



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 3

'Prayer of the Church'

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

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:10am

*St Denis, bishop, martyr, and
companions, martyrs*

St John Leonardi, priest

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

St John XXIII, pope

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 13/14 OCTOBER

*(28th 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 6th and 7th October, 2018

Whatever disrupts marriage challenges everyone involved

Marriage is the gift of self to another. Out of the self-giving comes life, the life of a child and the life of a family. These days, families come in different sizes and shapes - Traditional families, single-parent families, blended families, multi-generational parenting. Adoption and artificial means of conception have opened the doors to parenting for classes of people who could not (or would not) create a family in previous generations. Unlike the size, shape, and nature of a modern family, two traditional factors always have and always will affect the family: the stable lifestyle of the parents and the good of the children.

At the time of Jesus there were two opinions about divorce. One opinion stated a man was free to divorce at any time and for any reason, while the other opinion stated marriage could not be dissolved. The Pharisees tricked Jesus with a question on the Law. *"Is it permitted (in the Law) for a man to dismiss a woman (in divorce)?"* Jesus answered them with a question, *"What command did Moses give to you?"* When the Pharisees answered, Jesus appealed to an early (and purer) reason: the point of creation! God's original intention was for lifelong monogamy. Why did Jesus oppose divorce, besides theological reasons? Jesus was aware of the effects divorce had on families, especially children. In the time of Jesus, divorced women many times ended up homeless and their children became more like orphans.

Why did Jesus consider remarriage as "adultery"? Many times, adultery was used as a social weapon against a married man or family; adultery caused scandal and shame. Remarriage could have the same result, especially if a man divorced his wife to marry for lust or social status. Such reasons did not coincide with God's original purpose; hence they were sinful (i.e., "adulterous").

In many societies today, divorce is a common occurrence. While divorce may not have the social stigma attached to it as in former generations, the legal dissolution of a marriage still carries serious consequences. Instead of being a union symbolizing God's love for people, marriage is now seen merely in terms of human companionship; as friendships come and go, so do marriages.

Yet, the dissolution of marriage has a direct effect on the couple involved, their children, and the family and friends that surround them. Divorce can and does have a lasting negative effect on everyone involved. Divorce can cause real and permanent suffering. Remarriage only compounds the situation. Otherwise, the Church is vitally interested in the true welfare of the married, the divorced, and the remarried.

Fr Richard Ddumba

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

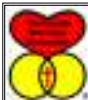


Sick: Antoinette RACO, Peter ANDERSON, Col PURCELL, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Charlie SALIBA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Doug ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Andrew FLOOD, Josie HOPE, Alice McGANN,

Death Anniversary: David FENECH

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Kenneth JIANG, 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

Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or 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
(dumbrieh@live.com)

Sunday, 7th October
(after 5:30 pm Youth Mass)
information night

Wednesday, 10th October
(after 7:00 pm Mass)
programming & planning

Where? - Church Meeting Room



MOTORVATE SEBASTIAN'S FIGHT FOR LIFE:

Sebastian Aguiar, a John the Baptist Year 6 student is the only child in Australia battling the life threatening and complex ROHHAD syndrome. Join us for a fundraising dinner to raise money to purchase a motor vehicle which can be modified to safely transport Sebastian, his wheelchair and life supporting medical equipment. Enjoy a fun evening with food, entertainment, games and a major raffle. Please support this wonderful cause to help Sebastian's fight. Further details can be found on the Church noticeboard.

Saints of the Week



St Denis

Denis (or Dionysius as he is also called) was born and raised in Italy, he was sent as a missionary to Gaul (now France) circa 250 A.D. by Pope St. Clement along with five other bishops. Denis made his base of missionary activity an island in the Seine near the city of Lutetia Parisiorum -- what would become Paris. For this reason he is known as the first bishop of Paris and the Apostle of France. There he was captured by the Parisians along with Rusticus and Eleutherius. Later writers have referred to these as Denis' priest and deacon, or his deacon and subdeacon, but we have no further information on them. After a long imprisonment and several aborted executions, the three martyrs were beheaded with a sword and their bodies were thrown into the river. Denis' body was retrieved from the Seine by his converts and buried. The chapel that was built over his tomb grew into the abbey of Saint -Denis.

Feast day: October 9

Patron of France, Paris: strife, headache, hydrophobia, possessed people, rabies



St John Leonardi

John Leonardi was born at Diecimo, Italy. He became a pharmacist's assistant at Lucca, studied for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1572. He gathered a group of laymen about him to work in hospitals and prisons, became interested in the reforms proposed by the Council of Trent, and proposed a new congregation of secular priests. Great opposition to his proposal developed, but in 1583, his association (formally designated Clerks Regular of the Mother of God in 1621) was recognized by the bishop of Lucca with the approval of Pope Gregory XIII. John was aided by St. Philip Neri and St. Joseph Calasanctius, and in 1595, the congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement VIII, who appointed John to reform the monks of Vallombrosa and Monte Vergine. He died in Rome on October 9th of plague contracted while he was ministering to the stricken. He was venerated for his miracles and religious fervor and is considered one of the founders of the College for the Propagation of the Faith. He was canonized in 1938 by Pope Pius XI.

Feast Day: October 9

Patron: Pharmacists



St John XXIII

Pope John XXIII was head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 28 October 1958 to his death in 1963 and was canonized on 27 April 2014. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was the fourth of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers who lived in a village in Lombardy. His career within the Church began in 1904 when he graduated from university with a doctorate in theology. As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. On Christmas, 1958, he resumed the papal practice of making visits to the community within the official Diocese of Rome. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. Pope John XXIII was a man of great mercy and kindness and much like Pope Francis of today, he did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. Perhaps his most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council which would be known as Vatican II. As a result of this council, many practices of the classic Church would be altered with a new emphasis on ecumenism and a new liturgy.

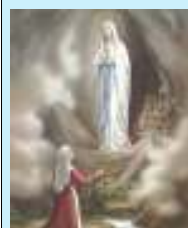
Feast Day: October 11

Patron: Papal delegates, Patriarchy of Venice, Second Vatican Council

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION



Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass this Sunday 7th October.** Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.



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.

2020 Plenary Council

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) are asking all the faithful to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The feedback which the bishops receive will enable them to discuss the pastoral priorities that need to be addressed in the Plenary Council which will take place 2020 (a Plenary Council consists of bishops who represent the whole number of bishops from a particular country while meeting with the Pope). To help facilitate their feedback, the three questions the ACBC are asking the faithful to respond to are:

1. **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
2. **What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**
3. **Do You have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?**

The ACBC are asking people to gather together to provide their feedback so that they can pray, talk and listen to one another before making their submissions. You can submit your response by going to: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

Ministries Next Week 13/14 Oct	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	E Vella J Oliveri	L Barilla M Jebrail	N Dubuisson T Corvelo	
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER	M Abdal B Empeigne D Vella L Tononcelli E Vella M Camilleri	S Xuereb R Morellini M Jebrail Delicia Vella F Foti	T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs N Laureti A Bautista N Dubuisson	Duy Pham R Imbert M Mai G Vanderwert
CHURCH COUNTER	J Oliveri	V Baltazar	Younart	
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	14/10/2018 A Portolesi	21/10/2018 S Nguyen	28/10/2018 K Jekki	4/11/2018 R Marciano
10AM MORNING TEAS	14/10/2018 Group 2	21/10/2018 Group 3	28/10/2018 Group 3	4/11/2018 Group 5

Upcoming Parish Activities

Save the date!

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



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



RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

Next Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What helps me grow in healthy relationships is..... I struggle in my relationships with others when.....
- ♦ I am hard of heart when..... What softens my heart is.....
- ♦ I experience the tender embrace and blessing of Jesus when.....

First reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

127:1-5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour

because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



The Gospel of the Lord

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