



# St. John the Baptist Catholic

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



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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### PSALTER 2

#### 'Prayer of the Church'

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

#### Monday - No Mass

*St Therese of the Child Jesus,  
virgin, doctor*

#### Tuesday - 9:10am

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

#### Wednesday - 7:00pm

#### Thursday - 9:10am

*St Francis of Assisi*

#### Friday - 9:10am

#### Saturday - 9:10am

*St Bruno, priest*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY 6/7 OCTOBER

*(27th 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

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

29th and 30th September, 2018

### Rejoice in God's goodness

There was a story about two neighbours who were great rivals. When one got a new car the other would try to get a better one and vice versa. They both tried to outdo each other. One day a devil appeared to one of them and offered, "You can ask for anything you like and you will get it. **However**, your neighbour will get twice as much of **whatever** you ask for?" "You mean if I ask for a brand new car I would get it?" He asked. "Yes, you would get it, **but** your neighbour will get 2 brand new cars," answered the devil. "You mean he will get more than me" the man exclaimed. After a long pause, he said, "Alright, in that case I will settle for one blind eye!"

We all experience jealousy and rivalry in our life. They can happen everywhere wherever there are people. For instance: at work place, in our neighbourhood and even in our family. They prevent us from seeing the goodness in others and rejoice with them, moreover to appreciate the beauty around us.

Earlier in the chapter, St Mark has told us of a man who appealed to Jesus' disciples to free his son from a spirit of dumbness. This anxious father told Jesus: "I asked your disciples to cast it out but they were unable to." The disciples have been seen as unsuccessful exorcists. Therefore, in today's Gospel, they were jealous of the man who succeeded where they failed. Thus, John complains to Jesus about someone outside their circle who exorcises demons invoking Jesus' name. But Jesus rebukes him saying, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus allows his name to be used to cure the afflicted, expel demons and to do good i.e. he wants us to use this healing power to bring about goodness and love. He refuses to box in goodness but invites his fragile insecure disciples to a wider vision in order to recognize God's goodness no matter where it is to be found. Pope John Paul II in his *Tertio Millennio Adveniente* writes, 'the Church, the community of believers, rejoices in Jesus' salvation. But in the spirit of Jesus' graciousness for all, the Church invites everyone, even those who do not profess faith in Jesus, to rejoice, and she tries to create conditions to ensure that the power of salvation may be shared by all.'

Let us pray that we will be more inclusive despite the differences and become more understanding people who can rejoice in the good done by others and to others.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

1914 Participation is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work and so forth, man participates in the good of others and of society.

**Fr Dominic Dinh**

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



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

**Recently Deceased:** Josie HOPE, Alice McGANN, Kenneth JIANG

**Death Anniversary:** Elizabeth CURTALE, Iluminada MENDOZA

**Other:** Joseph Jason NGUYEN, Special Intention



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!*

**16th – 18th November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)



## Young Adults Youth Core Group

Anyone interested in being part of the Youth Core Group for programming & planning youth ministry in our parish

*What would you suggest the parish do to improve its ministry to youth?*

What do we need in terms of:

1. Formation
2. Social events
3. Participation

*Any thoughts and ideas are welcome.*

Please feel free to contact Fr. Richard for any suggestions  
([dumrich@live.com](mailto:dumrich@live.com))

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
(after 5:30 pm Youth Mass)  
*information night*

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
(after 7:00 pm Mass)  
*programming & planning*

**Where?** - Church Meeting Room

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN

Looking for something fun to do during these upcoming school holidays? Why not book in to the Family Fun activities at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. Suitable for pre-school and Primary students 9th, 10th and 11th October (10:30am to 12:30pm inclusive) Bookings essential: Ph: 8912 4883. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

# Saints of the Week



## St Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin, also known as Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who devoted her life to loving God. As a permanent novice, she would never be able to perform great deeds. She did however scatter flowers, each flower a little sacrifice and a little action for God and love. After not feeling well for sometime, she became gravely ill. She remained silent and cheerful until the end and passed away at the age of 24. She is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower".

**Feast day:** October 1

**Patron:** Missions



## The Holy Guardian Angels

The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels is a memorial of the Catholic Church officially observed on 2 October. Catholics set up altars in honour of guardian angels as early as the 4th Century, and local celebrations of a feast in honour of guardian angels go back to the 11th Century.

**Feast Day:** October 2



## St Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco, was a wealthy young man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God's call and became a Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. He went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic Saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ

**Feast Day:** October 4

**Patron:** Animals, Merchants and Ecologists



## St Bruno

Bruno was born in Cologne of the prominent Hartenfaust family. He studied at the Cathedral school at Rheims. He was ordained in 1055 and became a professor of theology. He was one of the most remarkable scholars and teachers of his time. He and six companions built a monastery and founded the Cathusians order in 1084. They embraced poverty, manual labour, prayer and transcribing manuscripts. Their fame spread and Bruno became an advisor to the Pope. After 6 years he founded St Mary's monastery in Calabria. He passed away in 1102.

**Feast Day:** October 6

**Patron:** Germany, Calabria and Carthusians

## OCTOBER RETREATS

### MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Please see Church noticeboard for details.

## PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION



**Baptisms** - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass next 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

**Calling all youth, musicians, parishioners and priests!**

### MASTERCLASS

#### RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL CATHOLIC YOUTH MASS

Sunday 7th October, 2018

1:30pm - 6:00pm

(Followed by Youth Mass)

Our Lady of the Way, North Sydney

Register online: [parish2020.com/register](http://parish2020.com/register)

See Church noticeboard for more details



### Parousia Media - Discover the Fullness of Truth

#### A RETREAT FOR THE FEMININE HEART

Tuesday 16th October, 2018

(9:00am - 2:00pm (Mass at 9:00am))

St Benedict's Church, 8 Fagans Road, Arcadia

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

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

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

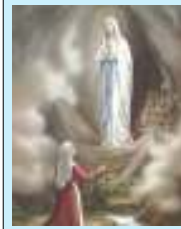
**Volunteers' Dinner:** Friday 23rd November

**Year 6 Graduation Mass** 18th December at 6:30pm.

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



**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Tony Randazzo will celebrate Confirmation with our Candidates this weekend. Please keep the Candidates and their families in your prayers.



### DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 14th October, 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary

at 2:30pm followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.



### 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.

### 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.

Ministries Next Week 6/7 October	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	G Turnbull M Camilleri	R Golubic S Davies	C Porreca E Villegas	
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	A Pace A Vlahadamis A Jameson L Topic T Micali D Vella	D Triganza A Liberatore B O'Connor J Finucane	J Habbib G Dunn S D'Cruz S Hambrook H Fenech E Villegas	G Vanderwert S Cook D Pham R Imbert
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	M Davies			
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	7/10/2018	14/10/2018	21/10/2018	28/10/2018
	M De Luca	A Portolesi	S Nguyen	K Jekki
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	7/10/2018	14/10/2018	21/10/2018	28/10/2018
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4



## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

### Next Sunday:

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The human pettiness and sinfulness I need to confront is.....
- ♦ I find myself distracted from Jesus and his mission when..... by.....Jesus calls me to refocus by.....
- ♦ What I need to "cut".....off" in order to be a more faithful disciple is..... What I need to "add in" is.....

### First reading **Numbers 11:25-29** **A reading from the book of Numbers**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm **18:8, 10, 12-14** **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the hear.*

### Second reading **James 5:1-6** **A reading from the letter of St James**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes

are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

cf. John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel **Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48** **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



### The Gospel of the Lord

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