



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 4

'Prayer of the Church'

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

Monday - No Mass

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Tuesday - 9:10am

St Pius X, pope

Wednesday - 7:00pm

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday - 9:10am

St Rose of Lima, virgin

Friday - 9:10am

St Bartholomew, apostle

Saturday - 9:10am

St Louis

St Joseph Calasanz, priest

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 25/26 AUGUST

(21st 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

Adoration/Benediction

8.30am

Reconciliations:

Saturdays – 4:15–5:00pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office

or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

18th and 19th August, 2018

“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you cannot possess eternal life”

In today's Gospel of John, again Jesus is telling to the crowds, “I am the living bread that came down from Heaven”

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says “Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you cannot possess eternal life” For most of the Jews this would be very difficult to understand, they were scandalized and many disciples were divided when Jesus said these words. Why did Jesus offer himself as “food and drink”? What a hard saying, unless we understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life, we will have difficulty understanding the Eucharist.

Even today many people struggle to understand the true meaning of the Eucharist; the Eucharist is not a mere symbol of the body and blood of Christ. When we receive the Eucharist we are eating and drinking the real Body and Blood of Christ. When we participate in the celebration of the mass, we are actively participating in the last supper that took place 2000 years ago. It is not something happening symbolically, at the time of consecration the whole Church in communion with all the saints are participating in Eucharistic meal that took place at the last supper with Jesus and his apostles.

The bread and wine changes into the real Body and Blood of Christ, this happens when the priest invokes the Holy Spirit to change them into the body and blood of Christ, and says the divine words that Jesus said, “take and eat this bread this is my body, and take and drink this cup this is my blood”. The bread and wine looks and tastes like bread and wine but what we are eating and drinking is truly the flesh and blood of Christ. This change we call Transubstantiation. My friends when we receive the Eucharist we are also transformed, those who partake in receiving the bread and wine are making the Glorified Lord Present in them.

Deacon Mervyn



Special Appeal

After consultation with the Parish Council our Parish will have a special appeal for our struggling farmers over the next couple of weeks. Please place your donation in the boxes provided after Mass or you may leave your donation at the Parish Office. Please provide your name if you require a receipt.

All donations will be sent directly to Vinnies in Moree to help families in need.

Father Dominic

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



Sick: Claudio Da SILVA, Charlie SALIBA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Josie HOPE, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER, Nancy VARTULLI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT,

Recently Deceased: Father Paul Ryan

Death Anniversary: Jozef TOMASZEWSKI, Frank BARILLA

Other: Special Intention

Saints of the Week



St Rose of Lima

Born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, and named Isabel Flores de Olivia, she was exceptionally beautiful. At her Confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose. From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. Her parents opposed her plan to take a vow of chastity. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself. St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer. St. Rose died on August 25, 1617, at the age of 31. According to legend, she accurately predicted the date of her death. Her funeral was a major event attended by all the city's authorities.

Pope Clement IX beatified her in 1667 and Pope Clement X recognized her as a saint, canonizing her in 1671. Her feast day is August 23 around the world, although some countries, like Peru, celebrate her on August 30.

Feast day: 23rd August

Patron: embroiderers, gardeners, florists, Latin America and Philippines

JOHN THE BAPTIST PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND JANUARY 2019

A pilgrimage "Footsteps of Jesus" is being organised by Harvest Journeys - an authentically Catholic organisation. Let us watch the Gospels come alive as we retrace the progressive stages of the life of Jesus from his nativity in Bethlehem to his Passion on Calvary.

Tour Details: 10 days/9 nights. Sunday 13th to Tuesday 22nd January. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Masada, Jericho, Jerusalem and Emmaus.

Inclusions: airfare, accommodation, meals, deluxe air conditioned coach, pilgrimage escort/local guides, sightseeing, entrance fees, fully escorted by Pilgrimage Chaplain and Private Daily Masses.

Cost: group of 15 - \$6,180 pp group of 20 - \$5,780 pp

Pre tour Option: 10th - 13th January. Wonders of Jordan (3 nights - Amman, Dead Sea Resort, Mt Nebo, Madaba and Petra. \$1,290 pp

If you are interested please contact Nina Laureti on 0408 465 149 to begin planning stages.

Holy Land Information Night on Thursday 23rd August at 7.00pm in the Church. A representative from Harvest will facilitate to promote the tour, answer any questions and take bookings.

Let us pray that this Parish Pilgrimage will spiritually renew us, allow us to share amazing memories together and foster lifelong bonds of friendship and return home transformed with a stronger conviction to contribute to the faith life and mission of the community of John the Baptist.



St Joseph Calasanz

Joseph of Calasanz, was born in 1557 in Aragon, Spain. He was well educated in philosophy, law and theology. On recovery from an illness, which brought him close to death, he decided to become a priest. In 1592 Joseph went to Rome, where he became a theologian in the service of Cardinal Marcoantonio Colonna. Joseph worked with the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and soon opened a school for homeless children. Joseph was a man of great moral courage. He accepted Jewish children into his schools and made sure they were treated equally.

Joseph died in 1648 at the age of 90 and was buried in the church of San Pantaleo. Joseph was beatified in 1748 by Pope Benedict XIV and canonised by Pope Clement XIII in 1767.

Feast Day: 25th August

Patron: of schools

Memorial Mass for the Unborn:

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Wednesday 29th August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. Please see notice board for further details.



Welcoming Weekend

Ever wondered what the name of the person is that sits behind you at Mass every week for the last year??

Over each of the Father's Day weekend Masses on 1st and 2nd September we will be encouraging everyone to make a name tag for themselves before they enter the church.

To build community and family connections, we are also asking you to bring along a small plate to share over a cuppa after each Mass and have a chat with someone you don't already know.



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.

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 2nd September.** Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.



We congratulate the families of Lilia FRIZZO and Illaria SPAGNOLO who will be baptised here this Sunday 19th August.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST WORKSHOPS

2 workshops have been organised for **all current readers and extraordinary ministers and those interested** in becoming a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

You are expected to attend 1 workshop.

Workshop 1 Friday 14th September 7.00pm in the Church

Workshop 2 Sunday 16th September 11.15am in the JB Gallery

No attendance will be regarded as a discontinuation of the ministry.

Enquiries:

Readers Nina Laureti 0408 465 149
Extraordinary Ministers Linda Barilla 0409 914 083



IMPORTANT CATECHIST MEETING

An important catechist meeting has been organised for **Tuesday 28th August at 7.00pm** in the Church.

New information from CCD and discussion of curriculum needs to be presented. Your input is very important. Please make every effort to attend.

If you are unable to attend please let your coordinator know.

Enquiries: Nina Laureti 0408 465 149

Ministries Next Week 25/26 Aug	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Oliveri A Pace	L Barilla S Davies	J Habib N Debuissou	R Camilleri T Corvelo
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	H Fenech P Vujica T Micali B Empiegne M Camilleri A Pace	Delicia Vella R Imbert J Finucance D Triganza P Vujica	J Habib T Vartuli E Villegas G Dunn J Bankowski C Goodyer	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	2/09/2018	9/09/2018	16/09/2018	23/09/2018
	A Portolesi	D Triganza	S Peters	S Shabo
10AM MORNING TEAS	2/09/2018	9/09/2018	16/09/2018	23/09/2018
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

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.

Volunteers' Dinner: Friday 23rd November.

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

Combined Christmas Carols: Friday 14th December



CONFIRMATION

Candidate Commitment weekend is this weekend. Candidates please see Father before Mass to receive your prayer card.

Confirmation Enrolments have now closed for 2018. For further information contact Linda 9607 4993



IN-HOME CARE PRESENTATION CatholicCare Sydney

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems and assist you to find help while you wait for funded services.

WHEN: Saturday 25th August 2018 1.00pm

WHERE: John the Baptist Catholic Church
45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

RSVP: Parish Office 9823 2572
Josie 0407 203 593
Linda 9607 4993

Afternoon tea will be provided



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone to our prayer meetings.

The meetings start with Praise and Worship, followed by teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of worship, teaching, sharing and great fellowship.

When: Thursday 23rd August, 2018 @ 7pm
(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)
Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall
Contact: Susan (02) 9607 5137 or 0415 342 672



ATTENTION READERS: All readers please collect the new Roster from the alcove area in the Church.



SPRING WORKING BEE

Please come and join us for a working bee to tidy up around the Church and grounds. We require as many helpers as possible from 7.00am on **Saturday 1st September.**

There will be sign up sheets outside the Church or contact Grant Dunn on 9823 4704 to let us know you are available to help.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

Communion Antiphon: *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

Next Sunday:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ For me, Jesus is..... I am his risen Presence for others when.....
- ♦ What and who have helped me grow in my understanding of the Eucharist are..... I help others grow in their understanding of Eucharist by.....
- ♦ I partake in divine Life means to me.....

First reading

Proverbs 9:6-1

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:

'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,

'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!

Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

33:2-3, 10-15

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the

words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord