



# St. John the Baptist Catholic

## Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights



(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### PSALTER 3

#### '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 - 9:1am**

**Friday - 9:10am**

**Saturday - No Mass**

*St Anselm, Bishop, doctor*

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 21/22 APRIL**

*(Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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**

**1st Friday of the Month:**

**7:00pm Mass in**

**Vietnamese**

**Reconciliations:**

**Saturdays – 4:15 – 5:00pm**



### Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

14th and 15th April, 2018

## *Rise through your challenges*

The news of Wellington's victory at Waterloo was brought by sailing ship to the south coast of England. From there by semaphore it was wig-wagged over land toward London. Finally the message reached the roof of Winchester Cathedral: "*Wellington defeated...*"

A heavy fog covered the landscape and the signals from view. The sad news was relayed to London, plunging the citizens into a deep gloom. In a short time, the fog lifted and the remainder of the message came through: "*Wellington defeated the enemy.*"

Quickly the news raced on...lifting gloomy hearts from sadness to joy. Similarly, that is a picture of Good Friday's..."*Christ defeated*"...to Easter's more complete: "*Christ defeated the enemy.*"

In the atmosphere of loss, disappointment and fear, the risen Jesus reveals himself to his disciples. "*They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.*" To convince his disciples that it is really he, and not some phantom or ghost, he shows the marks of his suffering and eats before them. Then he tells them what he has explained to the two: his suffering was according to what was written about him as the Messiah. The suffering and the victory of the Messiah are signs of God's reconciliation with men and women. The time of suffering and doubt is over. It is now the time to set hearts burning in Jesus' victory over sin, death and hopelessness.

The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus did not rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him, believed him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to him, he revealed that his mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in his ministry, he gave the sacred task to call all people into new life within him. He tells his disciples to go and preach repentance, reconciliation and peace.

Let us pray that we will learn to put our trust in Jesus and in his saving power so that we can overcome our doubt, disappointment and fear when facing challenges in our life.

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

2044 The fidelity of the baptised is a primordial condition for the proclamation of the gospel and for the church's mission in the world. In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. 'The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the faith and to God.'

#### **We pray**

For ourselves that we may show our love for God by showing charity to our neighbour in need.

For charitable organisations that God will bless their work in helping the needy.

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



**Sick:** Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI,  
Fr Jose Maria ENEDAGUILA (Spanish Chaplain),  
Josie HOPE, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER,  
Nancy VARTULI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT,

**Recently Deceased:** Mons Dino FRAGIACOMO,  
Carmela DONNANTONIO, Lorraine JASON

**Death Anniversary:** Anton

**Other:** Special Intention



**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.



We congratulate the family of Evan and Mia KEWILAHUO who will be baptised here this Sunday 15th April.

**LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB MEMBERS MASS AND LUNCHEON**

The 48th Annual Members Mass will be celebrated at All Saints Church (cnr Elizabeth Drive & George Street, Liverpool) on **Sunday 20th May 2018**. Mass will commence at 11:00am.

At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served at the Club in the Grand Ballroom of the LCC Events Complex followed by entertainment.

As a long standing member of the Club your attendance is encouraged.

Admittance to the luncheon is by ticket only - \$40.00 per member - Bookings are essential.

**Tickets will be available from the club at: 10:00am on Tuesday 17th April 2018 - \$40**



**PARISH MORNING TEA EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS**

The Parish will now be holding a morning tea after the 10am Mass every Sunday. Please bring along a plate to share and stay to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with your community.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** – relationship enrichment for married couples **27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)



**CatholicCare Sydney**

Are families in your community struggling with parenting? Parenting Education groups can help parents develop positive strategies to manage these concerns in a friendly environment with other parents. Call our friendly cCareline team **13 18 19** to find our more or visit our website to view our Term 2 groups calendar at [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org)

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note that enrolments for Holy Communion for 2018 are now closed.

**Important Dates for Enrolled Candidates:**

**Lessons** - week commencing 29th April, 2018

**First Holy Communion Retreat Day** - 27th May, 2018 (Rehearsals held during the retreat)

**First Holy Communion Masses** - 9th June to 24th June, 2018

**Reconciliation Program 2018**

There will be no Reconciliation sacramental program in 2018 and accordingly no Holy Communion program in 2019.

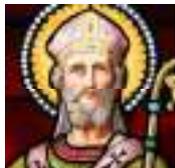
The reason for this decision is that children will now be required to be older when preparing for their Sacraments. It is hoped that this extra year will allow children to have a better understanding of the church teachings and the meaning of the sacraments.

The next Reconciliation program will be held in November 2019, any children in grades Year 3 and above can apply to enrol in that program.

The next Holy Communion program will be held in June 2020, for any children who have made their Reconciliation and are in grades Year 4 and above can apply to enrol in that program.

For further information please contact the Core Group Leaders Kylie Farias on 0473 779 338 or Tamara Vella on 0424 166 248.

*Saint of the Week*



**St Anselm**

Saint Anselm was one of the most important Christian thinkers of the eleventh century. He is most famous in philosophy for having discovered and articulated the so-called "ontological argument;" and in theology for his doctrine of the atonement. However, his work extends to many other important philosophical and theological matters, among which are: understanding the aspects and the unity of the divine nature; the extent of our possible knowledge and understanding of the divine nature; the complex nature of the will and its involvement in free choice; the interworkings of human willing and action and divine grace; the natures of truth and justice; the natures and origins of virtues and vices; the nature of evil as negation or privation; and the condition and implications of original sin. In the course of his work and thought, unlike most of his contemporaries, Anselm deployed argumentation that was in most respects only indirectly dependent on Sacred Scripture, Christian doctrine, and tradition. Anselm also developed sophisticated analyses of the language used in discussion and investigation of philosophical and theological issues, highlighting the importance of focusing on the meaning of the terms used rather than allowing oneself to be misled by the verbal forms, and examining the adequacy of the language to the objects of investigation, particularly to the divine nature. In addition, in his work he both discussed and exemplified the resolution of apparent contradictions or paradoxes by making appropriate distinctions. For these reasons, one title traditionally accorded him is the *Scholastic Doctor*, since his approach to philosophical and theological matters both represents and contributed to early medieval Christian Scholasticism.

**Feast day:** April 21

## PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION



**Baptisms** - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass on Sunday 6th May**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Phan and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

## SAVE THE DATE - JB SPRING FAIR



**21st October 2018**  
**11am – 4pm**

More Information to follow.

Any enquires please contact: Josie: 0407 203 593  
Caterina: 0416 044 149  
Susan: 0419 606 683  
Maria: 0407 662 535



## Upcoming Parish Activities ..... Save the date!

**First Holy Communions** will take place on the weekends of 9th and 10th June, 16th and 17th June and 23rd and 24th June (during the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil, 10:00am Mass and 5:30pm Mass on Sunday)

**Confirmation** will be held on Saturday 29th September at 2:00pm and Sunday 30th September at noon and 3:00pm.

**JB Spring Fair** Sunday 21st October.

**Year 6 Graduation Mass** 11th December at 6:30pm.

**Coming soon...** Youth Group kick off, every first Sunday 5.30pm Youth Mass and Pizza night, Dad on Tap event, Christmas Carols.

The Parish Forum was held last Sunday with 70 in attendance. The theme was transparency, close community, step up to volunteer and collaboration to help set the Parish's vision. Key outcomes were: focus on the youth, social activities, church environment surroundings (grounds, carpark, sound quality in rear of Church, short term renovations with bigger picture of new Church), new child care centre proposed and subject to DA for July 2020 operation. Financials were shared and there were group breakdown sessions to express ideas which will be included in future bulletins.

Thank you to those who attended our Parish Forum. Parishioners please continue to contribute to help make this parish a growing and loving community.

Parishioners there will be **NO morning Mass** held next **Saturday 21st April** due to work being carried out on the Church grounds. We apologise for any inconvenience.



**JOHN THE BAPTIST CLEAN UP**  
**Saturday 21st April**  
**8:00am**



We are going to have trees cut down on the Church grounds. If you can help with the cleaning up please bring any tools or equipment you may need next Saturday. Thank you

### CATECHIST NEWS

Catechists you are warmly invited to the CCD Catechist Gathering.  
**When:** Monday 30 April, 10:30am -1:30pm (Morning teas will be served from 10am)  
**Where:** Lidcombe Parish Hall (vehicle entry via 3 Keating St, Lidcombe)

### Topics

**10:30-11:30 Eileen O'Connor presentation**  
**Angelus & Lunch - a light lunch will be provided**  
**12:30-1:30pm Using song and actions in the classroom**

**RSVP:** Julia Goff or Laura Argiro **by Tuesday 24th April**  
Ph: 9307 8330 or  
Email: [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

Ministries Next Week 21/22 APRIL	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	M Camilleri A Pace	J Finucane I O'Connor	A Patrikios E Villegas	G Colusso C Sullivan
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	A Pace A Demasi A Watts M Pangallo C Araco A Vlahadamis	Delicia Vella R Imbert J Finucane D Triganza L Barilla	C Porreca A Pinto J Papaleo G Buttell N Laureti D Oliveri	
<b>COUNTERS: CHURCH</b>	F Aloe	J Coiera		
<b>CLEANERS: Group</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	<b>22/04/2018</b> Stella Leonello	<b>29/04/2018</b> Marianna Caruso	<b>6/5/2018</b> Connie Monteleone	<b>13/05/2018</b> Jacquie Sultana

## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.*

### Next Sunday:

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter - (Year B)

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Second Reading: I John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ My life witnesses to Christ's resurrection by..... One thing I might do to witness better is.....
- ♦ I have "touched" the risen Christ when..... through..... by.....
- ♦ The risen Christ comes to me when..... I am able to see him when.....

#### First reading

**Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

**4:2, 4, 7, 9**

#### Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

#### Second reading

**1 John 2:1-5**

#### A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

**cf. Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Luke 24:35-48**

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

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord