



# 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**

*St Christopher Magallanes,  
priests and companions,  
martyrs*

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

*St Rita of Cascia, religious*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

**Thursday - 9:10am**  
*Our Lady Help of Christians*

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Bede the Venerable, priest,  
doctor*

*St Gregory VII, pope*

*St Mary Magdalene de'  
Pazzi, virgin*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Philip Neri, priest*

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 26/27 MAY**

**(The Most Holy Trinity**

**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

### **Pentecost Sunday (Year B)**

**19th and 20th May, 2018**

## *Pentecost*

There is a young boy who loves to play with the TV remote control. To annoy his brothers and sisters, he keeps changing channels when they are watching television, until they decided to take the battery out of the remote control. The young boy quickly gets bored because the remote control no longer works, he then abandons his toy. The remote control is useless without its battery (internal power).

Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus were looking for an external victory. They wanted Jesus to drive out the Roman occupying power and take over political supremacy. They had been hampered by their vision of a Messiah who would fulfil their ambition and easy promotion. All they could see was external. Jesus' death as a criminal had shattered their false expectations and only after Jesus resurrected, they discovered the meaning of their mission again. Jesus ascended into heaven after he promised his disciples the Holy Spirit will come to them. *"The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you"* (Jn 14:26).

At Pentecost the disciples were able to see the real Jesus and the real message that had been there all the time. They became aware that the power was within, that the message of Christ was about internal attitude, it was about uniting and removing barriers of language and race and domination. It was significant that they immediately began to reach beyond barriers. Language, culture and differences were no longer a block but the sources of enriching the gift of unity in diversity.

Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church challenges us to overcome all barriers which prevent us from reaching out to share with others the fruit of the Spirit in us: *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control"* (Gal 5:22). May we become the sharers of these gifts and be the witnesses of the presence of the risen Lord.

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

**1076** The church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the 'dispensation of the mystery'- the age of the church, during which Christ manifests, makes present and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his church, 'until he comes'.

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

**Sick:** Leanne Lang, 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:** Faisa SAFAR, Chunji JB PIAO, Maria NGUYEN, Sofia Clare WATERS (child), Herbert SCHWEINITZ, Leticia Osotio QUENT

**Death Anniversary:** Angela DEFALCO, Francis VELLA, Rene Ariel ROBLES

**Other:** Special Intention



**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.

**Condolences** Our condolences are extended to the Gromof family on the loss of Luba's father. Please keep the family in your prayers.



**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 families of Tyler CROKER, Molly HOANG, Giselle ACKAOUI, Antonino PHANNA and Matteo MITTIGA who will be baptised here this weekend.

**RCIA** If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a catholic please contact Fr Dominic on 0423 420 639.

**Catalyst for Renewal** - "What are the implications for the people of God arising from the Royal Commission?" Q and A with Robert Fitzgerald AM

When: Sunday 27th May 2018 1.30pm to 3.00pm  
Where: The Crypt St Patrick's Church Grosvenor Street, The Rocks  
For further details please see Church noticeboard.

**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.

**CatholicCare Sydney - helping families thrive**  
Are families in your community struggling? 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 on 13 18 19 to find out more or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

*Saints of the Week*

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844. The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820. The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day: Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer and secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

**Feast day:** 24th May  
**Patroness:** of Australia and Military Ordinariate



**St Philip Neri**

Saint Philip Neri dedicated his life to God. He spent 13 years involved in prayer and building relationships with people from all walks of life. He lived his private life as a hermit, unknown to all around him. He spent much time in prayer in the catacombs and only ate bread and water, sometimes sprinkled with herbs.

**Feast Day:** 26th May  
**Patron:** Saint of Rome, humour and joy.

## 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 3rd June.** Following Mass Fr Dominic and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

## 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.



### SAVE THE DATE - JB SPRING FAIR

**21st October 2018  
11am – 4pm**

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

### HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT Sunday 27th May, 2018

The families are asked to attend 10am Mass and the retreat will conclude at 2:30pm.

### Walk with Christ

**Feast of Corpus Christi** – Body and Blood of Christ – is celebrated on Sunday 3rd June this year. On that day there will be a Eucharistic Procession in Sydney starting at 2.30 PM at Martin Place and Pitt St and ending at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. We can take our petitions and prayers to this procession. To do so there will be 2 Books made available in the Church foyer during the week for you to write your prayers. If you wish to take the book to people whom you visited so that they can write their prayers in it please do so.



### CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS: Enrolments will take place on the weekend of **Saturday 30th June** and **Sunday 1st July** in the Parish Hall at the following times:

Saturday 30th June- 4:30pm - 5:15pm and  
6:30pm-7:00pm

Sunday 1st July - following the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

You are required to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate together with \$35 contribution fee to successfully enrol for the Sacrament.

For further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.



### JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

Enrolment packs are available from the school office between 8:30am and 4:00pm.

The Enrolments close on Thursday 31st May 2018.

Any enquiries please phone the school office on 9823 5042.

### MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. Mary is Mother, interceding for us in even the tiniest of matters.

Families who pray together stay together

Ministries Next Week 26/27 MAY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	J Oliveri M Camilleri	S Healy M Jebrail	M Aulsebrook C Porreca	
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	A Demasi M Pangallo C Araco A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella	J Finucane D Triganza L Barilla P Vujica R Morellini	E Villegas G Dunn H Fenech J Bankowski C Goodyer G Rapisarda	
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	F Aloe	J Coiera		
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	<b>27/5/2018</b> Denise Triganza	<b>3/6/2018</b> Sara Peters	<b>10/6/2018</b> Salin Shabo	<b>17/6/2018</b> Zendy Penitani
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	<b>27/5/2018</b> Group 4	<b>3/6/2018</b> Group 1	<b>10/6/2018</b> Group 2	<b>17/06/2018</b> Group 3



### BUS TRIP TO VIVID Friday 15th June 2018

A bus will leave the Church grounds at 6.30pm and return by approximately 11.30pm

You can either stay on the bus and be driven around to the various sights or be dropped at Darling Harbour, walk to Circular Quay and meet the bus.

Cost: \$30 to be paid by 2nd June 2018

Further details please contact Mary Fraser 0403 647 399 or Liz Vella 0412 484 745.

## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

### Next Sunday:

#### The Most Holy Trinity - (Year B)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The testimony I give of the risen Jesus is.....
- ♦ I glorify the risen Jesus when.....
- ♦ The Spirit of truth leads me to.....

### First reading

**Acts 2:1-11**

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

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

#### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

**103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**

#### Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

### Second reading

**Galatians 5:16-25**

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

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing,

and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

#### The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
*All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'*

#### The Gospel of the Lord

