Church noticeboard. Thankyou

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES

All Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes need to be returned during Holy Week. The Donations to Project Compassion will be brought up during the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) to emphasise how our offerings help to feed the most vulnerable in our world, as Christ fed the poor and suffering, and gave us the Mass (Eucharist) as our way of being reminded that the poor are always with us.

ATTENTION: PARISHIONERS USING PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Each Sunday volunteer parishioners count the Sunday Mass collections. An essential part of this is to ensure that the envelopes are counted and recorded correctly. This is to ensure that you receive the correct receipt at the end of the year and each week we correctly account for the money collected.

To assist the counters the following is requested:

- Please record the amount you are donating clearly on the front of the envelope. It is easier for the counters to verify the amount they take out of the envelope to the amount recorded on the front.
- If you are catching up on several weeks' envelopes, please place the total amount in the last dated envelope and record the total amount on the front. Discard any unused envelopes.
- Please DO NOT use sticky tape to seal the envelopes.

We thank you for your continued support and contributions.

Ministries Next Week 4/5 April	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	EASTER VOLUNTEERS	EASTER VOLUNTEERS	EASTER VOLUNTEERS	EASTER VOLUNTEERS
EUCHARIST MINISTERS:	EASTER VOLUNTEERS	EASTER VOLUNTEERS	EASTER VOLUNTEERS	EASTER VOLUNTEERS
	PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD	PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD	PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD	PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

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 April or after, are asked to attend a preparation session which will be held on Sunday 12th April, 2015, 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 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th November, 2015.

Reconciliation Enrolments 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th August, 2015 after the 5:30pm, 8am and 10am Masses.

Parent Meeting Tuesday 4th August, 2015 at 7pm in the church.

Preparation Lessons begin Week 1 of Term 4.

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 6th and 13th June, 2015 and Sunday 7th and 14th June, 2015 at 12:30pm and 3:00pm.

Parent Meeting Change of Date: Tuesday 17th March, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Church. ALL parents enrolling children for First Holy Communion must attend.

Group Leader Meeting Tuesday 24th March, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Church.

Preparation Lessons begin Week 1 of Term 2.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September, 2015. **Enrolments** will take place **on one weekend ONLY** Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June, 2015. Times to be advised. Enquiries Linda Barilla 9607 4993.

Please keep watching this space for any changes or updates or call the Parish Office on 9823 2572.

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.



'COME AND SIT WITH THE LORD' CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Give 20 minutes of your busy day to Jesus and experience the difference in your life. Held in the Church chapel every Tuesday at 8:00pm commencing the 3rd February, 2015. Duration time is approximately 30 minutes. For further information please contact Frances on 0438 213 313.



CHURCH WORKING BEE

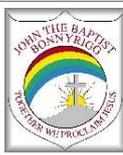
Thank you to everyone who came to the Parish Working Bee this weekend. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

A former parishioner who is returning from the North Coast to live in the Bonnyrigg area is enquiring about the availability of a "granny" flat for accommodation. If you can help please contact Fr Kelvin or the parish secretary.



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



John The Baptist School Calendar Fundraiser 2015

We are compiling a calendar which will be double A3 in size, colour printed and laminated. This school calendar (6 months on either side) will advertise the business details (business card size). We are appealing to **any local business in the school community** to place an advertisement on our school calendar.

Each business card space will cost \$300.00 for 6 months (each side of the calendar). These calendars will be sent to families of 850 children and parishioners in the community. 1000 copies of this calendar will be disseminated to the local community.

The benefits to the school will be financial support providing an exciting play and learning environment for the children. Businesses will benefit from exposure on the calendar.

We hope that your business is interested in supporting the education of children in this area and at the same time can benefit from acknowledgement in this growing community.

If you would like to advertise or would like more information please contact Teresa Vartuli on 0413835250 by **24th April 2015**.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: Come and join 1,000 young people (16-35 and the young at heart) experiencing Easter together in 2015. Witness the liturgy come alive and take part in prayer, pilgrimage, drama, contemporary music and personal sharing that will help revive your love for God. You'll never forget it! **02-05 April 2015** in Appin, NSW. More info at www.lttm.org.au.

The Centre for Christian Spirituality 14 Frances Street, Randwick

Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver teachings on St Teresa of Avila in April & May, 2015.

St Teresa, a Doctor of the Church, has come to be recognised as one of the great teachers of how to journey to God.

Come and join us exploring the richness of St Teresa's wisdom. All are welcome!

St Teresa of Avila 2: The Interior Castle

Dates: Wednesdays 29 April, 6 & 13 May, 2015, 7:00-8:30pm
Course Cost: \$25

St Teresa of Avila: One Day Seminar

Date: Sunday 12 April, 2015, 10am-4pm. Mass at 9am.
Course Cost: \$100

Limited spaces - Bookings essential.

To register: <http://trybooking.com/GVFT>

The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW

The Way of the Cross (*Via Sagra as written by Frank Zammit*) in Maltese on **Tuesday 31 March at 7:00pm** at OLQP, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. This principal celebrant is Fr Noel Bianco assisted by the MCA Choir. Afterwards, light refreshments will be served in the George Preca Centre—all are welcome. Contact Jim Borg on 9636 7767.

What's On @ Mary MacKillop Place!

April School Holiday Program (13 – 17 April)

Come and discover the story of Mary MacKillop - Australia's first Saint! Follow the Kids' Trail with Mary's pet dog 'Bobs'. Listen to stories, enjoy art and craft activities, explore Mary's home and the School House.

Session runs from 10.30 – 12.30, \$8 per primary school aged child at Mary MacKillop Place Museum, 7 Mount St, North Sydney
enquiries & bookings: 02 8912 4883 or mackillop@sosj.org.au

Wednesdays live @ the Museum! (22 & 29 April, 6, 13 & 20 May)

Australian Catholic University students present - 'Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the 1800s: Colonial tales enacted; unearthing hidden stories behind the collection'. Join us in the Museum for an exciting series of drama performances. Australian Catholic University students will unearth hidden stories behind artefacts in the Museum collection. Performances are scheduled on the above dates and will run from 10am to 2pm.

'Treasures under the Southern Cross: Celebrating 20 years of shared stories' exhibition (21 May - 30 November)

This exhibition brings together stories that represent areas of the Sisters of St Joseph's mission work in various regions in Australia and from around the world. The exhibition will highlight twenty objects from the Museum's collection and their related stories. The exhibition will be open to the public on 21 May.

Mary MacKillop Place Open Day (Sunday 24 May)

Celebrate a unique legacy in the life of Mary MacKillop by visiting this significant spiritual and heritage site in the heart of North Sydney. Visit Mary's tomb in the Memorial Chapel built in her honour. Enjoy FREE ENTRY to the Museum which displays the Sisters of St Joseph Collection. Browse the Gift Shop & Cafe where you can purchase a memento or enjoy some light refreshments. (10am - 4pm).

For more information about Mary MacKillop Place, please visit our website www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Positions Vacant. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is inviting applications for the following positions:

Operations Officer, Catholic Development Fund Research and Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office

Both positions are full time and based at the Polding Centre, Sydney CBD. Enquiries to Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. For further details and a copy of the position description please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

World Youth Day Raffle Prizes!!! (See youth corner for ticket details)

- (1) Star Wars Suitcase from The Good Guys (valued at \$249)
- (2) Smartphone and tablet printer from Officeworks
- (3) 2 passes to Treetop adventure park (\$115 each)
- (4) Electric Garden Trimmer from Mighty Mowers and Chainsaws
- (5) Heston Blumenthal cookbook from Bing Lee (\$65 value)
- (6) 2 gift vouchers to Café Harvest (\$50 each)
- (7) Gift voucher for La Vita Nuova (\$50)
- (8) Ultra Agents LEGO set
- (9) Stainless steel blender
- (10) Penna's Pharmacy gift pack
- (11) Priceline Pharmacy Gift Pack
- (12) 30 gift vouchers for Priceline (\$45 each)
- (13) Large professional dartboard
- (14) Voucher for Flowers by Lucy (bouquet)
- (15) XL canvas image
- (16) Car cleaning products from Supercheap Auto
- (17) Large teddy bear collection
- (18) Sandwich toaster
- (19) 2 Gift vouchers for Bonnyrigg Garden Centre (\$25 each)
- (20) 2 Gift vouchers for Bunnings (\$20 each)
- (21) 5 Hoyts movie passes
- (22) 2 bottles of wine

