



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

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Monday - No Mass

St Agnes, virgin, martyr

Tuesday - 9:10am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

*St Francis de Sales, bishop,
doctor*

Friday - 9:10am

*The Conversion of St Paul,
apostle*

Saturday - 9:10am

Australia Day

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 26/27 JANUARY

*(Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time 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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

19th & 20th January, 2019

The Lord has turned all our Sunsets into Sunrise

Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana is one of the best-known stories in the Bible. Jesus and his mother attended the banquet, but the wine ran short. At the insistence of his mother, Jesus performed the "first of his signs" and sparked faith among his followers. The sign revealed the Kingdom and its Messiah. This first sign was to be a model for other signs in John's gospel and template for our celebrations in sacrament. The point of this wedding feast is that it is a foretaste of the final wedding-feast of heaven.

The water turned wine has many meanings. First and foremost, God's kingdom was to be a feast with endless wine and merriment. Secondly, water has a baptism motif, while wine is Eucharistic. Both foreshadow the water and blood (wine) that flow from Jesus' side at his death. Thirdly, the nature of the new wine (the new revelation of Jesus) is superior to that of the old wine that ran out (the old revelation of Law and the prophets).

This gospel reminds us that God is always with us and knows our needs. It reveals that God is generous and loving and wine is a fitting image of his care, but his greatest generosity is sending his own Son among us. It is this gift of the Christ that we thank the Father for every time we gather for the Eucharist and we celebrate his gift in our banquet of bread and wine.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.

Catechism Theme: Worship and Sacrament (CCC 1110-1112)

In John's gospel, Jesus revealed his glory through "signs:" objects and action that point to something greater than themselves. Jesus gave the Church seven particular "signs" through which he reveals his glory to the worship community. We call these "signs" sacraments. A sacrament is a physical sign (object and/or action) through which God reveals Himself to us.

In the case of the Eucharist, for example, eating and drinking expresses the fact that we are united with God. We are certain that we truly receive the Body and Blood of Christ through faith (1111). Something as simple as a sip of wine opens the mind, the heart, and the spirit to He Who is Greater - and causes the one drinking to fall down in worship. Let us celebrate with these signs and know that HE is with us.

Fr Richard

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



Sick: Fr Paul STENHOUSE, Bishop Bill WRIGHT, Janelle CLIFTON, Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Peter ANDERSON, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Charlie SALIBA, Manuela REGO, Merita AGUDO, Ghazwan KOREAL

Death Anniversary: Henry LIM, Luis PEREIRA, Helder PEREIRA

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



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



JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CALENDAR is available for purchase for \$5.00 from the Piety Store outside the Church.

Australia Day Celebrations At St Mary's Cathedral
St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day with a Mass at 9am, 12pm, and 6pm to pray for God's blessing for all Australian people on 26th January; Organ Recitals, Bell Ringing and Guided History Tours of the Cathedral or Cathedral Crypt. For more information call (02) 9220 0400.

Volunteering with CatholicCare

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?
Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing.

Interested in volunteering to help children?
Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

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 10th February, 2019** (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church), 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 Terry Brady.

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

Events & Marketing Coordinator, Fairfield Parish

Fairfield Parish is inviting applications for this newly-created position. The primary purpose of this position is to assist the Parish to engage in outreach, faith-renewal, and build up the Parish's faith-community. The Position Description, which includes the desired requirements for applicants, can be downloaded from: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au> Permanent salary negotiable. For enquiries, contact Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on 20 January 2019.

Saints of the Week



St Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!" In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy. Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword. Other accounts of Agnes' life hold the Prefect Sempronius responsible for her martyrdom. It is said he condemned the young girl to be dragged through the streets naked. Some versions of the legend state that Agnes' hair grew instantly to cover her entire body and all the men who attempted to rape the beautiful virgin were immediately struck blind. The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes' trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians. She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on 21 January 304. **Feast day: January 21. Patron** of young girls, chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary.



St Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics. In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24 years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua. All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding. God made his will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross. After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

Feast Day January 24

Patron of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education.



St. Paul is the patron saint of missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers. His feast day is on June 29 when he is honoured with Saint Peter, although he is also honoured on other days throughout the year, **January 25, for his conversion**, February 16, for his shipwreck, and November 18 for the dedication of his Basilica.



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 3rd February**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH MINISTRIES

We are always in need of people to help in our various Parish Ministries. If you are able to help at anytime throughout the year please contact the group Coordinator to find out more details.

Thank you

Parish Council (Chair): Jeff Lai

Reader: Nina Laureti Ph: 9823 3277.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Linda Barilla Ph: 9607 4993.

Catechist: Nina Laureti Ph: 9823 3277.

Acolyte and Altar Servers: Fr Richard.

Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas Ph: 9606 8403.

Parish Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli Ph: 0413 835 250.

Church Cleaning: Ann Goria Ph: 0425 284 860.

Church Linen: Michelle De Luca 0400 374 277.

Parish Housie: Yvonne Smolinski in the Parish Office Ph: 9823 2572.

To all our Children's Liturgy Leaders and Helpers of 2018.

Please let Angela or your co-ordinator know (ASAP) whether you would like to continue being a Children's Liturgy Leader in 2019. We are especially **in need of Leaders and helpers for the 10am Mass in 2019**. If anyone is interested in joining the team please contact Angela Galdas on 9606 8403 or 0410 964 196.

After your final Children's Liturgy for the year, please leave your folder and photocopies for 2018 in the Children's Liturgy



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fr Dominic would like to hold on the **First Sunday of each Month** a supper after the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and a morning tea after the 8:00am Sunday Mass. If you are able to assist please contact Teresa Vartuli on 0413 835 250.

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

Ministries Next Week 26/27 JAN	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace L Krslovic	L Barilla S Davies	G Zangari M Zangari	M Abdal V Arbanas
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Goria B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella L Tononcelli E Vella	R Morellini M Jebrail Delicia Vella A Liberatore F Foti	S Hambrook H Fenech E Villegas C Porreca T Nguyen M Aulsebrook	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	28/01/2019 M De Luca	4/02/2019 D Triganza	11/02/2019 S Shabo	18/02/2019 A Portolesi
10AM MORNING TEAS	27/01/2019 Group 4	3/02/2019 Group 1	10/02/2019 Group 2	17/02/2019 Group 3

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



BIBLE STUDY: Every Thursday 10am - 11am Gathers in the **Church Meeting Room** (after the 9:10am Mass and

Rosary). For further information please contact Meding on 9823 7121 or 0410 177 673.



'COME AND SIT WITH THE LORD' CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Tuesday at 8pm for 8:15pm start

Give 30 minutes of your busy day to Jesus and experience the difference in your life. Held in the Church chapel. If you are new to the meditation group can you please allow one hour. For further information, contact Frances on 0438 213 313.



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

Primary school students in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to come together to engage, learn, pray and be involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Join us in group discussions, games, activities and reflection.

For further details contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572 or email: infor@johnthebaptist.org.au



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.



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 31st January @ 7:10pm

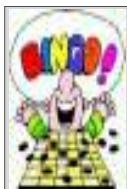
(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

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



Our Christmas gathering



PARISH HOUSIE: Every Saturday 2pm – 4:30pm at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

Think about your choices. Gambling More, enjoying less? For free and confidential information and advice about problem gambling, contact **Gambling Help 1800 858 858** www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Communion Antiphon: *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Next Sunday:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ To me believing means..... My believing in Jesus is deepened when I.....
- ♦ Jesus has transformed me from..... to.....
- ♦ I experience intimacy with Jesus when.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;

no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

95:1-3, 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Isaiah 62:1-5

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

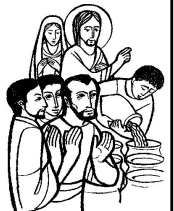
Gospel

John 2:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



The Gospel of the Lord

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