



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 4

'Prayer of the Church' prayed at John the Baptist 10 minutes before weekday Masses
Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday - No Mass

St John Fisher, bishop

St Thomas More, martyrs

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Paulinus of Nola, bishop

Wednesday - 7:00pm

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor

SUNDAY 27/28 JUNE

(13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Masses :

8:00am

10:00am

5:30pm

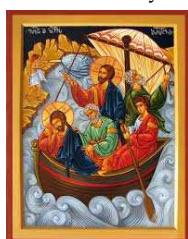
1st Sunday of Month:

5:30pm Youth Mass

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.15 - 5.00pm



Reflection Questions

- The "violent squall" in life of which I am most fearful is.....
- A "violent squall" which tested my faith in Jesus was..... It also strengthened my faith in that.....
- For me, Jesus is.....

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

20th & 21st June, 2015

Dear friends,

The calming of the storm by Jesus which we hear this Sunday reminds us that Jesus has power not only over evil spirits and the healing of the sick, but he also can control nature. Only God, and God alone it was believed could command nature. This is why the disciples ask themselves who could this be that he even commands nature. The sea of Galilee which they were crossing, is 600 feet below sea-level, and surrounded by hills 1,500 to 3,500 feet high. Winds sweeping down from these hills could create quite a storm. And, even the experienced and hardened fisherman were no match for this storm. However, when Jesus does eventually calm the storm, he rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith.

At times we all feel like the disciples in the boat: buffeted by the storms of life, caught in the grip of our own anxiety and fears. Unable to place or trust in the God who can save us from the trials which come our way.

The gospel invites us to pause and reflect upon the storm-filled moments in our own lives, and calls us to trust not in our own efforts, but in the calming presence of Jesus. Even though Jesus rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith, they are slowly realising that Jesus is the Son of God, and has shown how faith in him can lead to a deeper and richer life in following where he leads us forward to battle the struggles of sin and death which lead to what St Paul describes in his letter to the Corinthians: '...and for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.'

Fr Kelvin

THE HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL. Our Parish will be holding a special appeal next weekend for the **Holy Father**. The Holy Father's appeal supports Pope Francis' charitable works around the world and is an important source of funding that allows the church to extend its help to where it's most desperately needed. Your support with this appeal would be greatly appreciated.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.*

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

* Sick: Emmanuel ARAPA, Jose BRITO, Donna CORDINA,
Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Facunda MARTINO (7 years),
Luis MARTINO, Anna MILLZARSKI, Bogdan MILLZARSKI,
Justin ZERAFA, 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: Bro. Benedict OLSEN fsp, Tony MITTIGA,
Tomislav DUIC, Joseph Tsi Sing LAY

* Anniversary:

* Other: Very Special Intention



PRAYER REQUESTS: Could you please let the Parish Secretary know if any names can be taken off our prayers for the sick. Thank you

St Teresa of Avila: The Way of Perfection Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality, Randwick

Dates: Wednesday's 1, 8, 15 July 2015, 7.00-8.30pm.

Course Cost: \$30 Limited Spaces- Bookings Essential. To register: <http://trybooking.com/HURG> or Ph: 9398 2211

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" - Have you considered participating in the National Pilgrimage?

Participation in this pilgrimage gives you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. While on pilgrimage you are invited to reflect on St Mary MacKillop's life and to recognise her relevance in your own life. Such reflection can encourage you to emulate her courage, perseverance, joy and deep faith.

DATES: 21st October – 31st October, 2015

COST EX SYDNEY: \$2,700 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and all meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$530.00

For further information please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator on 02 8912 4858 or therese.leydon@sosj.org.au. We look forward to journeying with you on this pilgrimage.



All married couples are warmly invited
To renew their wedding vows at the 2015
MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS
To be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Sunday 12th July, 2015 at 10:30am
St Mary's Cathedral

Couples are requested to RSVP to the Life, Marriage & Family Centre on (02) 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org
For couples celebrating 50, 55, 60 and 65 years of marriage, RSVPs are essential for the purpose of arranging a special certificate from the Archbishop.

"What do I want to do in life?"

Are you a young adult Catholic (18-35) wondering what direction you want to take in life? If you are why not come along to our Vocations' Retreat at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre (SW Sydney) on July 24th-26th. If you want more information or to speak with one of the team giving the retreat contact the Centre: 02 8795 3400

CANTORS WANTED! St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important role as part of our team of cantors please contact the music department on **9220 0481** or music@stmaryscathedral.org.au. We are looking for people who have good voices and are keen to be involved with the liturgical life of the Cathedral. A basic knowledge of how to read music and some singing experience would be an advantage.

YOUTH CORNER

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 July, 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 tomasz@johnthebaptist.org.au

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If honour were profitable, everybody would be honourable."
(*St Thomas More*)



Jordan and Galilee

Our next Jordan and Galilee night will be held on Friday 26th June 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 group includes 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 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!



World Youth Day — CorE night!

Are you interested in heading to World Youth Day and assisting as a group leader? Are you keen on finding out more about the pilgrimages and what to do if you're keen to take some people over to Poland? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then this night is for you! *Catholic Youth Services* will be running an information night for all young leaders who are interested in heading to World Youth Day and would like more info and details on pilgrimages, leading, taking a group over and much more. Bernard (Archdiocesan WYD coordinator) and Monica (WYD project officer) have just returned from a familiarisation tour to Poland and will be presenting all the info you need to get going on this fantastic WYD trip! The night also includes free dinner and will be held on Monday 22nd June at 108 The Crescent, Homebush West from 6:00pm. Please RSVP to tomasz@catholicyouthservices.org by Monday morning if you're interested in attending. Hope to see you in Krakow!



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

This year in Adelaide, from the 3-5 December, Australia will be holding its second ever Catholic

Youth Festival (the first one being in Melbourne, 2013). This is an opportunity to meet countless new young people, listen to talks and presentations and discover what God has planned for you maybe? ☺ Currently, it is still 'early days,' so there will be information regarding this coming up soon. This is perhaps the biggest youth event in Australia and is also a time to relax, settle and enjoy the lovely Adelaide atmosphere. This is something which I've had the privilege of witnessing and hearing about as have many, many friends of mine, who said it was one of the most fantastic experiences they've ever had. The plan is to get a group of young people from John the Baptist going, so contact me ASAP if it is on your mind.



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 24th June at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **For all those who are persecuted and criticised for their beliefs.** If you would like to offer an intention one week, please contact Joe to do so.

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. Kelvin or Fr. Phan and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the sick or ill.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS will be held **THIS weekend ONLY** at the following times:
Saturday 20th June - 4:00pm to 5:15pm and 6:30pm to 7:00pm on and **Sunday 21st June** - 9:00am to Noon.
 NO enrolments will be accepted after 21st June, 2015.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/2016 are now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

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.



MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I would like to invite any parishioner who might be considering becoming a Minister of Holy Communion to speak with me after Mass. If you have nominated to serve as a Minister of Holy Communion, there is a course being conducted by the Archdiocesan Liturgy Office on Saturdays the 27th June and 4th July at All Saints Parish, Liverpool. If you are presently serving as a Minister of Holy Communion, you are welcome to attend the course. Course details and application forms can be found near the Ministers of Holy Communion rosters below the Church noticeboard. Once you have completed the application form please hand it into the parish secretary Leanne Lang at the parish office, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights. If you have any further enquiries please contact the co-ordinator Linda on 9607 4993.

RISE with The Catholic Guy One Day Event

One moment with God can completely change our world and allow Him to breathe freshness, ignite passion and give us a renewed sense of hope. Rise is open to all ages and is an opportunity for you to come and have your faith and life transformed.

DATE: Saturday 27th June, 2015 (1pm - 9 pm)

VENUE: Mount Carmel Catholic College, 210 Spitfire Drive, Varroville

COST: FREE (Dinner included)

CHILDREN: Pre-register for the special FREE daytime program for children aged 2 to 10 years.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: info@thecatholicguy.com or Ph: 1300 734 880

STRATHFIELD: 'WALKING THE CAMINO'. Saturday, June 27th, **Extra Session 3:00pm**. St Martha's Hall, Churchill Avenue, Strathfield. An 80 minute audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney about a 800km walk through northern Spain along an ancient pilgrimage path. Destination Santiago Cathedral, the burial place of St. James the Apostle. Q & A session on conclusion. Suggested donation \$10/\$8 concession pp at door. Limited seating. **Registration essential**. Send Peter an email: caminos@peterkearneysongs.com.au. Please specify event location 'Strathfield' and number of seats needed.

Catholic Education Centre, Lidcombe - Courses on the Bible and Australian Catholic University short course on Jesus and the Gospels please see Church noticeboard.

Ministries Next Week 27/28 June	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Abela G Turnbull	N Belen T Simpson	H Pinto A Pinto	M O'Mara G Colusso
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS:	D Tomic L Tononcelli D Adam J Oliveri L Topic P Micali M Brito	F Bushby A Liberatore N Vartuli B Vartuli	L Aulsebrook C Porreca A Pinto D Ellul J Papaleo G Buttel N Laureti M Bridges S Stornelli	

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 July or after, are asked to attend a preparation session which will be held this Sunday 5th July, 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 took place on Saturday 6th and 13th June, 2015 and Sunday 7th and 14th June, 2015.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September, 2015. **Enrolments** will take place **THIS weekend ONLY** Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June, 2015. Enquiries Linda Barilla 9607 4993. See notice on left.

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



We congratulate the families of Valentino CORREIA, Emilia CAVICCHIA, Chase ELLUL and Tien DUONG who will be baptised here this Sunday 21st June.

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. Duration time is approximately 30 minutes. For further information please contact Frances on 0438 213 313.



PARISH SUPPER AND MORNING TEA

Parishioners are invited to stay after all Masses next weekend 27th & 28th June for a cup of tea or coffee. Please bring a plate of food to share.

July 4, day retreat

Desiring God's Will Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

Ph: 02 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Registration: 9:00am – 10:15am Retreat: 10:20am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$20 Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Pick-ups from Minto station: 9:30am and 10:00am

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY HSC STUDY WEEK
Book you place now. Places are still available for HSC students wanting to gain valuable study tips and intensive exam preparation. Cost is \$345 for five days tuition running from **6-10 July**. For more information call 8204 4228.



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