



St. John the Baptist Catholic

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights



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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER 2

'Prayer of the Church'

Morning Prayer is prayed at St John the Baptist 10 minutes prior to weekday morning Masses

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:10am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

St Andrew, apostle

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 2/3 DECEMBER

(First Sunday of Advent

(Year B)

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

Reconciliations:

Saturdays – 4:15 – 5:00pm



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A) 25th and 26th November, 2017

A professor was one day walking along a very narrow bridge when he came face to face with a rival. The bridge was too narrow for two to pass. The rival, pulling himself up to his full height, said naughtily, "I never make way for fools!" Smiling, the professor stepped aside and said, "I always do."

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, Jesus is presented to us as the mocked king on the cross as well as the king of the universe. The greatest humiliation and the greatest victory are both shown to us in today's liturgy. It is an irony that our king is nailed naked on a cross, disgraced and powerless. He is challenged by the crowd, "If you are the Son of God.....come down from the cross." But Jesus will not succumb to the temptation to use his power for his own benefit or to prove himself. He is chided even by one of the condemned. "Save yourself and save us too." This humiliation is to fulfil God's will and to show how much God loves us.

Furthermore, we have the image of Christ coming; "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory." Jesus shows us how to prepare for that day; "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." While the Pharisees reduced God to keeping the law. The Scribes identified God with theology and philosophical discussions. The Sadducees identified God with money (a sign of God's blessing). The high priests identified God with liturgy and temple services. Jesus identifies himself not as power and pomp; might and armies and he rejected the temptations to use power, prestige or possessions to achieve his mission from the Father; but he identifies himself as the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the homeless, the sick and the poor and he calls us to do something about it.

The Feast 'Christ the King' reassures us how much God loves us and calls us to reach out to the 'needy' around us. Who is the 'needy' around you?

Fr Dominic Dinh

"May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

Mother Theresa



Thank you for a wonderful night on Wednesday, there was more than 160 volunteers and their family members attending a Thanksgiving Mass for the volunteers followed with dinner. Thank you especially to those who had prepared and set up for a very enjoyable night. When we come to celebrate together we will find so much joy and strength.

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



Sick: Fr John LANGTRY, Sebastian AGUIAR, Maria KONTREC, Bishop George PHIMPISAN, Maila CORKILL, Fahed JREISAT, Emmanuel ARAPA, Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Anna MILLZARSKI, Bogdan MILLZARSKI, Justin ZERAFI, Carmen SPITERI, Audrey SPITERI, Christine TRIGAS, Crystel SACOBOS, Guido BADINO, Sue SHERMAN, Emmanuel POLJAK, Ciro PUNZO, Valerie McCARTHY, Pamela LEVERS, Lily TANTIYA, Brindley & Virginia CAVALLARO, Sarah CANCERI, Darren OWM, Joe SAMMUT, Diana VUKOV, Florence JIANG, Isabel TANTIYA, Nguyet-Thi-PHAM, John CODNER, Robin ISHAC, Nancy VARTULI, Tan LE, Bibeth BUENCAMINO, Rhea Mae ABRAHAMS, Felicitas VALENCIA, Presley PETILLA, RAPPAL, Emilia Petilla DOTONG, Inez BUGEJA, Doug ANDERSON, Nadim SAAD, Dr Amelia CATALAN, Joseph DEQUARA, Lino LOPES, Mariela SOTO, Jessie ZAMMIT, Baby HAYDEN, Rosa Maria SANTOS, Stella DUFF, Joseph SARREO, Lina

Recently Deceased: Marks ADAMS, Kate BIONDI, Thomas Tien TRAN, Stjepan GOLUBIC

Death Anniversary: Constancia Del Rosario De LEON

Other: Joseph CAMILLERI, Special Intention



CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

We will be holding the next Church working Bee on **Saturday 2nd December** from 8am until 1pm . We have a lot of work to do both inside and outside the Church to enable us to get ready for our Christmas celebrations. If you can help at all on the day please put your name and contact details on the sign up notice outside the Church . Christmas is about giving, not just presents, but giving of yourself, so if you can give just a little of your time we would be very grateful . If you have any queries please Contact Grant Dunn on 9823 4704.



**Prepare the Way
An Advent Day Retreat in preparation for Christmas**

DATE: Saturday December 2, 2017
VENUE: Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd., Jamberoo
TIME: 9.00 am commencing with Mass, and concluding With Vespers at 5.00 pm.
PRESENTER: Sr. Hilda, Sr Magdalen, Sr Hannah
COST: \$30.00
 Morning and Afternoon Tea provided. Please bring your own lunch – tea and coffee are available.
BOOKINGS: Ring 02 42 360533
cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au



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



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If you have a family member or know of anyone who is sick and needs anointing please contact the Parish office on 9823 2572 or in an emergency please contact Fr Dominic on 0423 420 639.



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MORNING TEA

You are invited to stay after all Masses this weekend to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with your community.



Celebration to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place on **Tuesday 12th December at Good Shepherd Parish Church,** 21 Twentieth Avenue, Hoxton Park.

6:30pm adoration of the Holy Eucharist, Rosary and Reconciliation,
 7:00pm Mass, Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic icon and offering of roses.
 7:45pm viewing of Our Lady of Guadalupe video,
 8:15pm light refreshments.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT NOTRE DAME SYDNEY

On Monday 4th of December from 9am to 4:40pm, all women are invited to spend a day around the theme of "The Mystery of His Nativity". There will be Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession and to inspiring talks. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame. It is free, but registration is essential: 02 8204 4189 or www.trybooking.com/SPJK



A Christmas Celebration 2017 – Friday 15 December 2017

Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes Including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au



LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

FREE Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the Liverpool Catholic Club on Sunday 3 December, programs starts at 6:45pm, carols 7:30pm. Also live nativity scene and a pen with nursery animals. Fireworks display to conclude the evening. All welcome. Details on www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to make an appointment with either Fr Dominic, Fr Phan or Deacon Mervyn. A Baptism date will then be discussed at the meeting.

Sacrament of First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession (for Yr 2 and older): Tuesday 28th November and Thursday 30th November.

Contact the Parish Office for more information.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place this **Tuesday 28th November** and **Thursday 30th November**.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is a special month to remember and pray for the deceased. All Masses in November are offered for the faithful departed. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available in the Church and you are encouraged to write the names of deceased relatives on the envelopes. Names are added to the Parish Book of Life and remembered throughout the month.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Members of John the Baptist, St Vincent de Paul Society will again be asking for your generous contributions in providing Christmas Hampers for those in need of some help at Christmas.

Christmas hamper boxes will be available this weekend after all Masses. Please return all boxes to the Parish Meeting Room no later than Sunday 17th December. We thank you for your generosity at this time of year.

We will be packing boxes in the Parish Meeting Room on Monday 18th December at 7:00pm. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572.

ATTENTION READERS: Please take home your copy of "Break Open the Word" which is located at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Ministries Next Week 2/3 DEC	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis E Vella	T Simpson S Davies	N Dubuissou A Patrikios	C Sullivan J Sullivan
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS:	M Camilleri A Pace A Demasi A Watts M Pangallo C Araco A Vlahadamis	R Imbert J Finucane D Triganza L Barilla	J Bruxgx C Goodyer G Ganzari R Hibbs M Aulsebrook C Porreca A Pinto J Papaleo G Buttell	
COUNTERS: CHURCH	M Davies			
CLEANERS: Group 2	S Peters N Roel	K Boya	S Shabo	D Toma



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 Monday and 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.



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone to our prayer meetings. The meetings start with Praise and Reflection, followed by teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of reflection, teaching, sharing and great fellowship.

When: Thursday 7th December @ 7pm

(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday.)

Where: Parish Hall, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

Contact: Susan (02) 9607 5137 or 0415 342 672



YOU ARE INVITED
Alpha - Every Thursday evening at 7pm - 9:15pm in the Parish Hall

Alpha is a chance for everyone to come together, to share a meal, to discuss questions about faith, Jesus and feel connected with God in an honest, friendly, and open environment. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of sharing, worship, and great fellowship.

If you have any further questions about what the Alpha Course is about or would like to become an Alpha Helper please contact Elizabeth on 0426 242 600 or email elizabeth_dimarco14@hotmail.com

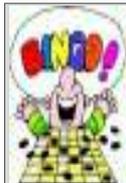
Youth Alpha

Every 2nd Wednesday evening at 7.30pm - 8.30pm.
Next gathering Wednesday 6th December.

Youth Alpha is designed for those who are in years 10, 11 & 12 and anyone who has recently finished school. It is a chance to come together, to share a meal, to discuss Jesus and feel connected with God for just one hour every two weeks.

After 7pm Mass on Wednesdays we gather in the **Meeting Room at 7:30pm**. If you're keen, please bring \$5 to help cover pizza and drink cost.

Please keep this in mind if you are trying to make more room for God in your life but are struggling to do so. This is something suitable for young people and is always fun and engaging. Hope to see you there! 😊



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

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Next Sunday:

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Reflection Questions.....

- Christ comes to me in the guise of.....
- I respond by.....
- The person near me in need is.....
- I respond by.....
- I hear Christ say to me, "Come, you who are blessed" when..... because.....

THE IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL will run from the 1st until the 10th of January at the Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart, Tasmania. The cost of the retreat is \$360 if you register and pay by November 16, or \$410 after November 16. The price includes food, accommodation and a long list of guest speakers including Fr. Rob Galea and James Parker. With 10 days of prayer and formation and fellowship, the retreat provides and excellent for anyone aged 16-35 to really go deeper in their relationship with Christ, as well as meet other like-minded young Catholics! If you are interested, please contact the Sisters at

immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com



CATHOLIC CARE Do you have a son or daughter leaving school with NDIS 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job?' CatholicCare Sydney

provides a two-year program of one-on-one and group support with activities to help young people gain the skills to identify a career path, gain the skills required and prepare and complete interviews. For more information please call our CCareline Team on 13 18 19 or email: connect@catholiccare.org



Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Invitation to Mass in the Domain

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. To allow all to attend, the Archbishop has cancelled vigil Masses in the Archdiocese on that day. The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. The Archbishop also invites the people of Sydney to pray for the success this important event.

A special App is available with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Matt Maher is Coming to Australian Catholic Youth Festival Are You?

Individual registrations are still open for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival! Register now to ensure you can experience all the main presenters and performers. Matt Maher will be joined by Emily Wilson, Steve Angrisano, Fr Rob Galea, Orange Sky and many more. Registrations are up to 18,500.

To register please contact our Deanery Coordinator Benjamin Woolf westerndeanearysydney@gmail.com

Youth Corner

Hi guys,

We would love to hear your feedback on what you would like to see happen with the youth in the Parish.

You are welcome to write to the parish office telling us what activities you would like to do and what you would like to see in the youth corner of this bulletin.

Our postal address is 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, NSW, 2177 or you can email us at: info@johnthebaptist.org.au

We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing your suggestions.

Catholic Youth Services - CITY SILENCE

Every Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:30pm
at St Mary's Cathedral
Adoration + Reconciliation