



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

Monday - 8am

St Patrick, bishop

Tuesday - 8am

St Joseph, Husband of Mary

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 23/23 MARCH

*(Third 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

Sunday — 5:00 — 5:15pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

16th & 17th March, 2019

Transfiguration

As a child Einstein was a late talker, and his parents were worried about him. At last, one night at the supper table, he broke his silence to say, *"The soup is too hot."* Greatly relieved, his parents asked why he had never said a word before. Albert replied, *"Because up to now, everything was in order."*

St Luke tells us in today's Gospel that as Jesus prayed on mount Tabor *"the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning."* Jesus' transfiguration was not normal, it brought great joy to the three disciples. This was to be a beautiful memory that would sustain them in the more difficult times ahead. The face Jesus showed on Tabor was indeed a very special one. It gave the disciples a glimpse of his inner glory. He was the New Moses - the new law-giver. He was the new Isaiah - the one who spoke the word of God. He was the Word made flesh, the God who had come amongst us, in whom the Father was well pleased.

On this occasion the true nature of Jesus is shown. While overcome with joy Peter said to Jesus, *"Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."* Peter was tempted to remain in this state of joy for a long time so he wanted to build tents to freeze the moment of presence. We can recall a similar event in the Old Testament when Moses had an experience of God in the burning bush which had helped to sustain him for the 40 frustrating years in the desert.

"This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." The voice called not just the disciples to listen well to Jesus but to all the believers as well. The problem of modern living is that we are too busy to listen to Jesus' words because there are too many noises around us. During Lent season we are challenged to find some quiet moments for ourselves. May we experience intimate moments with the Lord through our prayers, fasting and good works so that we will let the image of God in our hearts emerge and show on our faces and in the actions of our hands.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

554...From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master 'began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothing become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking 'of his departure, which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem'. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'



**Three things in life that you should never lose -
Hope, Peace and Honesty.**

**Three things in life that are most valuable -
Love, Family & friends, Kindness.**

Fr Dominic

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



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

Recently Deceased: Luciano ZADRO, Angelina COLUSSO, Charles (Charlie) MIFSUD, Rafaele DEVIVO, David GALEA, Gilbert PASCUA, Elisa Fatima LEMOS, Daniel PORTELLI,

Death Anniversary: Rita SALIBA, Charlie SALIBA, Joseph Tsi Sing LAY, Eduardo MENDOZA

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

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT 17th March**

**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

HOLY CONGRATULATE

Tracey Bonanno Kulper and Joseph Duy Hoang Pham who had completed the course of formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion which was conducted at Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield. I hope that the course has been fruitful to you and we looking forward to your service to St John the Baptist, Bonnyrigg.



Stations of the Cross During Lent Friday at John the Baptist Church commencing at 7:00pm.

LENT 2019 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!
Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a video each Sunday and an inspirational email each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent
Call 1300 734 880 for more info

Saints of the Week



St Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision. The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

Feast day: March 17

Patron of Ireland



St Joseph was married to Mary and foster Father of Jesus. He was a compassionate and caring man and was a carpenter. We know he respected God and followed God's commands and his one concern was for the safety of Jesus.

Feast day: March 19

Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants, and a happy death.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to Stations of the Cross-a mini Pilgrimage for parishioners and friends- to be led

by Father Dominic of St John the Baptist Church with Father Rode of St Thomas Chaldean Church

WHAT: Stations of the Cross followed by shared light lunch (please bring a small plate of food to share)

WHO: JB Primary school parents, Parishioners- (and our friends from Good Shepherd and St Gertrude's parishes)

WHERE: St Joseph's Conference Centre, 30 Tyson Road, Bringelly

WHEN: Tuesday 2nd April. Meet there at 10.45am to start Stations at 11am.

Please ensure you are there by 10.45 am- you may wish to carpool with friends.

St Josephs offers a quiet bushland setting, with marble Stations that we can stop and reflect at during this beautiful Catholic traditional devotion. Afterwards, we will share a light lunch, so please bring a small plate of food to share. A donation may be made to St Josephs Centre on the day if you wish, otherwise there is no cost.

If you are interested, please sign up outside church, or contact Tina Dunn, Family Educator of John the Baptist Primary School on 0439 492920.



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 7th April**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Bonnyrigg Heights

Application packages for enrolment in Kindergarten 2020 are now available from our school office, Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm for those who live within the John the Baptist Parish encompassing the suburbs of Edensor Park, Green Valley, Abbotsbury, Bonnyrigg Heights, Cecil Hills and Elizabeth Hills. For enquiries- please phone 9823 5042 during the above hours or Email Contact- info@jbbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au

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

ATTENTION EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Ministries Next Week 23/24 MAR	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	M Camilleri L Krslovic	R Golubic M Jebrail	E Villegas A Bautista	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali A Gorla B Empeigne	S Xuereb D Triganza L Barilla R Morellini M Jebrail	R Hibbs J Habib A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn N Dubuisson	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	24/03/2019 M De Luca	31/03/2019 S Leonello	07/04/2019 R Marciano	14/04/2019 C Monteleone
10AM MORNING TEAS	24/03/2019 Group 4	31/03/2019 Group 5	07/4/2019 Group 1	14/04/2019 Group 2



PIETY STORE

The Piety Store has a number of hand-knitted bunnies for sale in the store, they would make lovely gifts for your little ones this Easter. They have been made by a member of our parish, Marilyn Newell, and gifted to the store for sale. (All monies raised through in the Piety Store, go to support the poor and disadvantaged of our community.)

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENT ENROLMENTS 2019

To enrol in the Holy Communion Sacrament Program for 2019 children must be in Grade 4 or above at school this year and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parishioners who wish to enrol their child to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June 2019 please complete the registration form online by **Friday 29 March 2019** by visiting this website:

<https://www.trybooking.com/465541>.

If you need any assistance enrolling or have any questions please call Kylie Farias on 0473 779 338 or Tamara Vella on 0424 166 248 (CORE Leaders).

All parents/guardians of enrolled children must attend the **Parent Information and Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 7pm** at John the Baptist parish Church.



JB YOUTH MINISTRY

Young Adults
(16 - 35)



All through LENT, we have weekly gatherings for a special youth LENTEN PROGRAM on Fridays at 7.30pm (after the Stations of the Cross) in the Church

Save the future dates: 15th March, 22nd March, 29th March, 5th April & 12th April

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

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE REQUEST FORM

To become a regular contributor please fill this slip and return it to the Parish Office

Name.....Telephone No.:.....

Address:.....

☐ Yes, Tax deduction required

☐ No tax deduction necessary

If you would like to become a regular credit card donor please complete a credit card authority form Found in the church bench.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

Communion Antiphon: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Next Sunday:

Second Sunday of Lent - (Year C)

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I am most attentive to listening to Jesus when.....
- ♦ What helps me stay with him is.....
- ♦ My own Jerusalem where I pass over from death to new Life is.....
- ♦ I experience a share in Jesus' transfigured glory when.....

First reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

26:1, 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading

Philippians 3:17, 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

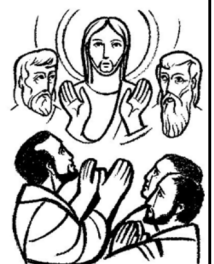
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



The Gospel of the Lord

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