



# 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 2

'Prayer of the Church'

prayed at John the Baptist  
10 minutes

before weekday Masses  
Morning and Evening Prayer

**Monday - No Mass**

*St Elizabeth of Portugal*

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

*St Anthony Zaccaria, priest*  
For the Souls of Regina Hendricks &  
Christopher Minjoot

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr*  
For the Souls of Frances Watts and  
Catherine Ee

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*Bl Peter ToRot, martyr*

**Friday - 9:10am**

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest,  
and companions, martyrs*

**SUNDAY 9/10 JULY**

*(15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.)*

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

**Sunday Masses :**

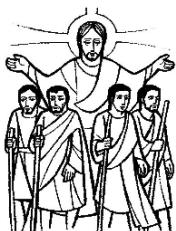
8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

**4th Sunday of the Month:**

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays – 4:15 - 5:00pm



**Reflection Questions**

- ◆ For me, the "kingdom of God" is.....
- ◆ I experience being sent forth as a labourer for Jesus' harvest of the "kingdom of God" when.....
- ◆ My response is.....
- ◆ As Jesus' disciple, I am welcomed when.....
- ◆ I am rejected when.....
- ◆ In either case, Jesus says to

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Pope's Annual Appeal**

**2nd & 3rd July, 2016**

**"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers." Luke 10:2**

Catholics have often connected these words from today's Gospel with the need to pray for priestly and religious vocations. However, the call to missionary activity is the responsibility of all the baptised.

I recently returned from Canada having attended the week-long International Conference titled 'Divine Renovation.' It was a great experience and an honour to receive first-hand from one of the best examples of an up-to-date Catholic parish that is living the ways of Pope Francis in the Third Millennium. I was asked to attend the Conference as a representative of the Archdiocese of Sydney and over 600 delegates attended from around the world, with more than half of them being lay leaders. The Conference was an opportunity to learn from and be immersed in the experience behind the book of the same name – 'Divine Renovation', which tells the story of St Benedict's Parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, a parish that was formed by the amalgamation of 3 parishes only 5 years ago. Despite the name, the conference was not about church architecture or building projects, but rather about bringing the church from maintenance to mission, as Pope Francis has often discussed (See *Evangelium Gaudium*). The Parish of St Benedict in Halifax hosted the Conference in conjunction with the Mount St Vincent University. The conference reflected on every aspect of parish identity and how a parish needs more than just priests to function effectively.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council in the 1960s (*Lumen Gentium* #40) taught that there are two universal calls by God for every person. Every person is called to holiness and everyone (children, the elderly, the youth and middle-aged) is called to be missionaries who go out into the world and make disciples of those around us. I think that most Catholics understand that we are called to enter into a deep and loving relationship with Jesus (the call to holiness), however most of us at times are reluctant to become the labourers of God who go into the world, proclaim the good news and courageously make disciples of those around us.

For the parishioners at St Benedict's in Halifax, they have developed what they call "The Game Plan," which is a process whereby every parishioner is invited to take on the responsibility of forming disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ. They have achieved this by creating an invitational church that forms both Catholics and non-Catholics to be disciples. With the assistance of the Alpha Course, through Connect Groups, through ministry, discipleship groups and through worship, they have refocussed everything they do in the parish. A parish does not exist to create a temple of individualistic holy people who drop-in to get a slice of the sacred, but rather a parish exists to form disciples who live out the universal call to holiness and also live out the call to go and make more disciples. The sacraments assist us in this call, however if we never go out and make disciples, then we are beginning to fail as Christians, says Pope Francis.

As a part of its vision, St Benedict's has described a Christian by the following qualities. I think these qualities could be a good starting point for our reflection. A disciple in the vision of St Benedict's Parish, and indeed for the Church, is one who:

"has a personal relationship with Jesus, can and does share faith with others, is open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, has knowledge and love of the Scriptures, knows basic Catholic theology, has a daily prayer life, experiences real Christian community, has a commitment to Sunday Mass, celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation, can pray spontaneously out loud when asked (which in fact presumes the practice of personal, daily prayer), serves in ministry, and sees his or her life as a mission field." (*Divine Renovation Guidebook*, p.59).

**Fr James McCarthy**

**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:** Regina HENDRICKS, Christopher MINJOOT, Ken HARVEY, John KATAVICH, Gael EE, Doris GOH, Giovanni GOTTARDO, Giuseppe PETRULLA, Charlie BUSUTTIL

**Death Anniversary:** Joseph CIAPPARA, Frances WATTS, Catherine EE

**Other:** Very Special Intention

## YOUTH CORNER



### World Youth Day – 2 weeks to go!

Please remember to pray for our young parishioners that are attending World Youth Day which is in just over a months' 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.



### World Youth Day Commissioning Mass

We'd like to congratulate the following parishioners who will be leaving in two weeks' time for their respective pilgrimages. Out of the fourteen, we have people going to Italy, including Rome and Assisi; the Holy Lands, including the place where Jesus our Lord, died and rose from the dead; Fatima (Portugal) and Lourdes (France), where Mother Mary appeared to innocent children teaching them about the Rosary; and post-WYD retreats in Zakopane (the Polish mountains), Vienna and Prague. Please pray for the following parishioners, that they may come back alive in the faith to share with others and as joyous as ever before!

Rachel Camilleri  
Darius Carlin  
Sarah Dunn  
Brianna Fraser  
Bernadette George  
Lara Klaser  
Mathew Micali  
Annarita Palozzo  
Mario Palozzo  
Abnob Putros  
Chantelle Rafoo  
Silvia Sullivan  
Joseph Sullivan  
Madeleine Thai



### ALTAR GIRLS' CAMP:

Join other girls for fun, fellowship, and prayer at an Altar Girls' Camp on the **10th-12th of July. Ages 10-15 years old.** Visit [www.guildofststephen.org.au](http://www.guildofststephen.org.au) for more details, or ring **9524-7283**.

**City Silence** - City Silence is a weekly Holy Hour for young adults (aged 18-35) at St Mary's Cathedral every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm (excluding January). City Silence includes times of silence, reflection, scripture, and song; confessions are generally available. Following City Silence everyone is welcome to a casual dinner at a nearby restaurant. Access to City Silence is via the eastern door of the Cathedral which is located at the top of the stairs from the Cathedral car park. Please note on AUGUST 2 City Silence will NOT run.

### July 12, 2016 Catholicism 101 "Mercy Series"

In 2015, Pope Francis called a Jubilee Year of Mercy, in response, Catholic Youth Services will host the "Mercy Series" which 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 others in our community how we can practically live these works out in our lives. We're excited to welcome John Pridmore (From Gangland to Promised Land) who has an incredible conversion story to share about being imprisoned physically and mentally through his involvement with the gangs in East London as well as Fr Peter Carroll who is currently serving as the Prison Chaplain at Long Bay Goal in Sydney. Our speakers will discuss the corporal and spiritual work of Mercy – Visiting the Imprisoned and admonishing Sinners and forgiving offences willingly. **TUESDAY 12, JULY 2016**, supper from 7:30pm (straight after City Silence) with the talk beginning at 8pm in the Chapter Hall at St Mary's Cathedral.

### ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN - 90TH ANNIVERSARY

This year St Gregory's College Campbelltown is celebrating its 90th year since opening. On Friday, 02 September 2016 the College will be holding a Celebration Mass at 9am and Dinner at 6.30pm. It would be wonderful to see many Old Boys and friends of St Greg's attending this special event. RSVP and payment due by Friday 29 July 2016. To find out more, please contact: Catherine Jeffcoate – St Gregory's College Development Officer on 02 4629 4133 or email: [rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rsvp@stgregs.nsw.edu.au).



**FROM GANGLAND  
TO PROMISED LAND**  
AUSTRALIA TOUR 2016  
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 7

Check out this link for more info: <http://parousiamedia.com/events/>

### Trivia

- 1) Which 20<sup>th</sup> century Saint is famous for having stigmata?
- 2) Which Saint had the "Catherine Wheel" named after her?
- 3) Which saint was so fat, a hole had to be cut out in the table for him?
- 4) Which early Church saint/martyr was being roasted over a fire on a spit and when asked if the pain was too much, he replied "I think this side is done. You can turn me over and roast the other side now." Who said this?



### 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 6th July 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



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!

## PARTH 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 date for Baptism will 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:** Took 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.**



### TWO NEW BISHOPS

The Holy Father has named two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Sydney, Sydney-born Monsignor Anthony Randazzo, former rector of Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, and New Zealand-born Opus Dei priest Fr Richard Umbers, chaplain of Warrane College, University of NSW.

A full report on their appointment – and of their episcopal ordination – appears in this week's edition of *The Catholic Weekly*.



### WYD COMMISSIONING MASS – SUNDAY 10 JULY.

The largest group of pilgrims and leaders from the Archdiocese of Sydney are preparing to depart in July for the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. The Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP invites all going to WYD along with friends and family from across the Archdiocese to a Commissioning Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 10 July, commencing at 10.30am. There will be a special blessing and prayer of commissioning followed afterwards by a group photo with Archbishop Anthony on the steps of the Cathedral. All welcome

### Canonisation Of Blessed Mother Teresa Of Kolkata with Father Terry Bell

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Archdiocese of Sydney with Domus Australia are offering a 7-night Rome Pilgrimage 30 August – 06 September 2016 to attend the Canonisation of Mother Teresa priced from \$1,990 pp twin share plus airfare. For full details of the Holy Doors, tours and other inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com).

**FOUND:** A pair of glasses was found in the Church on the weekend of 18th and 19th June and a ring was found last weekend among the money from the collection plates at Mass. Please contact the Parish office if you have lost these articles. Thank you

**ATTENTION READERS:** The new roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Ministries Next Week 9/10 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	A Watts J Oliveri	T Simpson S Davies	N Dubuisson J Habib	M O'Mara R Camilleri
<b>EUCARIST MINISTERS:</b>	L Totoncelli J Oliveri L Topic P Micali M Brito M Chum A Goria	L Barbara J Finucane G Agostino R Morellini	F Holden M Aulsebrook L Aulsebrook C Porreca A Pinto D Ellul J Papaleo G Buttel M Bridges	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	J Oliveri	R Demasi	V Baltazar	Younart
<b>CHURCH CLEANERS: Group 1</b>	V Baltazar	J Mavizo	B Roy	R Agius

## UPCOMING PARISH & WESTERN DEANERY EVENTS

### 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

This is annual appeal held this weekend is an opportunity to support, in partnership with Pope Francis, the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. As followers of Christ we are invited to put our faith into action and be living reminders of His continuing mission to bring hope, love, dignity and compassion. Our parish is grateful for any support you can give. Thank you.



### 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 - 28th July, 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.



### '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.

**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.

**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.

*"Jesus looks for us and invites us to make room in the inner reaches of our heart. So we realise it?"*



### 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:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### First Reading                   Isaiah 66:10-14

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem,  
be glad for her, all you who love her!  
Rejoice, rejoice for her,  
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may savour with delight  
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:  
Now towards her I send flowing  
peace, like a river,  
and like a stream in spate  
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried  
and fondled in her lap.  
Like a son comforted by his mother  
will I comfort you.  
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,  
and your bones flourish like the grass.  
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

#### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm           Psalm 65:1-7,16,20

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds!’

*Let all the earth cry our to God with joy.*

‘Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!’  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

### Second Reading                   Galatians 6:14-18

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

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

#### The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Col 3:15a, 16a**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

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

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.

‘Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

‘Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord