



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

Monday - 8am

Tuesday - 8am

Ash Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 2/3 MARCH

(First Sunday of Lent 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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

2nd & 3rd March, 2019

NURTURING GOODNESS IN THE HEART

Joe Louis, former coloured world heavyweight champion boxer, invested some of his earnings in a 500-acre farm. He went out riding one day, to visit his farm for the first time. In the course of his inspection, Joe came upon an old whitewashed house in a secluded corner of the farm. Like the rest of the farm, it belonged to Joe; but he knocked politely at the closed door. An elderly white man and venerable wife came to the door. "What do you want?" the old man demanded, full of hostility. "Good morning, I was just riding by and..." Joe was saying when the man cut in, "Well, keep riding!" Joe asked, "Is there anything wrong?" "Wrong? Of course something's wrong," the old man said, "Some nigger just bought this place." Joe said, looking at the old couple. "You see, I know the fellow who bought this place. He sent me to tell you that he wants you to stay here for the rest of your lives. Yeah, and he wants you to know that you'll never be bothered, and that there won't be any rent any more." Joe tipped his hat, went back to his horse and rode off, humming.

Today Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart." We normally see with the eyes of our hearts. If there is goodness in our hearts we will see goodness in others. If there is hatred, anger, lust and hurt in our hearts we will also see hatred, anger, lust and hurt in others. Unfortunately, these patterns happen everyday if we are not aware of it. We do to others what was done to us by people who had it done to them. It is a well know fact that it is from our hearts that we really see things, as there is a say, "give me your heart and I will give you your eyes." Jesus is aware of the harsh realities of the world when he mentions in today's Gospel, "Take the plank out of our own eyes before we try to take the splinter out of others' eyes." We are asked to take a hard look at ourselves and our own shortcomings.

I was troubled with the news about Cardinal George Pell's conviction, but I was more saddened to see people cursing and swearing outside the court. Yes, we have to do all in our power to protect the innocent children from all kind of harm, but screaming, cursing and swearing will not help. Our behaviour and actions are an expression of what is going in our heart and mind; that is why Jesus tells us "there is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces good fruit." The source of our goodness or badness is deep within us.

Let us pray that our minds and hearts can be free from prejudice, hatred, anger and ignorance so that we can respond well to the crying needs of others.

How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these. George Carver.

Fr Dominic

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

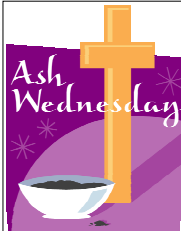


Sick: Jessie TREZEVANT, Jane GALEA, Joseph DEGUARA, Janelle CLIFTON, Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Peter ANDERSON, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Rafaele DEVIVO, David GALEA, Gilbert PASCUA, Elisa Fatima LEMOS, Daniel PORTELLI, Dale HARRIS

Death Anniversary: Marion FENECH, Lilly FENECH

Other: Hai Duc DAO, Derick DAO, Tam TKT NGUYEN, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, The Doctors and Nurses and Staff of The Kinghorn Cancer Centre, St Vincent's Hospital, Liverpool Cancer Therapy and Hospital, Cancer Researchers, Cancer Council and the Leukaemia Foundation, Special Intention, All the Souls in Purgatory



Ash Wednesday Mass times

- 9:10am** - With John the Baptist School attending
- 11:00am** - Freeman Catholic College (Liturgy only)
- 12:10pm** - Year 5 and 6 attending
- 7:00pm** - Parish Mass



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (from items made with meat - includes all the Fridays of Lent) binds those who have completed their 14th year (CCL 97, 1251-52).



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 3rd March



Caritas AUSTRALIA



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Give Lent 100%"**. You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

DEANERY MENS BREAKFAST AT PANANIA

Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in the Sydney Archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by St Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Tony Randazzo, **Saturday March 16**, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8:30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9:30am BBQ breakfast. St Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower Street, Panania. \$10.00 per person.

Register: www.trybooking.com/BAACH

More info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

"I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49.

The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on **Sunday March 24**. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! **10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral**, **12pm Angelus**, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Tony Randazzo. **1:30pm, Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral**.

MEN'S WEEKEND: All Saints Catholic Senior College, Casula, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/menalive-liverpool-registration-55619636831>. See noticeboard for more.

John the Baptist Catholic Primary extends a warm invitation for you to join them in celebrating Catholic Schools Week with a special School Assembly on 7th March at 9.15am on the Amphitheatre. Following this, parents, carers and grandparents are invited to visit their newly refurbished learning spaces where students and teachers want you to experience the many wonderful ways inspiration and learning is shared at John the Baptist. A guided tour of the school will be conducted after the Prayer Assembly for new families to the school or those families seeking enrolment.

Catholic women's organisations partner for International Women's Day Celebrations

Join Catholic Women's League Sydney and Catholic Women's Mentoring for a free special event to celebrate International Women's Day. The evening event will be held at the Polding Centre in Sydney and will include opportunities for networking, a panel discussion and Q&A and the chance to learn about what both organisations can offer Catholic women of Sydney and surrounds.

Date: Friday 8 March 2019

Time: Drinks and Canapes from 5.30pm, Panel from 7pm

Venue: Level 8, Polding Centre, Liverpool St Sydney

RSVP: Register online <http://www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au/SydneyIWD> or email info@catholicwomensmentoring.org.au

Discernment Retreat for Men 2019

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

Keynote address by His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Date: Friday 22 to Sunday 24 March 2019

Time: (Friday 22) 5pm to (Sunday 24) 1pm

Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush

Cost: \$99

Registration is Essential: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel39KjJXVZ_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTy_xcpwjAIQ/viewform

Have some questions or simply want to enquire? Call us on (02) 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org www.vocationcentre.org.au



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



We congratulate the family of Francesco FLORES who will be baptised here this Sunday 3rd March.



CHANGES TO MORNING MASSES AT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday and Tuesday Mornings at 8:00am starting 4th February

Wednesday Evening 7:00pm

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Mornings 9:10am

The weekend Masses will remain the same.



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

The Season of Lent

Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God have heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the Good News*. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. RP13. The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than after the Easter Triduum. *ORDO 2016*



Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Do you have a child older than Year 4 who is needing to make the First Holy Communion? If so please contact Tamara Vella on 0424 166 248 or Kylie Farias on 0473 779 338.



OLD PALMS: We are asking parishioners to bring their old palms from the previous year, so that they can be burnt on Shrove Tuesday, to use as ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please leave your palms at the back of the Church. Thank you



Stations of the Cross During Lent

Friday at John the Baptist Church commencing at 7:00pm.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Youth gatherings for young adults (16-35) are held at John the Baptist Parish on Friday nights fortnightly at 7.30pm for an hour. Next gathering: 1st March

We gather to pray, socialize and to support each other.

During LENT, we shall have weekly gatherings for a special youth Lenten program on Fridays at 7.30pm (after the Stations of the Cross). Beginning on Friday, 8th March

We hope you can join us. Bring a friend along!

Ministries Next Week 9/10 MARCH	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	G Turnbull M Camilleri	L Barilla J Finucane	C Porreca E Villegas	R Capolupo A Bento
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER	C Araco L Topic T Micali A Gorla B Empeign A Vlahadamis	D Triganza L Barilla R Morellini M Jebrail Delicia Vella	A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn N Dubuison S D'Cruz T Vartuli	S Cook M Mai G Vaderwert D Pham
CHURCH COUNTER	J Oliveri	V Baltazar		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	10/03/2019 J Sultana	17/03/2019 S Peters	24/03/2019 M De Luca	31/03/2019 S Leonello
10AM MORNING TEAS	10/03/2019 Group 2	17/03/2019 Group 3	24/03/2019 Group 4	31/03/2019 Group 5

Jordan Youth Group Committee

Years 5 & 6 Primary school students & Year 7 High school students are welcome to join the Jordan Youth Group in prayer, activities, games, trivia and reflection at John the Baptist Parish Hall commencing

Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. 3.30pm - 5.15pm

Admission is free and Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Our aim is to encourage young people within our community to come together to engage, learn, pray and become involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith.

Letters will be sent out to schools next week.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy at the 10:00am Mass once a month. If you are able to help please contact Angela Galdas on 9606 8403 or 0410 964 196. Thank you

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.*

Communion Antiphon: *I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

Next Sunday:

First Sunday of Lent - (Year C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Reflection Questions.....

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First reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

91:2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, its is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

