



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

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Tuesday - 9:10am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

Saturday - 9:10am

St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 21/22 JULY

(16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

1st Saturday of the Month

Fatima Devotions 7.45am
Adoration/Benediction 8.30am

Reconciliations:

Saturdays – 4:15–5:00pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 14th and 15th July, 2018

"Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out two by two"

Jesus sent his disciples two by two on their journey with only their sandals, one tunic and a staff. Not very much, is it? If you had been asked to go on a journey with so little, you probably would have thought it impossible. And yet, Jesus is telling us that it is possible

You should go in pairs, so you can support each other, protect each other, one working one praying. You should take very little, the clothes your wearing are fine, you don't need any more. Don't take money, you will be provided for, and if you are not then leave, move on. Tell people to correct their ways, fight evil when you find it, cure the sick. Are you ready to do this?

Think how the disciples felt, they had come to Christ to learn, and now after only a few months with Him, they are about to leave him for a short time to do the work He has been doing, they are being sent out by Christ with His authority. Fear and terror mixed with Christ's peace and grace. Divine gifts and human weaknesses. It's difficult to compare ourselves to these men. To the men who walked with Christ, ate with Christ, who were chosen by Christ to build his Church and teach his message.

He chooses you to be set apart from the world but still very much in it. He chooses you to be spotless, not through your actions but through his forgiveness. He chooses you, to be His daughter or His Son. He chooses you to live with Him in love.

We are part of Gods plan; We are to play a part in his Glory. You have heard the message of Christ, a message of love, repentance and redemption. To believe in this message, is to accept Gods choice, to realise that you are special in the eyes of God, that you have been called to serve.

Our world is in need of our teaching, our love, our service. There are many out there who don't understand our Church, who have never heard in their hearts the call of Christ. There are many out there who are in need of healing, body and soul. There are many out there who need feeding, who need to be cared for, who need to be loved. Christ has built an eternal Church, towering throughout the ages, blazing with the lives of the saints, to continue His Work and His mission. Each generation passing His Church to the next. Today, you are that Church, how are you going to serve? What is Jesus asking you to do?

Deacon Mervyn

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



Sick: Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Josie HOPE, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER, Nancy VARTULLI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT,

Recently Deceased: Vittorina (Vicky) GHARARDELLO

Death Anniversary:

Other: Special Intention



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting of the Jordan Youth Group will be on **Saturday 21st July between 3.30pm and 5.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

Primary school students in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to come together to engage, learn, pray and be involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Join us in group discussions, games, activities and reflection.

For further details contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572 or email info@johnthebaptist.org.au



We congratulate the family of Ava FAM who will be Baptised here this Sunday 15th July.

Saints of the Week

Congratulations!

We congratulate Mario and Antonietta Re who are celebrating 50 years of Marriage.

Mario and Antonietta were married on 14th July, 1968 at St Fiacre Catholic Church, Leichhardt.



St Apollinaris—bishop, martyr

St. Apollinaris was one of the most illustrious bishops of the second century. He addressed an "Apology," that is a defense, of the Christian religion to the emperor Marcus Aurelius, who, shortly before, had obtained a signal victory over the Quadi, a people inhabiting the country now called Moravia. One of his legions, the twelfth, was composed chiefly of Christians. When the army was perishing for want of water, the soldiers of this legion fell upon their knees and invoked the assistance of God. The result was sudden, for a copious rain fell, and, aided by the storm, they conquered the Germans. The emperor gave this legion the name "Thundering Legion" and mitigated his persecution.

It was to protect his flock against persecution that St. Apollinaris, who was bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, addressed his apology to the Emperor to implore his protection and to remind him of the favour he had received from God through the prayers of the Christians.

Feast day: 20th July



St Lawrence of Brindisi—priest, doctor

Caesare de Rossi was born at Brandisi, kingdom of Naples. When sixteen, he joined the Capuchins at Verona, taking the name Lawrence. He pursued his higher studies in theology, philosophy, the bible, Greek, Hebrew, and several other languages at the University of Padua. He was ordained and began to preach with great effect in Northern Italy. He became definitor general of his Order in Rome in 1596 was assigned to conversion work with Jews, and was sent to Germany, with Blessed Benedict of Urbino, to combat Lutheranism. In 1602, he was elected Vicar General of the Capuchins. He was sent to Spain by the emperor to persuade Philip III to join the Catholic League. He was then sent as papal nuncio to the court of Maximilian of Bavaria. In 1618 Lawrence retired from worldly affairs to the friary at Caserta.

Lawrence wrote a commentary on Genesis and several treatises against Luther, but Lawrence's main writings are in the nine volumes of his sermons. He was canonized in 1881 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope John XXIII in 1959.

Feast Day: 21st July
Patron: of Brindisi



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
Do you know any seniors in our community who could use a little help at home? CatholicCare home services can support seniors to continue living independently in their own homes with comfort and confidence. From occasional or short-term services to round the clock options, CatholicCare can help tailor services for the individual.
For more information please contact CCareline 13 18 19 or the parish office 9823 2572.

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 5th August.** Following Mass Fr Dominic and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/19 are now available for collection outside the Church. Please make sure you check your name and address before collecting it. Contributions received from Planned Giving are the major source of income for the running expenses of the Parish, i.e. running the office, staff wages, expenses of pastoral initiative, building and maintenance of Parish facilities, etc. Paying for the CWF deficit and insurance are also big expenses. Thank you to all Parishioners who already support the Parish.

If you are not yet a member and would like to join our Planned Giving Program with 25% tax deduction, please contact the Parish Office. We are encouraging all envelope givers to consider using our monthly **DIRECT DEBIT SYSTEM**. It is a much simpler approach and reduces costs as well. If you would like to contribute in this way complete a **direct debit** authority form which can be found in the foyer, on our website or otherwise contact the Parish Office.

Tax receipts for 2017/18 will be available for collection from the Parish Office from Tuesday 17th July 2018.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

The Photos for First Holy Communion will be available for collection at the following times:

When: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd August
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th August

Where: Church Meeting Room

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Ministries Next Week 21/22 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	G Turnbull M Camilleri	R Golubic S Davies	G Zangari E Villegas	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Jameson G Rapisarda H Fenech P Vujica T Micali B Empiegne	N Bevan J Gillan D Sullivan Delica Vella R Imbert	M Aulsebrook J Burxgx C Porreca S Hambrook J Papaleo G Buttell	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	22/7/2018	29/7/2018	5/8/2018	12/8/2018
	R Marciano	D Triganza	S Leonello	S Shabo
10AM MORNING TEAS	22/7/201	29/7/2018	5/8/2018	12/8/2018
	Group 4	Group 5	Group 1	Group 2

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

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.



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone for an evening of Praise and Worship, teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more.

Why not come along and joins us, this is a great opportunity to come and be inspired, refreshed.

When: **Thursday 26th July, 2018 @ 7pm**
(Meetings are held fortnightly on a Thursday)

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

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

Statement on Sydney Catholic School Fees

Following is a letter received from the Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, Dr Dan White.

“As Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS), I wish to assure all families considering a Catholic education for their children of the following key priorities.

As a system of schools, we are committed to maintaining low-fee affordability for all families seeking an enrolment in a systemic school in the Archdiocese.

The Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increased to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four per cent, with lower increases in areas of greatest need.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria for low income families could include those who live in government housing and are on a Centrelink health card. Bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee families.

To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic school, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child.”



ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

Communion Antiphon: *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

Next Sunday:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Someone who opens me to the wisdom of God is..... Someone who brings me the healing of God is.....
- ♦ I tend to limit my expectations of what Jesus does for me when..... does for others when.....
- ♦ I have experienced a new in-breaking of God in my life at these times.....

First reading **Amos 7:12-15** A reading from the Prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **84:9-14** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second reading **Ephesians 1:3-14** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our

freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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Gospel Acclamation **cf. Ephesians 1:17-18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 6:7-13** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord