



# 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**

**Tuesday - 9:10am**

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

**Thursday - 9:10am,**

**7:00pm**

*All Saints*

**Friday - 9:10am**

*The Commemoration of all the  
Faithful Departed  
(All Soul's Day)*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Martin de Porres, religious*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY 3/4 NOVEMBER

*(31st 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**

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

27th and 28th October, 2018

#### **"What do you want me to do for you?" MARK 10:46-52**

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Bartimaeus was desperate for healing, so he boldly called out for what he needed though he was rebuked for doing so. Bartimaeus' neighbours probably found his display of desperation embarrassing and unsettling. Many times in our communities we allow ourselves and others to suffer in silence, but in this passage, God shows us that he is not unsettled by our cries, but will respond to them.

Usually when we are stricken with sickness, disability, financial hardship or grief, instead of calling out to our neighbour or God we hold everything in, choosing silence over the possibility of being rebuked for our pain. Instead of rebuking Bartimaeus, Jesus responds to his cries by asking him what he wants and healing him. This short passage can teach us a great deal about how to handle suffering in our own lives and the lives of those in our community. God never meant for us to suffer alone and Jesus' response to Bartimaeus shows this. Instead of silencing those in our communities who are crying out for comfort, healing or justice, we should encourage them to respond to the call of Jesus. The actions of Jesus in this story is that though it was probably clear that Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus does not automatically decide that healing from blindness was what he needed. Instead, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" By asking Bartimaeus what he wanted, Jesus is giving him the assistance to make a decision for himself about his healing. Too often in our society people who need help are not given this kind of assistance. Jesus goes against the grain of what was expected. Bartimaeus shows all of us that we can enthusiastically let our request be made known to God because he hears our cries and will respond to them.

**Deacon Mervyn**

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

1807 Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour. Justice toward God is called the 'virtue of religion'. Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good.

**Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes;  
That way, when you criticize them, you will be a mile away  
and at least you will have their shoes.**

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



**Sick:** Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, 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, Jessie ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Vedasto RAMOS, Doug ANDERSON, Fr Denis FOLEY, Andrew FLOOD

**Death Anniversary:** Desire BEVES

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

# Saints of the Week



## All Saints

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church.

**Feast day: November 1**



## The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect

grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

**Feast Day: November 2**



## St Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579. Martin was the illegitimate son to a Spanish gentlemen and a freed slave from Panama, of African or possibly Native American descent. Martín de Porres was raised in poverty and bore the stigmas of both his illegitimate birth and his mixed race. He was placed to study with a

barber-surgeon, where he learned bloodletting and the administration of medicines. Compassionate and eager to serve, he began to volunteer with the Dominicans at age 15 and helped care for the sick in the monastery infirmary. He became a Dominican oblate, or lay monastic, in 1601. Although it was not customary then to receive a mulatto into a religious order in Peru, Martín was considered an exception and became a Dominican lay brother in 1610. He was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and constant prayer, and he refrained from eating meat as an act of austerity. In addition to his work in the infirmary, Martín distributed food and alms to the poor and needy in Lima and was friends with St. Rose of Lima, another lay Dominican. For the youth of Lima, he established a school, considered by some to be his monument. His funeral was an occasion of public honour, and many miracles were said to have occurred after his death. He was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonized by Pope John XXIII

**Feast Day: November 3**

**Patron of Mixed Race, Racial Harmony, Social Justice, Barbers, Public Health Workers, Innkeepers**



We congratulate the families of Maria NIETES and Zoe PACE who will be baptised here this Sunday 28th October.



## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Parish Spring Fair.

Thank you so much for everyone who gave their time to assist in our Spring Fair. Our volunteers are so valuable and we are so grateful that you assisted us in having a wonderful parish event that brought our parish together. We especially thank the Committee for all the hard work they did in organising this great day. It was a huge success.

**Special mention to the Stalls:**

Holland, Croatia, India, Mauritius, Vietnam, Italy, Philippines, Australian, Cakes, Drinks and Plant.

Thank you also to all who donated prizes for our lucky draw.

There are far to many people to mention - so individually you know who you are - our heartfelt thanks.

Half of the funds raised will be going to Motor-Vate Sebastian's Fight For Life which will be presented to his family on the night of the Fundraiser.

Hopefully next year the Spring Fair will be even greater.



## You are invited

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

**Speaker:** Gerard Marcello (Chairperson of CCR Parramatta)

**Topic:** "TALKING SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY"

**When:** Thursday 1st November, 2018 @ 7:00pm (Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)

**Where:** John the Baptist Parish Hall

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

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

## 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>



**The Charitable Works Fund Appeal (CWF)** will be held in the Parish next weekend.



**ATTENTION READERS:** If you would like a copy of the Break Open the Word for 2019 please see Fr Dominic in the Sacristy or let the Parish Office know by Friday 2nd November so that we can place an order. Thank you.



**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 3/4 NOV	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	G Turnbull M Abdal	J Poljak S Hely	M Aulsebrook C Goodyer	M Zangari V Arbanas
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	C Araco A Gorla A Pace A Vlahadamis A Jameson L Topic	L Barilla F Foti D Sullivan D Triganza A Liberatore	E Villegas T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs N Laureti A Bautista	D Pham R Imbert M Mai M Abdal
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	M Davies			
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	4/11/2018 R Marciano	11/11/2018 S Leonello	18/11/2018 C Monteleone	25/11/2018 J Sultana
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	4/11/2018 Group 1	11/11/2018 Group 2	18/11/2018 Group 3	25/11/2018 Group 4

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

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

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

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



### SPECIAL MASS FOR ALL SOULS

We will be holding a Special Mass for the Faithful Departed this **Thursday evening 1st November at 7:00pm**. Please bring a candle to be lit as we pray for your loved ones.



### THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER

We thank everyone who has volunteered in the Parish this year and invite you to join us for a Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner on **Friday 23rd November at 7:00pm**. If you are able to attend please let your co-ordinator know or contact the Parish office on 9823 2572 for catering purposes.



### 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!

**THANK YOU for the kind and generous support of all parishioners who donated to Sebastian's cause at the Spring Fair, we raised over \$1000 for Sebastian on the day.**

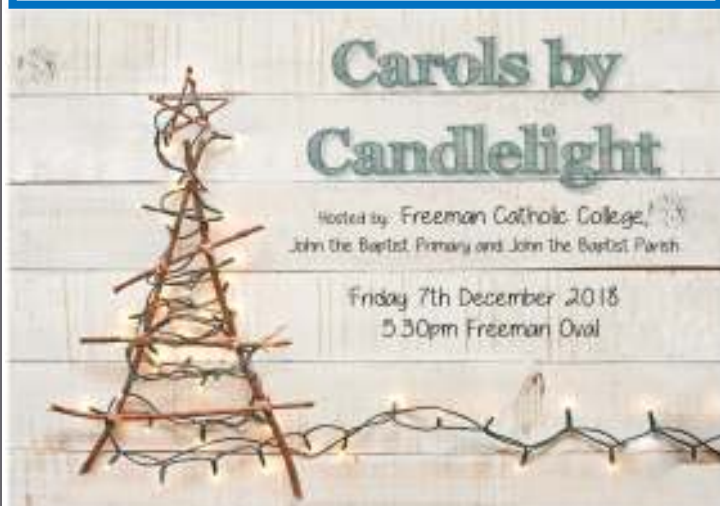
**If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause:**

Account: Motor-Vate Sebastians Fight For Life

BSB: 032349

Account: 450268

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



## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*

### Next Sunday:

#### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I was like Bartimaeus when.....
- ♦ When I cry out in prayer, I ask for.....
- ♦ Jesus answers me by.....
- ♦ Faith is the insight and cause of my actions when.....

#### First reading **Jeremiah 31:7-9** **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

#### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Responsorial Psalm 125:1-6** ***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

#### Second reading **Hebrews 5:1-6** **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*

#### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Gospel Acclamation** **cf. Timothy 1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel** **Mark 10:46-52** **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

#### **The Gospel of the Lord**



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