



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 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 Teresa of Jesus, virgin,
doctor*

Tuesday - 9:10am

*St Hedwig, religious
St Margaret Mary Alacoque,
virgin*

Wednesday - 7:00pm

*St Ignatius of Antioch,
bishop, martyr*

Thursday - 9:10am

St Luke, evangelist

Friday - 9:10am

*Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac
Jogues, priests and
companions, martyrs
St Paul of the Cross, priest*

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 20/21 OCTOBER

*(29th 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

13th and 14th October, 2018

Live life to its fullest

The French have a story about a millionaire, who spent his days counting his gold. Beside his palace was a poor cobbler who spent his days singing as he repaired people's shoes. The joyful singing irritated the rich man. One day he decided to give some gold coins to the cobbler in exchange for his quiet. At first the cobbler was overjoyed, and he took the coins and hid them. But then he would be worried and went back to check if the coins were still there. Then he would be worried in case someone had seen him, and he would move the coins and hide them in another place. During all this, he ceased to sing. Then one day he realized that he had ceased to be happy because of the gold coins. He took them back to the rich man and said, "*Take back your coins and give me back my songs.*" The message is that attachment to riches can take away our freedom and joy.

The gospel's today presents an encounter between Jesus and a rich young man. He is a good moral character who protests that he has kept all the commandments. Now he asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. So Jesus tells him, "*Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me.*" The man has begun well; now he needs to do more that is, disposing himself of his many possessions. But *'his face fell, and he went away sad, for he has many possessions'*. He probably never thought that his possessions stood in the way of attaining eternal life. Clearly, he can't detach himself from his earthly treasures. How then can he be really free? Like many people of his time, he equates possessions and riches with divine favour. Jesus looks around and tells his disciples, "*How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*"

The issue here is not so much the acquisition of riches as the **attachment** to them. A person may have millions and be quite detached. Another may have only a few thousand and be very attached. Jesus is saying very plainly that people will have a hard time attaining eternal life because of their attachment to the things of this world. Riches and wealth can generate a false sense of security. They make people think that they already have everything.

Eternal life or another word fullness of life does not depend on material possessions but on our free response to Jesus' invitation. Jesus tells us not just to be contented with living the demands of the physical body. Rather, we must live life in its fullness.

Let us pray that we will wisely make use of the material possessions to strengthen the relationship between us and God through the people around us.

MONEY.....

can buy a house, but not a home.

can buy a watch, but not time.

can buy medicine, but not health.

can buy books, but not knowledge.

can buy fame, but not respect.

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: Fr Denis FOLEY, Andrew FLOOD

Death Anniversary: Antonia Da RIN, Maria Etelvina LI, Guilherme LI, Mary BUSUTTIL

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

Saints of the Week



St Teresa of Jesus

Teresa of Jesus was born on March 28, 1515, in Avila, Spain. Her mother died when she was 14, and she entered the Carmelite Monastery in Avila in 1535. Her life as a Carmelite, though far removed from the mainstream of modern culture, still speaks powerfully to us today. Within two years her health collapsed, and she was an invalid for three years, during which time she developed a love for mental prayer. After her recovery, however, she stopped praying. She continued for 15 years in a state divided between a worldly and a divine spirit, until, in 1555, she underwent a religious awakening. In 1558 Teresa began to consider the restoration of Carmelite life to its original observance of austerity, which had relaxed in the 14th and 15th centuries. Her reform required utter withdrawal so that the nuns could meditate on divine law and, through a prayerful life of penance, exercise what she termed "our vocation of reparation" for the sins of humankind. In 1562, with Pope Pius IV's authorization, she opened the first convent (St. Joseph's) of the Carmelite Reform. Teresa died in 1582 at the age of 67. In 1622 she was canonized, and in 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church, the first woman ever to be so recognised.

Feast day: October 15

Patron of Headaches sufferers and Spanish Catholic Writers



We congratulate the families of Elliot NGUYEN, Joseph FERRERI and Sage MUSOBA-OTUTAH who will be baptised here this Sunday 14th October.

7 Saints Pope Francis will Canonize the Sunday



This is such wonderful news! Pope Francis will canonize several new saints to the Catholic Church on Sunday October 14.

A printed information sheet about these amazing witnesses of holiness, and some of the miracles attributed to their intercession can be found on the Church tables. Please take home a copy.

JOHN 6:63 It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh no help at all, the words that I have spoken to you are spirit of life.

You are invited



Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship.

Speaker on the 18th October—Gerald Marcello (Chairperson of CCR Parramatta)

Topic " HOLY SPIRIT AWAKENING"

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

Time: 7:00pm

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

Meetings take place on a fortnightly basis



St Ignatius of Antioch

The second Bishop of Antioch, Syria, this disciple of the beloved Disciple John was consecrated Bishop around the year 69 by the Apostle Peter, the first Pope. A holy man who was deeply loved by the Christian faithful. In 107, during the reign of the brutal Emperor Trajan, this holy Bishop was wrongfully sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith. He was taken under guard to Rome where he was to be brutally devoured by wild beasts in a public spectacle. During his journey, his travels took him through Asia Minor and Greece. He made good use of the time by writing seven letters of encouragement, instruction and inspiration to the Christians in those communities. We still have these letters as a great treasure of the Church today. The content of the letters addressed the hierarchy and structure of the Church as well as the content of the orthodox Christian faith. It was Bishop Ignatius who first used the term "catholic" to describe the whole Church. These letters connect us to the early Church and the unbroken, clear teaching of the Apostles which was given to them directly by Jesus Christ. They also reveal the holiness of a man of God who became himself a living letter of Christ.

Feast Day: October 17



St Luke

St Luke was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles.' He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St Paul, travelling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements. Luke is also credited with being a prolific painter, creating many works of Mary and Jesus. He died at age 84 in Boeotia.

Feast Day: October 18

Patron: Artists, Physicians and Surgeons



MOTORVATE SEBASTIAN'S FIGHT FOR LIFE - FUND RAISING DINNER

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.

6:30pm, Friday 9th November 2018 (includes a 4 course dinner with beer, wine, soft drinks and entertainment)

Tickets \$100, to book - <https://www.trybooking.com/432342>

Purchase tickets individually or as a group (Maximum 10 people per table)

Every ticket purchased will go into a draw for your chance to win a lucky door prize!

For further information contact: Rina 0410 664 792 or Rosalie 0404 276 332.

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 4th November**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.



CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

The Confirmation Core Group wish to thank Father Dominic, Father Richard and the staff of John the Baptist Parish and school for their support during the Confirmation programme and Mass. A special thanks to the Altar Servers and parking attendants for giving up their own time to assist in making this year's Confirmation a special celebration of our Confirmandi.

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>



ATTENTION READERS: The new roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.



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

Ministries Next Week 20/21 Oct	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 Dubuisson	V Arbanas R Capolupo
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	C Araco A Gorla A Pace A Vlahadamis A Jameson L Topic	D Sullivan D Triganza A Liberatore B O'Connor	C Porreca M Aulsebrook R Hibbs N Laureti A Bautista N Dubuisson	M Abdal S Cook D Pham R Imbert
CHURCH COUNTER	G Adam	E Villegas		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	21/10/2018 S Nguyen	28/10/2018 K Jekki	4/11/2018 R Marciano	11/11/2018 S Leonello
10AM MORNING TEAS	21/10/2018 Group 3	28/10/2018 Group 4	4/11/2018 Group 1	11/11/2018 Group 2

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

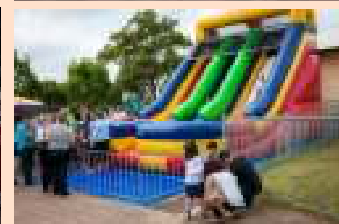
Caterina: 0416 044 149

Susan: 0419 606 683

Maria: 0407 662 535

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following people and businesses who so generously donated prizes to our Spring Fair:

Scalabrini Austral
Lavender Beauty, Edensor Park
Boutique Six, Edensor Park
Corebuild Building Services
Grace Cosmetics
Penna's Pharmacy
Ruben and Adelaida Sapin



"Join the conversation - Live Like Pope Francis"

Come to a Reflection Day Saturday October 27th. Keynote speaker Marish Brother Graham Neist who will explore the different stages of spiritual development. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3pm. BYO lunch (a short walk from Wynyard station). Coffee and tea provided. For more information go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

Communion Antiphon: *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

Next Sunday:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ My heart is divided when.....
- ♦ I find it hardest to follow Jesus when.....
- ♦ What I have given up to follow Jesus is.....
- ♦ What I have yet to give up is.....

First reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

89:12-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Second reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

