



# 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 Alphonsus Liguori, bishop,  
doctor*

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

*St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop  
St Peter Julian Eymard, priest*  
For the Soul of Marie Constantine

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Dominic, priest*  
For the Souls of Louis Roger  
Lemasson, Eduard Miguel Payet  
and Patrick Dubuisson-Perrine

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St John Vianney, priest*  
For the Soul of Charlie Busuttill

**Friday - 9:10am**

For the Soul of Vincenzo Fameli

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*  
For the Souls of Nicola & Antonia  
Viterale & Family, Pasquale & Rosa  
Lettieri & Family,  
Pasquale & Rosaria Petrulla and  
Giovanni & Carmela Bonnariggo

## SUNDAY 6/7 AUGUST

(19th 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**

- ♦ I need to build a bigger barn to hold.....
- ♦ What my barn "lacks" is.....
- ♦ If I knew that "this night [my] life will be demanded of [me]," I would.....
- ♦ For me being "rich in what matters to God" means.....
- ♦ My richness (or poverty) in what matters to God is revealed by.....

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 30th & 31st July, 2016

One of the greatest longings each one of us feels is the desire for security. It is bad enough if you have to live from day to day, to wonder where your next meal is coming from. But to look to the future and see old age coming inevitably, and to fear that perhaps there will be no security for that old age is indeed a frightening thought. It is not surprising that sooner or later we face the need of planning for the future, or trying to make sure that security will be ours, especially when we have passed that age of being able to hold a job and make a living. Advertisements for insurance, savings accounts and the like, all appeal to our deep instinct for security.

Our Lord understood our yearning for security, and in today's parable he wished to put that yearning in proper perspective. The rich farmer of the parable could today be growing wheat in Western Australia. An abundant crop forces him to tear down his available barns and build even larger ones. With all his possessions snugly stored away, he congratulates himself on a job well done. He has security. Now he can take it easy and live off his accumulated capital. He has proved himself to be a prudent organizer, a good planner, a man respected in the community. And yet God calls him a fool.

What did the farmer do wrong? There is no sign that he was dishonest or that he cheated anyone or deprived them of what was rightfully theirs. What then was his problem? He was greedy. Just before telling the parable, our Lord warned, "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs" (Cf. Luke 12:14). The kind of greed our Lord was talking about leads a person to rely solely on material possessions for his security. It is a fault of "self-made" man who thinks he holds his future in his own hands. He depends only on himself for his future security, and that leads to a practical forgetfulness of God even though he may go to Church regularly. He wants security in the future beyond the inevitable fact of death to a security that only God can guarantee.

This kind of greed is not confined to the wealthy by any means. All of us can be guilty of it. Our society is such that it almost forces us to be preoccupied with the need for money and material possessions, no matter we may fight its influence. The day to day struggle for survival in a competitive society and the fear of financial insecurity can become all-absorbing. Certainly we have to work and to save, but we are sadly mistaken if we think that possessions will give us the kind of security we really need. No matter how much money we may have saved up, the time will come for God to say "this very night your life shall be required of you". What is our security then?

The words of Saint Paul in the second reading can be a good answer for this question. Saint Paul says "let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things that are on earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God" (Cf. Col 3: 5). Sound advice, but how do we put it into practice in the face of daily needs? Are we supposed to stop earning money and saving for the future? No, that is not the answer. Rather it is the way we go about things, our attitude of mind, which makes that difference. Remember that the rich farmer in the parable had forgotten all about God and the real meaning of life. The only thing he was working for was security in this life. He did not look far enough into the future for his 'real security'.

Jesus wants us to respond to our instinct for security. He wants us to use it, however, to work for eternal life by becoming "rich in the sight of God" (Cf. Luke 12: 21). And we become rich in the sight of God by becoming poor, not only in the sense that we are willing to give up our material possessions to help others – that certainly important. What Jesus wishes is more. He wants us to stand before God and acknowledge that we are poor in the sense that every good thing comes from him, that without God we are spiritually bankrupt. And this is the way we gain our eternal security.

Fr. Phan Nguyen

# YOUTH CORNER

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



**Sick:** Fr John LANGTRY, 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, Joe SAMMUT, Giannino MORASSUT

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Jacques HAMEL (France), Marie CONSTANTINE, Antonino IENCO, Cecilia ABEL, Arturo COLUSSO, Patricia MOON, Josefina SACRIZ, Regina HENDRICKS, Christopher MINJOOT, Charlie BUSUTTIL

**Death Anniversary:** Louis Roger LEMASSON, Edouard Miguel PAYET, Patrick DUBUISSON-PERRINE, Vincenzo FAMELI, Nicola & Antonia VITERALE & Family, Pasquale & Rosa LETTIERI & Family, Fortunato CALABRO, Diego CALABRO, Emma MATTIUZZO, Attilio MATTIUZZO, Lela SHERRY

**Other:** Pasquale & Rosaria PETRULLA, Giovanni & Carmela BONNARIGGO, All unborn Souls, Very Special Intention

**BLESSING OF READERS AND COMMISSIONING OF ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Every 12 months, the Church directs that all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion be liturgically recommissioned for their ministry. A Blessing and Commissioning of Liturgical ministries will occur at **all Masses on the weekend of 13th and 14th August**. If you have been trained and wish to minister in the next 12 months, please attend on that weekend.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training**

Fr Phan will be running a one week training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday 6th August from 10am – 12.30pm**, commencing in the Parish Hall and finishing with the practical elements in the Church. No registration is required.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

Next Sunday is the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for vocations of all the baptised as the laity have an important role in the life of the Church. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at: [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au).

**BE OUR GUEST AND CELEBRATE 150 YEARS**

To honour 150 years of the Sisters of St Joseph we invite you to come and explore all that **Mary MacKillop Place** has to offer. The Mary MacKillop Place Chapel, Museum, Café, and Gift Shop Staff will be hosting an evening on **Tuesday, August 2nd**. Guests are welcome from **5pm to 8pm**. See Church noticeboard for more information.

**MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE VARROVILLE August Retreats**

Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

**WATCH WORLD YOUTH DAY LIVE ON Xt3!** From the 27 July to the 31 July the main events of World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland (including the Australian Gathering) will be streamed live on the Catholic youth website Xt3. There will be an online chat portal during the WYD main events and viewers can join the global conversation whilst watching the events live. Visit [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live) for all the webcast times and details.

**Joe Is Away**

Hi to everyone. Just letting you all know that for the next few weeks, I'll be away on pilgrimage and won't be back until Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please pray for me and the rest of the young people from the parish going to World Youth Day. If you have any prayer intentions, send me a private message if you possibly can and if I can view it, I'll definitely pray about it, all the way from either Fatima, Lourdes or Krakow J

During this time, there won't be any youth group outings. Tina Dunn will be running the youth groups on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, both from 3:30-5:30pm. There will be NO Galilee youth group on the Friday's, however any Galilee people are welcome to join the Jordan youth groups on the Saturday (and it would be great if they could assist Tina also!)

Youth group will feature DVD's, fun activities, talks, prayer, sharing, and food! Looking forward to seeing you all soon. God Bless.

**JORDAN YOUTH GROUP**

Our next Jordan Youth group will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Please come along! Youth group will feature DVD's, fun activities, talks, prayer, sharing, and food! Thank you to Tina Dunn for giving up your time to share fellowship and faith with the young people of the parish!



**TRIVIA NIGHT FOR RACHEL!**

Rachel Camilleri, a young woman in this parish, will be going to Tasmania for 5 months after she gets back from world youth day, to do mission work in Tassie and other parts of Australia! Rachel has bravely accepted Jesus' invitation to serve him and other people in the next few months and so let us pray for Rachel that her relationship with Christ grows even stronger after what will be such a life-changing and profound experience for her. This is a rewarding, but tough decision that Rachel has made, so let us support her in any way we possibly can. On the night of August 26 (Friday), from 7:30-10:00pm, we will be holding a **trivia night** for Rachel, to raise some money for her, so she can afford to fully embrace this experience. With everyone's help, this can be made fully possible for Rachel, so let's do this! J

The night will consist of a variety of different trivia topics, prizes to be won, food and drink to be consumed and different games that can be played over the course of the night. Please spread the word and come along. At the moment, we're going to be using the parish hall, but we want an excuse to have to move to a bigger venue, so please show your support. There is a sign-up sheet at the front of the church (outside) which you can fill out to show that you'd like to attend. Thank you to all on behalf of Rachel. Hope to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>. God Bless.

**GRACEFEST With Fr Rob Galea**

The official reunion for WYD Friday August 26th 19:30-22:30 Liverpool Catholic Club Bistro Tickets are only \$10.



Come to Church. A lot of Pokemon to be found!



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



**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 27th July at 7:00pm as we pray for the following intention: **For our Holy Father and everyone attending World Youth Day**. 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 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 (29 November - 2 December, 2016). There will be special **Year 2 Enrolment Masses on 27-28 August**. There will be a Parent Formation meeting on the 16th of August at 7pm—8.15pm in the Church. All parents wishing to enrol their child/children **MUST** attend this meeting. Children must be Baptised and in year 2 or above to enrol for the Reconciliation preparation program.

**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.



**RECONCILIATION**

### **2016 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**PARENT INFORMATION MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 16th August beginning from 7pm in the Church. All parents wish to enrol their child/children **MUST** attend this meeting. Children must be Baptised and in year 2 or above to enrol for the Reconciliation preparation program.



### **CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL – 7TH AUGUST.**

Next weekend our parish will be asking for your support for this appeal. The CWF provides social, training and advocacy programs throughout the Sydney Archdiocese communities. Your generous donation would be of great benefit and much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

### **PARISH FORUM - 15th October: 2pm - 4.30pm - ALL INVITED**

There will be a Parish-wide community forum and discussion concerning the immediate future of our Parish on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm to 4.30pm at the Parish Hall and surrounding venues. Please mark the date in your diary and make a special effort to attend. All input from parishioners will be most valuable for the Parish in planning for the future mission of our Parish. There will be a presentation on the findings of the Parish Building Feasibility Committee (as it will now be brought to a close). The presentation will look at options in relation to the church building, the possibility of a Parish pre-school and childcare, and other possible uses of our parish buildings in response to the needs of the community as expressed during the 2010 Parish Planning Survey and from other discussions. There will also be a presentation on the Financial situation of the Parish. An external facilitator will assist us in our discussions.

No decisions have yet been made about the future of the Parish or about future building projects or about new opportunities for outreach.

Ministries Next Week 6/7 AUGUST	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	A Watts G Turnbull	D Cordina J Finucane	H Pinto A Pinto	A Watts G Colusso
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS:</b>	M Harvey T Grana P Grana D Rotondo NB Empeigne A Pace A Demasi	J Gauchi B Vartuli N Vartuli D Sullivan	N Freeman N Dubuisson J Habib A Vlahadmis E Villegas G Dunn H Fenech M Lavorato C Goodyer	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	P McLenaghan	M Davies		
<b>CHURCH CLEANERS: Group 5</b>	D Bilaver	A Katic	M Stevanja	A Falzon

## **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.

**URGENTLY WANTED** Cultural food stalls and a DJ for the End of Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration. No celebration would be complete without food and music. We are renowned for our cultural richness so why not let the parishioners and friends sample flavours from your cultural background. **DJ**—bring your passion for music, great voice, and your awesome personality to add to this event. Volunteering your services at this event is another way to advertise your business. If you can assist in anyway please contact Susan 0419 606 683.

### **SPECIAL MASSES ON MONDAY DURING AUGUST:**

*Monday 8 August* is the *Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop*. Mass will be at **9.10am**.

*Monday 15 August* is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Mass will be at **9.10am** and **7pm**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics are asked to attend Mass on this day.

*Monday 29 August* is the *Feast of the Martyrdom of St John the Baptist*. Mass will be at **9.10am**



### **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 - 4th August, 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.

### **PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS FOR 2015/2016 and NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2016/2017**

New Envelopes are now available for collection after all Masses. The Tax Receipts for 2015-2016 are available to be collected from outside the Church.

If any Parishioner is interested in joining our Planned Giving Envelopes or setting up direct debit contributions, there will be clipboards available for you to place your names on the request forms outside the church. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for all your support.



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

*“Dear young people, let us offer the world a mosaic of many races, cultures and peoples united in the name of Jesus!”*



### **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:** *O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

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

**Communion Antiphon:** *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste..*

### First reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23**

#### A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, Qoheleth says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

#### The Word of the Lord

**Psalm  
17**

**Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14,**

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You turn men back to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

### Second reading

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for

distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

#### The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

