



# John the Baptist Parish

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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**

For the soul - Tsi Sing Lay

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Callistus I, pope, martyr*

For the souls - Rosina Lettieri & Giuseppe Petrucci

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor*

For the souls - Giuseppe Fedele & Fred Dreisat

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Hedwig, religious*

*St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr*

## SUNDAY 17/18 OCTOBER

*(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm**

For the soul - Antonia Da Rin

**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 heart is divided when...
- ◆ I find it hardest to follow Jesus when...
- ◆ What I have given up to follow Jesus is...
- ◆ What I have yet to give up is...

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 10th & 11th October, 2015

“Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life” (cf. Mark 10: 17)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel reading according to Mark this week brings a significant question which every Christian on this planet should consider, that is what do we do to inherit the life of eternity? This question is indeed a good wonder.

This question could also be a good reminder of who we are? Where do we come from and where are we going to?

Apparently through the Word of God we come to understand that we are created in the image and likeness of God. This goodness and perfection in us are defiled by sins. The separation from the “Source of Life” as the consequence of our sinful choices has caused us suffering and death. However, the omnipotent and omniscient God, through his love and mercy, gave us a perfect way to regain the perfect stage of happiness which we have lost through sins. That perfect way is Jesus Christ his Only Begotten Son who is the head and the Church is his body.

Jesus has given the Church the authority over death and commanded ‘Her’ to continue the saving mission through the sacraments that he instituted. The Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1265 teaches that “Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neo-type ‘a new creature’, an adopted son of God, who has become a ‘partaker of the divine nature’, member of Christ and co-heir with him, and the temple of the Holy Spirit”.

Through the merits of this essential sacrament, we are called to bring our human nature to its fulfilment that is to be perfect like our Father in heaven is the Perfect One (Matthew 5:48). In other words, we are called to be saints justified by the action of imitating the life of Christ as the Catechism describes “Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God, sanctified ... [and] called to be saints” (CCC no. 1695). The means of ‘imitating the life of Christ’ requires an attentive focus on his words and bring them into action.

There are obviously obstacles in this process. The obstacles can be resulted by our own weakness, selfishness, over-ambition, self-centredness or by the force of temptations. These elements will prevent us fulfilling the requirements of God’s laws. The Gospel reading of this week provides us a good example. The young man was yearning to seek the fulfilment of God’s laws, however selfishness has prevented him. This young man has done a good job in keeping the requirements of God’s laws. He, however, failed to let the guidance of God be his way of life.

In able to achieve the fulfilments of God’s laws, there are the requirements of self-sacrifice and the submission to the will of God. Amen.

Reference:

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Homebush: Society of St Paul Publication, 1994.

Fr Phan Nguyen

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



**Sick:** Jose BRITTO, Ray CLARKE, Maila CORKILL, Fahed JREISAT, Emmanuel ARAPA, Jose BRITO, Donna CORDINA, Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Facunda MARTINO (7 years), Luis MARTINO, Anna MILLZARSKI, Bogdan MILLZARSKI, Justin ZERAFKA, Cherish ADINA (1 year), Carmen SPITERI, Audrey SPITERI, Christine TRIGAS, Crystel SACOBOS, Eugene KLEIBERT, Dora BADINO, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Kui LAI

**Recently Deceased:** Rosina LETTIERI, Giuseppe PETRULLA, George THURN

**Death Anniversary:** Antonia DA RIN

**Other:** Very Special Intention



We congratulate the families of Ariana FARIAS, Joel FEDELE and Dominik MARKOVIC who will be baptised here this Sunday 11th October.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT for SEPTEMBER 2015**

Over the past month the Parish St Vincent De Paul Conference assisted a number of families in the parish areas of Bonnyrigg, Smithfield, Sadleir, Smithfield and Bossley Park.

All money from the Poor Boxes, Piety Store and donations support the above. Thank you **Errol** for co-ordinating this important ministry.

Over the past month proceeds have been:

Poor Boxes	\$194.90
Piety Store	\$550.00
Donations	Amount pending

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 **handmade cards, and quality religious Gifts.**

A special thank you **Virginia and Rose** and the volunteers who faithfully run the Piety Store for your efforts to raise funds for the poor and so make tomorrow a better place for people in their time of need. **Recently, we celebrated with many people, Col Purcell's 50 years of voluntary service to the Society. Such an achievement deserves acclamation and congratulations from all.**

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.

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

**Tuesday 27 October: Laudato Si' - Sydney Colloquium**

You are invited to participate in an opportunity to engage with Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and creation and deepen your understanding of his challenge for each of us to protect the earth, dignify humanity and restore God's gift of creation. The Pope places the environmental crisis as "the greatest moral challenge of our time." Catholic Mission, Catholic Earthcare and Catholic Religious Australia will host Fr Denis Edward a renowned theologian in the field. Participants will have an opportunity for prayer and reflection, to engage with local leaders and practitioners in the field and will enable you to be inspired and explore different ways and ideas in which **Laudato Si'** can be practically lived out through a facilitated workshop.

**Time:** 8:30am - 4pm **Register:** www.the.franciseffectII.com

**Venue:** Lidcombe Catholic Club, Dooleys, 24 John St, Lidcombe

**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 1st November, 2015.

All are welcome to attend!

For more information on the activities and Youth Groups below see the WYD/Youth Group bulletin board or Joe on 9823 2572 or email Joe at [josephs@johnthebaptist.org.au](mailto:josephs@johnthebaptist.org.au)

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

**RIDDLE:** What is better than God, worse than the Devil, the dead eat it and if we eat it, we'll die?

**McDonald's Night!**

On Tuesday evening, **20th October**, McDonalds will be supporting the youth of the John the Baptist parish community that are willing to seek Christ in their lives through the celebration of World Youth Day next year in Krakow. McDonald's (see poster outside for further details), **corner of Elizabeth Drive and Smithfield Road**, from the hours of **6pm-8pm**, will be making a **15% donation with all Front Counter and McCafe purchases** (therefore, does not include Drive-Thru), where this money will go towards the youth of the parish, so this global and enriching experience can become more affordable for them. Please spread the word and come along anytime between these two hours for a meal. Hope to see many people there! God bless always. I'm lovin' it...☺



**Jordan and Galilee**

Thank you to all those who came on Friday night and participated in what



was another wonderful night. A big shout out to **Pierre Trad** also for coming along and sharing his beautiful testimony with the Galilee youth group about how he found the faith and found Christ. Our next Jordan and Galilee night will be held on Friday 30th October 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! If children could remember to bring a gold coin donation that would be greatly appreciated. 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, 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. Also **NET** are coming! The National Evangelization Team from CYS, Homebush will be running this night. They are perhaps, the six wittiest, fun, loving and engaging individuals that you'll ever meet and they will host what will be an undoubtedly awesome night! So come along to what will surely be an awesome night! **Next time, remember to try to bring along another friend! Even if they go to a different school, it'd be great to see some new faces, but more importantly, to share the joy of the JB youth group with them.**



**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 14th October at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **for an increased devotion to Mary.** If you would like to offer an intention one week, please contact Joe to do so. Come along all you young people for a chance to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, worship Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. On the second Wednesday of the month (next one is 13<sup>th</sup> October), we would like to make our way to Mouties for a meal and a bit of 'chill 'n' chat.' All are welcome and it would be great to see you there!

### Mass Intentions and Offerings

If you would like a Mass offered for a specific intention, please fill in a Mass Intention envelope and submit it with the collection, to the Parish Office or to the priest. Specific days of the week can be requested for Mass intentions, although only one intention can be designated per Mass. The intention will be noted on the front page of the bulletin.

### New CHILD PROTECTION OFFICE

The Archbishop of Sydney has announced a new child protection office for the Archdiocese – The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office. The office will work to achieve best practice when dealing with child protection, education, training, working with parishes and responding pastorally to survivors of abuse. The Office will work with the NSW Ombudsman and the NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian.

Ms Karen Larkman has been appointed as the Director. She has more than 25 years experience in child protection, family services and operating procedures, complaint investigation, early intervention programs and government liaison internationally and in Australia. The new office will build on the work undertaken by the Archdiocese on child protection while providing innovative, strategic and compassionate pathways to assist victims and protect the vulnerable.

### PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

**Baptisms** are usually held on Sundays. It is necessary to make a booking through the parish office and attend a Baptism Preparation session with either Fr James, Fr Phan or Deacon Mervyn. The Baptism will be pencilled in, and will only be confirmed once you have attended a Baptism Preparation session.

### Sacrament of First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession:

This will take place on November 10, 11, 12 and 13. Enrolments have now ceased. Week 1 of preparation lessons have now begun.

**First Holy Communion:** Took place on Saturday 6th and 13th June, 2015 and Sunday 7th and 14th June, 2015.

**Confirmation** took place on 19th and 20th September, 2015.

**Please keep watching this space for changes or updates**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/2016** 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 are also yellow Standing Authority forms available. Thank you for support.

Ministries Next Week 17/18 Oct	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	E Vella J Oliveri	P Lavorato T Simpson	N Dubuisson A Vlahadamis	A Watts G Colusso
<b>EUCARIST MINISTERS:</b>	D Tomic L Tononcelli D Adam J Oliver L Topic P Micali M Brito	M Borgia S Ives T Simpson M Jebrail	E Villegas G Dunn H Fenech M Lavorato J Sullivan C Goodyer Delicia Vella J Vella G Zangari	

## UPCOMING PARISH & WESTERN DEANERY EVENTS



**Sunday 11 October: 11.30am:**  
**TEEN TALK GAVEL CLUB (Public Speaking for Students in Yrs 5 - 12).** The group will meet in the Parish Hall.



### **'COME AND SIT WITH THE LORD' CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**Every Tuesday at 8pm.** Give 20 minutes of your busy day to Jesus and experience the difference in your life. Held in the Church chapel. Duration time is approximately 30 minutes. For further information, contact Frances on 0438 213 313.

### **Bereavement Support Group: Wednesday 14 October**

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. The group meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. This group will be fairly informal but we will have resources to guide us through. **The next meeting is Wednesday 14th October.** If you need any information please do not hesitate to contact Josie on 9607 3973. You are able to join this group at anytime.

### **BIBLE STUDY: Every Thursday 10am - 11am**

Gathers 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.



### **Friday 16–Sat 17 October: Heart Women’s Conference @ Fairfield RSL.**

A time to come together as Christian women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Register: [TheCatholicGuy.tv/heart](http://TheCatholicGuy.tv/heart)  
Email: [heart@thecatholicguy.tv](mailto:heart@thecatholicguy.tv) Ph: 1300 734 880

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE SOCIALLY ISOLATED**



Christmas is almost upon us and there are many people without gifts at Christmas. The Sisters of Charity Outreach is asking for help to provide some toiletries to 29 socially isolated women. A basket in the Parish meeting room will be available to place donated items. Please email Susan [sives7th@gmail.com](mailto:sives7th@gmail.com) or call 0419 606 683.

Items are required before 4 December. Thank you for your support.



### **Pope Francis weekly tweet @ Pontifex.**

*“The faith is not a gift just for me.*

*Faith is given to be joyfully shared.”*

**FOUND:** A Ladies jacket was found in the Church after the Parish Confirmations on Sunday 20th September. Please call the Parish Office.

### **FRENCH MASS - 5pm - 4th Sunday of every Month**

St. Anthony’s Parish, Eleventh Avenue, Austral  
**Next Mass: 25th October**



### **PARISH HOUSIE: Every Saturday 2pm – 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, contact **Gambling Help 1800 858 858**  
[www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au)

## 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:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!*

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

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 October 2015

### First Reading Wis 7:7-11

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom  
came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres  
and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a  
pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14**

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.  
(R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions  
of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and  
active; it cuts like any double-edged sword  
but more finely: it can slip through the place  
where the soul is divided from the spirit,  
or joints from the marrow; it can judge the  
secret emotions and thoughts. No created  
thing can hide from him; everything is  
uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to  
whom we must give account of ourselves.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mk 10:17-30

**or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)**

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark**

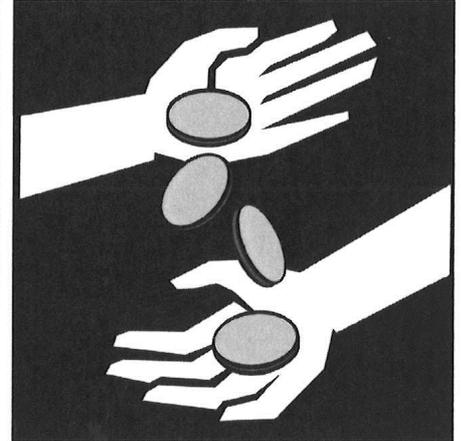
*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man  
ran up, knelt before him and put this question  
to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit  
eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you  
call me good? No one is good but God alone.  
You know the commandments: You must not  
kill; You must not commit adultery; You must  
not steal; You must not bring false witness;  
You must not defraud; Honour your father and  
mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have  
kept all these from my earliest days.'  
Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and  
he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and  
sell everything you own and give the money to  
the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;  
then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these  
words and he went away sad, for he was a man  
of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples,  
'How hard it is for those who have riches to  
enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were  
astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted,  
'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is  
to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a  
camel to pass through the eye of a needle than  
for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.'  
They were more astonished than ever.  
'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can  
be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he  
said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because  
everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked  
him. 'We have left everything and followed you.'  
Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one  
who has left house, brothers, sisters, father,  
children or land for my sake and for the sake  
of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred  
times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers,  
children and land – not without persecutions  
– now in this present time and, in the world to  
come, eternal life.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



### Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to  
join him in bringing about the reign of  
God requires absolute commitment and  
a willingness to give up that which is  
most precious to us. The rich man who  
approached Jesus was genuine in his  
desire to fulfil all the requirements of the  
Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to  
him all the commandments that deal with  
right relationships with others. The man is  
able to tick these off and assure Jesus that  
he has been doing this since childhood – a  
pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus  
'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he  
looked on him with the eyes of love; the  
eyes that see to the heart of a person, and  
in that look knew what was most important  
to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress  
no doubt that the man was wealthy and  
so it is this aspect of the man's life that  
Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This  
gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a  
condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the  
man's inability to surrender his wealth that  
Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart  
of the man and asks if he is willing to give  
up that which is most important in his life.  
The man is unable to do what Jesus asks  
of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's  
sad because he knows that he has been  
tested and failed. He knows that what he  
genuinely desired was within his reach  
but he needed to let go of his position, his  
status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what  
he desired in both hands.

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