



# 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 Robert Bellarmine, bishop,  
doctor*

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Januarius, bishop, martyr*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon,  
priest, martyr*

*Paul Chong Ha-sang &  
companions, martyrs*

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Matthew, apostle,  
evangelist*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 22/23**

**SEPTEMBER**

*(25th 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

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 15th and 16th September, 2018

### WILL YOU CARRY YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW?

An atheist once asked a little girl to say some special words every night before going to sleep. He wrote them down so she would not forget: "God is nowhere." The child studied the writing and spelled out the letters, "G-o-d God is n-o-w now h-e-r-e here." She said, "That's easy! I'll start my prayer by saying, God is now here."

In today's Gospel Jesus (being conscious that people have differing views about him) gives us a glance of God by asking his disciples "Who do people say that I am?" Simon Peter gives the top scoring answer. "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God." For Peter, Jesus is greater than the prophets of old, greater than John the Baptist who is revered by the people. And he was instantly promoted. "You are Peter (or rock) and on this rock I will build my Church and never will the powers of the nether-world overcome it."

Even though Peter gave the right answer but he misunderstood the meaning of what Messiah was about. According to popular belief, the Messiah is the one who will restore the glory of David's kingdom. To do that, he will crush the Roman power and free people from their dominance. Peter was so shocked by the idea of the suffering Messiah that he took Jesus aside and rebuked him. Jesus, in turn rebuked Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but a man's." Jesus wanted us to achieve a deeper awareness of the richness and multiplicity of God's ways of being amongst us. He is the Messiah who will save his people, not so much from political oppressive power, but from that which enslaves them. He encouraged those who wanted to follow him to "... Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." What Jesus said is hard to accept and even harder to put into practice but it is surely the best way that leads us to joy and harmony. He had walked that way before us and he has now encouraged us to follow.

Let us pray that we can open our mind and heart to the mystery of God's infinite love and multi-faceted wisdom so that we can follow Jesus' path which leads to life's ever-lasting joy & peace.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

2447 The work of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, are spiritual works of mercy, as we forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

**Fr Dominic Dinh**

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



**Sick:** Col PURCELL, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Charlie SALIBA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULLI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Josie HOPE, Alice McGANN, Jane MICALLEF, Zac FENECH, Agostino BADINO, J KIANG, Filomena BUGEJA

**Death Anniversary:**

**Other:** Melissa and Tony KOVAL, Special Intention



We congratulate the family of Alexio TAVARES who will be baptised here this Sunday 16th September.

**'SRODOWISKO'  
Vocations Camp for Men**

**19-21 October, 2018**

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale

Please see Church noticeboard for further information

Info and Registration: [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au)

RSVP: Friday 28th September, 2018

**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.

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.



**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.

# Saints of the Week



**St Robert Bellarmine**

Born at Montepulciano, Italy, October 4, 1542, St. Robert Bellarmine was the third of ten children. His mother, Cinzia Cervini, a niece of Pope Marcellus II, was dedicated to almsgiving, prayer, meditation, fasting, and mortification of the body. Robert entered the newly formed Society of Jesus in 1560 and after his ordination went on to teach at Louvain (1570-1576) where he became famous for his Latin sermons. In 1576, he was appointed to the chair of controversial theology at the Roman College, becoming Rector in 1592; he went on to become Provincial of Naples in 1594 and Cardinal in 1598. This outstanding scholar and devoted servant of God defended the Apostolic See against the anti-clericals in Venice and against the political tenets of James I of England. He composed an exhaustive apologetic work against the prevailing heretics of his day. In the field of church-state relations, he took a position based on principles now regarded as fundamentally democratic - authority originates with God, but is vested in the people, who entrust it to fit rulers. This saint was the spiritual father of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, helped St. Francis de Sales obtain formal approval of the Visitation Order, and in his prudence opposed severe action in the case of Galileo. He has left us a host of important writings, including works of devotion and instruction, as well as controversy. He died in 1621.

**Feast day: September 17**

**Patron: Catechumens**



**St Januarius**

St. Januarius was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector.

They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquifies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius lived and died around 305 A.D.

**Feast Day: September 19**



**St Matthew**

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked,

"Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

**Feast Day: September 21**

**Patron: Bankers**

## 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 7th October.** Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

### JB SPRING FAIR

**21st October 2018  
11am – 4pm**



Looking for **generous sponsors** to offer prizes for our Spring Fair: Please call Caterina : 0416 044 149

Looking for **volunteers** to make our Spring Fair a wonderful success.

Please call anyone below or put your name down on the board outside the Church and we will contact you.

Any enquires or volunteers please contact:

Josie: 0407 203 593

Caterina: 0416 044 149

Susan: 0419 606 683

Maria: 0407 662 535

## 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** 18th December at 6:30pm.

**Combined Christmas Carols:** Friday 7th December

### 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



Freeman Catholic College is supporting three students who will be attending World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019.

These boys would love some further support from the parish. This week after

the 10am Mass they will be selling chocolates (\$1 each) and raffle tickets (\$2 each - 1st prize: a Toyota Yaris, 2nd prize: \$4000 Travel voucher, 3rd prize: \$1000 visa gift card, 4th prize: \$469 Apple iPad, 5th prize: \$459 Apple Watch Series 3). Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco.** We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

### CONFIRMATION



**The Confirmation Retreat** will be held next **Sunday 23rd September** commencing at 11:30am. Parents please meet your Group

Leader and sign the candidate in. Candidates will remain with their Group Leader. The retreat will finish at 2:30pm and you will need to sign that you have picked up your candidate.

Enquiries: Linda Barilla 9607 4993.

**Confirmation Practice: Tuesday 25th September**

6:00pm - 6:30pm Saturday Mass

6:45pm - 7:15pm Sunday Noon Mass

7:30pm - 8:00pm Sunday 3:00pm Mass

Ministries Next Week 22/23 Sept	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	A Pace L Krslovic	J Poljak I O'Connor	G Zangari M Zangari	
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	M Harvey D Rotondo A Jameson G Rapisarda H Fenech P Vujica	J Gillan D Sullivan Delicia Vella R Imbert J Finucane	J Bankowski C Goodyer G Rapisarda G Zangari R Hibbs M Aulsebrook	
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	F Aloe	J Coiera		
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	23/9/2018	30/9/2018	7/10/2018	14/10/2018
	S Shabo	Z Penitani	M De Luca	A Portolesi
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	23/09/2018	30/09/2018	7/10/2018	14/10/2018
	Group 4	Group 5	Group 1	Group 2

### You are invited



Ascension Prayer Community is inviting you for an exciting evening.

**The Speaker on the 20th of September is Thomas from Divine retreat Centre Somersby. A Man of God anointed with gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit and his passion is to bring the souls to God. Thomas is an international speaker and has been serving the Lord for the past 20 years.**

Topic " How to hear the voice of God"

**When: Thursday 20th September, 2018 @ 7:10pm**

(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)

**Where:** John the Baptist Parish Hall

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

Why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of worship, teaching, sharing and great fellowship.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th September at 6:30pm in the presbytery.

## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

### Next Sunday:

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

### Reflection Questions.....

- When I think in human terms, I resist "the Christ" in that..... For me "the Christ" is.....
- Jesus' call to carry the cross means that I must.....
- Times when I have embraced the necessity of losing my life to experience new life have been.....

#### First reading A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

#### Second reading A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

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

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord



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