



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 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

Friday - 9:10am

St Andrew, apostle

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 1/2 DECEMBER

*(First Sunday of Advent
Year C)*

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)

24th & 25th November, 2018

Universal King of Peace and Love

There was once a king who wanted to see God and he threatened all the priests and wise men with the direct consequences if they did not succeed in showing God to him. As they were deep in thought, along came a shepherd who took the king to a meadow, pointed at the sun and said, "*Take a good look.*" The king hardly tried when he dropped his head and screamed, "*What do you want to do: blind me?*" "*But, your majesty,*" said the shepherd, "*The sun is only one of God's creatures, a pale image of Himself. If you cannot look at the sun, how could you ever look at God.*"

The title 'King' presents us with some negative feelings and difficulties, because in the past earthly kings as a rule were prone to '*lord it*' over their subjects. They usually used power and authority to control and to serve themselves rather than reason by persuasion, and people obeyed them not because of love and respect but out of fear and punishment.

Today, the feast of Christ the King calls us to reflect on the truth of Jesus' kingship which is far beyond any kind of earthly domineering. "*My kingdom is not of this world,*" He told Pilate. Jesus is a king, but a king whose power and authority are not of this world. He is a humble king who comes to serve and to do the will of his Father out of love for the whole of humanity. He comes with the spiritual liberation of the weak and the oppressed, of sin and death.

He is a king who loves justice and peace.

A king who loves everybody without condition-even accepts his death on the cross to share his life with us.

A king who loves 'sinners' (not sin) and is always ready to forgive.

A king who wants to help the needy and heals the broken-hearted.

In all this, Christ shows that he truly cares for us, that for all of us today, this is how he is still our King. It is only by faith that we come to recognize him as the chosen One of God, the true and universal King of peace and love.

Let us pray that we will be willing to be part of Jesus' kingship and live our life as witness to His way, truth and life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

680 Christ the Lord already reigns through the church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. The triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the powers of evil.

Do more than survive - LIVE

Do more than touch - FEEL

Do more than look - OBSERVE

Do more than read - ABSORB

Do more than hear - LISTEN

Do more than listen - UNDERSTAND

Fr Dominic

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



Sick: Bishop Bill WRIGHT, Janelle CLIFTON, Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, 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:

Death Anniversary: Kenneth JIANG

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH
Special Intention

JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CARE FUND

Over many years, the St Vincent de Paul Conference has supported many deserving families. Although people in need can still obtain support by attending the Vinnies' Centre on the corner of Elizabeth Drive and Humphries Road (Ph: 9823 1222), as from the start of 2018, the work done by the volunteers from this Parish Conference has changed.

Our Parish will now be supporting people at a more local level through the newly established JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CARE FUND. This new initiative does not discriminate and provides care and support for people of our community who are in need, irrespective of religion or their particular situation in life. Their need may be financial, social, or emotional.

The PIETY STORE, managed by parish volunteers will now direct their profits to this community fund and any donations from the POOR BOXES will also be added to this fund.

A contribution from the SPRING FAIR, coupled with the profits from the PIETY STALL, has also supplemented this fund.

A committee consisting of Fr Dominic PP, Tina Dunn, Millie Breaden and Jim Finucane plus three other members (to be determined) will oversee the fund and coordinate assistance for those identified as needing support.

Early next year, we are hoping to extend our commitment to aid a national/international cause. It is the intention of the committee that this will focus on a different cause each year. To date, THE COMMUNITY CARE FUND has raised approximately, \$10,500. From this amount, assistance has been given to:

- Drought relief.....\$1,000
- Mental health support for one of our youth.....\$450

A FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the fund, showing donations and expenditure, will be published every 2 months in the Parish Newsletter.

Now for Christmas!

This year we will not be collecting foodstuffs for Parish Hampers. However, if you wish to donate to a Christmas appeal, please consider a donation to THE COMMUNITY CARE FUND through the PARISH POOR BOXES in the Church and Piety Store.

Be assured that all money donated to this fund will be utilised solely for community needs that and transparency will be a priority.

In conclusion, if you know of any person in need this Christmas, or at any other time, please contact Fr Dominic, the parish office, or any member of the committee.

Thank you for your continued support of others.

John the Baptist Community Care Committee



We congratulate the families of Beckett THORPE-POYNTER and Marley GASKIN who will be baptised here this Sunday 25th November.

Saints of the Week



St Andrew

St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter. According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. It is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes. Andrew was also present at the last supper. Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus." Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357. Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland. In September 1964, Pope Paul VI had all of St. Andrew's relics that ended up in Vatican City sent back to Patras. Now, many of Andrew's relics and the cross on which he was martyred are kept in the Church of St. Andrew in Patras. St. Andrew is venerated in Georgia as the first preacher of Christianity in that territory and in Cyprus for having struck the rocks creating a gush of healing waters upon landing on the shore. His saltire cross is featured on the flag of Scotland and is represented in much of his iconography. He is commonly portrayed as an old man with long white hair and a beard, often holding the Gospel book or a scroll.

Feast day: November 30

Patron of fishermen, singers, Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras



MEMORIAL BOOK: Parishioners are invited place their loved ones names in the permanent Memorial Book which will be left in the Church for the whole year. Please call or email the Parish Office with their names and date of their death so that we can add them to the Book. Thank you



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone to our prayer meetings. The meetings start with Praise and Reflection, followed by teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of reflection, teaching, sharing and great fellowship.

When: Thursday 29th November, 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

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 2nd December**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

"COME - we want to hear from you!"

Please come along to a parish dialogue session on **Tuesday 4th December at 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall**. All are welcome and all contributions are valued and will be included in the submissions from our Parish. These will assist in the planning of discussions for the bishops at Plenary 2020. Any enquiries—Tina Dunn, Family Educator 0439 492 920.

HELPERS NEEDED - Fr Dominic needs help in preparing the Church for Advent **next Saturday morning 1st December** following the 9:00am Mass. With many hands it should only take about an hour. We thank you for your assistance.

RED WEDNESDAY MASS AND INTERFAITH GATHERING

Red Wednesday in an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It is a day to gather and pray in solidarity with all those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their peacefully held religious beliefs. A Red Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm on 28th November at St Mary's Cathedral. Followed by an interfaith gathering with Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Please see notice board for more details.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2nd Rite of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 11th December 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday 19th December 7:30pm

Christmas Eve: 5:30pm Children's Mass, 8:00pm and Midnight

Christmas Day: 8:00am and 10:00am



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

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2019 MORNING TEA ROSTER

Every Sunday after the 10:00am Mass and after all Masses on the first weekend of the month a group of Volunteers help with the setting up and serving at our morning tea. If you would like become a volunteer in 2019 please contact Teresa Vartuli on 0413 835 250 so that your name can be added to our roster. You will only need to attend once a month. Thank you for your support.

Ministries Next Week 1/2 DEC	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	G Turnbull M Camilleri	L Barilla S Davies	C Porreca E Villegas	R Capolupo A Bento
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	L Tononcelli E Vella M Camilleri A Pace J Victorino A Jameson	Delicia Vella A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor D Sullivan	A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn N Dubuison S D'Cruz T Vartuli	S Cook M Mai G Vanderwert D Pham
CHURCH COUNTER	M Davies			
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	2/12/2018 D Triganza	9/12/2018 S Peters	16/12/2018 Z Penitani	23/12/2018 R Marciano
10AM MORNING TEAS	2/12/2018 Group 1	9/12/2018 Group 2	16/12/2018 Group 3	23/12/2018 Group 4

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

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

Combined Christmas Carols: Friday 7th December

Carols by Candlelight

5.30pm Freeman Oval
(Enter Via Gloucester St & Mount St)



Hosted by: Freeman Catholic College,
John the Baptist Primary and John the Baptist Parish

**Friday 7th
December 2018**

Carols
from
7pm

- Food Trucks from 5.30pm
- Bring a Picnic Blanket
- Candles and Glow Sticks
- Kids Barn

All proceeds are to go to
Sebastian Aguilar
at Year 6 from John the Baptist
Primary School

ALCOHOL FREE
EVENT



Youth Rally

FREE BBQ,
socializing,
activities and a
short introduction
on ...

**2nd
December**

**Held after
5:30pm Youth
Mass**

WHO AM I? WHERE
DO I COME FROM?

Do you have
questions about
your Faith?
Searching for facts
and answers?

We aspire to deliver an
ENJOYABLE, FACTUAL
and **SIMPLE** way that one
in their own way and time,
will be able to build a
relationship with **CHRIST**,
and understand who they are
and where they come from.

St. John the Baptist Parish
Bonnyrigg

So please join us to celebrate
all that is beautiful in life!

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Next Sunday:

First Sunday of Advent - (Year C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Jesus' challenge to live the truth is easiest when..... It is most difficult when.....
- ♦ I am most able to listen to Jesus' voice when..... Hearing his voice leads me to.....
- ♦ I have become a better follower of Christ the King during this past liturgical year in that.....

First reading

A reading from the book of Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord

Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

92:1-2, 5

Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

