



# John the Baptist Parish

*Bonnyrigg Heights*

(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills, Elizabeth Hills & Elizabeth Park)

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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**  
*Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs*  
*St Pancras, martyr*  
**Wednesday - 7:00pm**  
*Our Lady of Fatima*  
**Thursday - 9:10am**  
*St Matthias, apostle*  
**Friday - 9:10am**  
**Saturday - 9:10am**

## SUNDAY 16/17 MAY *(The Ascension of the Lord)*

**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

- ♦ I experience the joy of the risen Jesus when..... He is completing his joy in me by.....
- ♦ What helps me love others as Christ has commanded is.....
- ♦ I find it most easy to lay down my life for others when..... most difficult when.....

## Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B) 9th & 10th May, 2015

Dear friends,

An ancient Chinese sage was once asked by his disciples what single thing would he do for humanity if it was in his power to do it. Without hesitation he replied that he would give back to words their original meaning. And, if he could choose but one word above all others, what would it be? It would be the word 'love' came his reply.

Today Jesus speaks in the gospel about love. The type of love he is speaking about is the love which comes from God alone. But we often confuse the true meaning of love because we use it to describe our love of ice cream, or love of cars, and many other objects that we forget that love is about relationship.

The Gospel of St John was written in Greek. The Greek language uses the word *love* having three different meanings: *Agape* which means the love of God or the love which God has for us; *eros* which means sexual love and *philia* which means brotherly/sisterly love but without sexual connotations. Jesus was using the word love in the context of the love of God for us, and our love for one another. Jesus is speaking about the love that exists between the Father and himself. But he wants to share that pure love with all mankind. The love of Jesus for us is a love of service, self-sacrifice and relationship.

Today we also acknowledge the love which our mothers have shown us throughout our lives. Their nurturing and maternal care have shaped and formed our capacity for love in this world. Let us remember all mothers today, living and those who have died, and ask God to bless and sustain them in their care for the families.

Fr Kelvin

# Happy Mother's Day to all our Mum's



### RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** *If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

# YOUTH CORNER

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



**Sick:** Donna CORDINA, Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Jarcisius ZAMMIT, Facunda MARTINO (7 years), Luis MARTINO, Anna MILLZARSKI, Bogdan MILLZARSKI, Justin ZERAFA, Tony MITTIGA, Cherish ADINA (1 year), Carmen SPITERI, Audrey SPITERI, Michael ARACO, Christine TRIGAS, Crystel SACOBOS, Eugene KLEIBERT, Dora BADINO, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Kui LAI

**Recently Deceased:** Tarcisius (Terry) ZAMMIT, Chris WATTS, Cosimo GISMONDO, Giovanna CASTAGNETTI (in England), Joesph Tsi Sing LAY

**Anniversary:** Maria CAVALLARO, Mimi ORTADO, Francis Gaysone THEPMANY

**Other:** MARY Tian SAYAVONGSA, Paul Xeng SAYAVONGSA, Rita GATT, Mary VELLA, Jane VELLA, Helen ZERAFA, Marianna LUPPINO, 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 7th June, 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](mailto:tomaszj@johnthebaptist.org.au)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world.”  
(Pope Bl. Pius IX)



## Jordan and Galilee



Hey guys! Our next Jordan and Galilee night will be held on Friday 22 May at JB parish Hall! All year 5-6 students are invited to Jordan youth group which will run from 3:30-5:30pm and will meet outside the church after school. Jordan youth includes DVD's, fun activities, talks, prayer, sharing, and food! Then from 6-8pm all students in years 7-10 are welcome to ur Galilee night which will involve time for having fun, activities, presentations, discussion, 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. So come along to what will surely be an awesome night!



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



We would like to wish all the mothers out there a most beautiful and joyous Mother's Day. We hope you all have a fantastic weekend spent with family and loved ones. We would also like to sincerely thank the parishioners for participating in the rose fundraiser last week. The fundraiser was a great success and the youth are incredibly grateful for the help in getting them to WYD Krakow 2016. May you all have a blessed weekend and may the greatest and most loving mother, Mary, continue to intercede for you all, especially this Mother's Day.



## World Youth Day Sydney Pilgrimage RE-Launch (with Archbishop Fisher)

After the disappointment of postponing last Tuesday's WYD launch, however necessary it was, we're incredibly excited to be able to confirm a new date has been set for you all! The event, with Archbishop Fisher, has been rescheduled to Tuesday 19 May. The schedule and timing of the event will remain as originally planned with the Archbishop presiding at City Silence from 6:30-7:30pm before starting the launch at 8:00pm. The launch will be a huge event that will include the official launch of the Sydney WYD packages, plenty of food, desserts, drinks and Polish dancers! Any young adults (18-35) who may have even the slightest interest in attending WYD are invited to come along as well as any clergy, parish rep's or group leaders looking to take a group to WYD. For more information please contact Catholic Youth Services on 9764 4357.



## 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 13th May at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **For all those who may not be close to their mothers.** If you would like to offer an intention one week, please contact Joe to do so.



Antioch meet every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30pm

at JB Parish Hall. Come and join us for some great talks, participate in sharing, music, prayer and more! All youth from 16-24yo are more than welcome to attend! Hope to catch you all there!

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT for April 2015

Over the past month the Parish St Vincent De Paul Conference assisted 93 people/families of the area. This also includes the Smithfield region.

All money from the Poor Boxes, Piety Store and donations support the above costs. Thank you Errol for co-ordinating this important ministry. Over the past month proceeds have been:

Poor Boxes	\$230.65
Piety Store (gross)	\$940.00
Donations	\$10,066.00

The volunteer members of the Piety Store continue to provide quality religious items at reasonable prices to help support the needy of our area. As a further way of raising funds, this group are selling hand made cards, and quality Communion gifts.

A special thank you Virginia and Rose for co-ordinating and managing the Piety store ..... Likewise to all our volunteers:

We congratulate you for your efforts to raise funds for the poor and so make tomorrow a better place for people in every area of need.

With the onset of the cold weather, the significant rise in utility costs (electricity, water, gas) continues to impact greatly on families and people's day to day living expenses.

Your support through the POOR BOXES and PIETY STORE can be a ray of hope for many.

As we consider the dire events in our world let our hearts and minds be uplifted as we rejoice at how blessed we are to be surrounded by family and friends and caring people. We are challenged to reflect the face of Jesus to all with whom we come in daily contact.

*We pray that we may live, not by our fears, but by our hopes; not by our words, but by our deeds.*

Thank you for your continuing support of St Vincent De Paul through donations, Poor Boxes and the Piety Store.

Col Goodwin, Grant, Col Purcell, Michael, Simon, Rosie, Tony, Errol & Jim



## TEEN TALK GAVEL CLUB

(Public Speaking for Students in Years 5 - 12)

will meet again next Sunday 17th May at 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

**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.



**JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 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.

**CATECHIST NEWS FOR TERM 2**

**Basic Two Course** - 25th May and 1st June (Monday) 10am to 2pm  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall

**Friday 15th May 10am to 2pm**  
**Catechist Retreat - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit** -  
Morning tea and lunch provided, donation appreciated.

Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.  
If interested in attending please ring CCD Office on 9307 8330 by Friday 8th May, 2015.

MAY OUR RISEN LORD BLESS YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS EVERYDAY



**Mothers Day Lamingtons**

Lamingtons for Mother's Day will be available after all Masses this weekend 9th/10th May. Lamingtons one dozen, plain or with cream are \$12.50 per packet. All monies raised will be used to purchase catechetical resources. This year we have more than 1250 students in our scripture classes. Please support this catechist fundraising drive. Enquiries: Nina Laureti 9823 3277.

**THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

You are invited to the biggest morning tea  
(But because we all work etc. we are holding it at night)



**John the Baptist Parish Hall**  
**Friday 29th May, 2015 at 7:00pm**

Cost will be \$10.00

This includes Tea and Coffee with hot and cold finger food.  
Raffles will be held during the night. Donations freely accepted.

**RSVP 22nd May, 2015**  
Mary Fraser 0403 647 399 or Linda 9607 4993

**Bible Course**

After Pentecost, on the four Wednesday evenings of June 3, 10, 17 and 24, a short introductory bible course will be held at All Saints Liverpool. Each session will be about 1.5 hours commencing at 7.30pm. All parishioners, especially those involved in parish ministries, are invited.

This free course, led by Mr Michael Frew, will provide an overview of the Bible and will help attendees to understand the purpose, authorship, liturgical relevance and importance of the various books making up the Sacred Scriptures and the Church's position with respect to these. A number of themes and literary genres will be examined.

Ministries Next Week 16/17 May	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	P Micali A Pace	I O'Connor L Barilla	J McVeay C Goodyer	K Garvin M Garvin
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS:</b>	M Brito C Smith B Smith M Chun A Gorla B Gorla P Bennett C Bennett M Harvey M Abela	A Liberatore N Vartuli B Vartuli J Gauchi	C Goodyer Delica Vella J Vella G Zangari M Velardi F Holden M Aulsebrook L Aulsebrook C Porreca A Pinto	

**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.

**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.

Dear Parishioners,

The parish church was very full at all Masses at John the Baptist last weekend, with various events taking place: First Communion Worksheets; CWF envelopes; bulletins etc. It would greatly help those who clean the church every Friday to ensure that we all make an effort to tidy the church after our Mass.

Many thanks, Fr Kelvin



**LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB ANNUAL MASS**  
**31st May, 2014 at 11:00am**

All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool, followed by lunch at the Club. Tickets \$35 per person available at the Club from 8am Sunday 10th May, 2014.



Our parish wishes to thank you for opening your hearts and supporting the appeal last weekend. Through your donation, the CWF is able to continue its work in our local communities, providing spiritual and practical support where it's needed most. Thank you, and may God bless you.



**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)