



# John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

2016 - Jubilee Year of Mercy

(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**

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

*St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious*

For the Souls of Gael Ea & Doris Goh

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas  
More, martyrs*

For the Souls of Giovanni Gottardo  
& Giuseppe Petrulla

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St Paulinus of Nola, bishop*

For the Soul of Mary Tian  
Sayavongsa

**Friday - 9:10am**

*Nativity of St John the Baptist*

For Darren Owm (sick)

**Saturday - 9:10am**

## SUNDAY 25/26 JUNE

(13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

**Sunday Masses :**

8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

**4th Sunday of the Month:**

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays— 4:15 - 5:00pm



### **Reflection Questions**

- ◆ My prayer is an encounter with God that reveals to me that I am.....
- ◆ I find it most difficult to shoulder my daily cross when.....
- ◆ To deny self when.....
- ◆ To give my life for another when.....
- ◆ My prayer is most fruitful and life-sustaining for my discipleship when.....

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)  
18th & 19th June, 2016

### **Reflection on Luke (9:18-24)**

**“Who do you say that I am”**

Who is Jesus for you? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah for hundreds of years. They believed that this Messiah would come and rescue them from slavery. The Jews expected the Messiah to be someone who would be a King and have his own worldly kingdom. They did not understand that Christ the Messiah came to rescue them from the slavery of sin.

Peter, always quick to respond, professed that Jesus is truly the Christ. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the eyes of faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to publicly recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (also translated Messiah or Christ). Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word, Messiah.

Peter's faith, however, was sorely tested when Jesus explained that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard this word! How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways! Through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us our salvation. If we want to share in Christ's victory, then we must also take up our cross and follow him where he leads us. What is the "cross" that I must take up? When my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness to others the joy and truth of the gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is?

"Lord, I believe and I profess that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Take my will, my life, and all that I have, that I may be wholly yours now and forever."

Deacon Mervyn Francis.

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



**Sick:** Fr John LANGTRY, Fr Denis Foley, Archbishop Anthony FISHER, Sebastian AGUIAR, Maria KONTREC, Bishop George PHIMPISAN, Fr John CHIANG, Maila CORKILL, Fahed JREISAT, Emmanuel ARAPA, Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Facunda MARTINO (7 years), Luis MARTINO, Anna MILLZARSKI, Bogdan MILLZARSKI, Justin ZERAFA, Carmen SPITERI, Audrey SPITERI, Christine TRIGAS, Crystel SACOBOS, Eugene KLEIBERT, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Ciro PUNZO, Valerie McCARTHY, Gemma GATT, Pamela LEVERS, Lily TANTIYA, Cecilia ABELA, Brindley & Virginia CAVALLARO, Sarah CANCERI, Doug ANDERSON, Doris LIGHTOWER, Joe BARILLA, Darren OWM

**Recently Deceased:** John KATAVICH, Gael EE, Doris GOH, Giovanni GOTTARDO, Giuseppe PETRULLA, Ray CLARKE, Merlyn BINONGO, Warren IRISH, Charlie BUSUTTIL,

**Death Anniversary:** Mary Tian SAYAVONGSA

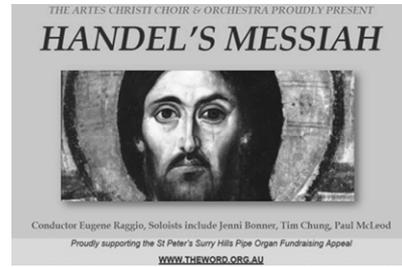
**Other:** Very Special Intention

**YOUTH CORNER**



**World Youth Day – One Month to go!!**

Please remember to pray for our young parishioners that are attending World Youth Day which is in just over a month's time. Pray that this may be a life-changing experience, that they come back rich in the faith and ready to share Our Lord's joy with their friends and families.



You are invited to experience the masterpiece which is Handel's Messiah presented this June by the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. **SUNDAY 26 JUNE, 2pm** at St Peter's Church, Surry Hills  
Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 concession.



**FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IMAGE TO THE REDEMPTORIST ORDER.**

All are welcome to attend a special Mass at 5.30pm on Monday, 27 June 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral for the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the 150th anniversary of the gifting of the image to the Redemptorist Order. This significant anniversary is important for many, especially those with special devotion to this feast.

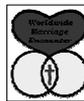
**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME INFORMATION EVENING**

The University of Notre Dame will hold an information evening in the Sutherland Shire on Wednesday, 22 June 2016 from 5pm-7pm at St Aloysius Parish Hall, 18 Giddings Avenue, Cronulla. Current students and staff will be available to help prospective students make an informed decision about tertiary study. Applications will be accepted on the night. Please phone 8204 4404 or to [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au) for further information.



**ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS**

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 3rd July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Terence Brady. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org) Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend –**

relationship enrichment for married couples 24-26 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Bookings online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)



**SmartLoving Marriage Seminar Pennant Hills July 2016**

**Saturday 23, 7-10pm & Sunday 24, 9am-5pm**

You want your marriage to be the best.....committed, intimate, joyful and passionate. Presented in an Catholic context, the **SmartLoving Marriage Seminars** is a private experience open to married couples of any faith. Whether you've been married for one year or fifty years, if you long for deep, satisfying, intimacy with your spouse, this seminar is for you.

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In 2015, Pope Francis called a Jubilee Year of Mercy, which calls all people to seek and show Mercy. In response, Catholic Youth

Services will host the "Mercy Series" at our monthly formation talks—Catholicism 101. The "Mercy Series" aims to breakdown the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy and provide a basic theoretical understanding of them and then to show by the example of other in our community how we can practically live these works out in our lives. This month we welcome Fr Duncan Wong FSSP.



**Sam Clear... WALK4ONE**

Special thank you to Sam Clear who came to visit the youth of our parish on Friday, where he shared with us the highs, lows and wows of his amazing 15,000km journey on foot around the world. We hope that you were inspired! Please pray for Sam and all the work that he does and let us pray for Christian unity too!



**YOUTH MASS**

The first Sunday evening Mass of every month will be a youth Mass, where we encourage as much of our youth as possible to be involved! They'll have the chance to be involved in alter serving, music ministry, reading and offertory. Those that are and aren't involved in youth group are all welcome to attend. Afterwards, you'll have the opportunity to stay back for some pizza and to even play a game or two if there's a lot of us. The next youth Mass will be 3rd July, so we hope to see many of you there and get a chance to hang out for a short while afterwards.



**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 the Holy Hour as well as some time for fellowship with other youth. So please join us this Wednesday 22nd June at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **For peace in the world and in our hearts.** If you would like to offer an intention one week, please contact Joe to do so. Come along for a chance to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass and worship Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.



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!

**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:**

Will take place in term 4 (November 2016).

**First Holy Communion:** Will take place on 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th June.

**Confirmation:** Will take place on 25th September, 2016. Enrolments have now taken place. Programme starts in Term 3.

**Please keep watching this space for changes or updates or call the Parish Office.**



*We congratulate the following Children who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend:*

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| ALVARO, Adrienne       | LE, Marcheline        |
| ARENA, Jacob           | MAGRI, Nataleigh      |
| BARTLEY, Morrison      | MALLARI, Alysha       |
| BILA, Chiara           | MARAMBIO, Fabian      |
| BLASKOVIC, Daniel      | MONTELEONE, Isabella  |
| BLASKOVIC, Gabriel     | MONTELEONE, Sofia     |
| BORGES, Mia            | MUSUMECI, Joel        |
| CAPASSO, Brianna       | MYERS, Elena          |
| CHAPELLE, Katia-Alyssa | ORAH, George          |
| CHANDRA, Jordan        | ORAH, Thomas          |
| CHETCUTI, Annabelle    | PEREIRA, Diamantino   |
| COLETTA, Amelia        | PUGLIA, James         |
| COUZINS, Adelaide      | PUNTORIERO, Joshua    |
| DARKE, Keira           | SCAMARDELLA, Angelina |
| De BATTISTA, Sarah     | SHERINGHAM, Joshua    |
| DEFINA, Michael        | SIRIVONG, Emily       |
| Di MARTINO, Rita       | SMITH, Chantel        |
| DUONG, Carlos          | STRATI, Matteo        |
| FALZON, Sophia         | SUNJIC, Luka          |
| FEDELE, Lara           | TA, Anthony           |
| GORGES, Charlize       | THAN, Isabel          |
| GORGES, Cruz           | TIRZABIAN, Leora      |
| GORGEES, Natalia       | TOMA, Dianna          |
| GRAZIOTTO, Mikayla     | TOMA, Giselle         |
| GUIDONE, Sophia        | TOMAC, Ella           |
| KOREAL, Maryam         | TRAN, Joseph          |
| LADURNER, Ethan        | VU, My-Thien          |

**FR JAMES IN CANADA AT A CONFERENCE**

Fr James will be away for 11 days from June 11-22. He is representing the Archdiocese of Sydney at an international conference on Church Renewal in the example of Pope Francis. He can be contacted via email while he is away.

Ministries Next Week 25/26 June	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	J Oliveri M Camilleri	D Cordina M Jebrail	L Aulsebrook M Aulsebrook	J Sullivan C Sullivan
<b>EUCARIST MINISTERS:</b>	B Gorla M Harvey T Grana P Grana D Rotondo B Empeigne A Pace	A Liberatore J Gauchi B Vartuli N Vartuli	N Laureti D Oliveri S Stornelli N Freeman N Dubuisson J Habib A Vlahadamis D Cordina E Villegas	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	F Aloe	J Coiera		
<b>CHURCH CLEANERS: Group 7</b>	R Shamounadeh	A Israel	V Martinez	R Gentile

**UPCOMING PARISH & WESTERN DEANERY EVENTS**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**



Next Friday is the Nativity of John the Baptist. We will be transferring this Solemnity to Sunday so that we can celebrate our Feast Day as a parish.

Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food to share after all Masses.

**END OF JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CELEBRATION 20 NOVEMBER 2016**

The parish intends to have an international food fair with the possibility of some entertainment. We have run out of disposable plates. We would appreciate it if you could help donate some small disposable plates for this event. If you could assist, please place them in the basket provided in the Church meeting room. Thank you for your support.

**ANNUAL HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL**

On Sunday 3rd July the annual Holy Father's Appeal is being held. Your compassion and generosity to contribute to this great cause which fulfils the benevolent works of Pope Francis in the areas of greatest need, wherever it is in the world. Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support.



**All are welcome**

John the Baptist Prayer group is inviting everyone for an evening of Praise and Worship, fellowship, teaching and much more.

Why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of worship, teaching and great fellowship. This is a great opportunity, so come and be inspired, refreshed.

**When:** 7.15pm - 30th June, 2016 (meetings every fortnight)

**Where:** John the Baptist Parish Hall, Bonnyrigg Heights

**Contact:** Susan: 02 9607 5137



**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.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** is available for purchase at \$2.00 per copy. A trial is being undertaken to determine interest after a number of years without it being sold. The money for the Catholic Weekly can be put into the poor box or handed to the Piety stall.

**SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN** on discernment and the priesthood led by Fr Grey Morgan. The retreat will be on **24-26 June** at Mt Shoenstatt, Mulgoa. To enquire or register go to [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2016/2017** 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.



**Pope Francis weekly tweet @ Pontifex.**

*"Do not tire of asking in prayer for the Lord's help especially in difficulty."*



**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:** *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:** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!*

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

### First Reading **Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1**

#### A reading from the prophet Zechariah

It is the Lord who speaks: 'Over the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son, and weep for him as people weep for a first-born child. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Judah, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. When that day comes, a fountain will be opened for the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem, for sin and impurity.'

#### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9**

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

### Second Reading **Galatians 3:26-29**

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

You are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Merely by belonging to Christ you are the posterity of Abraham, the heirs he was promised.

#### The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation: **John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel **Luke 9:18-24**

#### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this.

'The Son of Man' he said 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.'

Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

