



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

Tuesday - 8am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - No Morning

Mass, Chrism Mass at St

Mary's Cathedral 10:00am

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's

Supper

Friday - 10:00am Stations

of the Cross

3:00pm The Lord's Passion

Saturday - 9:10am

Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 20/21 APRIL

*(Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
Year C)*

Saturday Vigil Mass:

7:00pm

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

Wednesday 7:30-8:00pm

(during Lent)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office

or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

13th & 14th April, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday begins our Holy Week which means accompanying Christ on his final journey, bearing our own crosses in trusting silence. It reminds us of the excitement as the Jewish people triumphantly welcome Jesus into Jerusalem:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

They wanted to make Jesus their King who will free them from the Roman's oppression, and domination, perhaps they hoped that Jesus' miraculous powers will eliminate all their problems. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes decided to get rid of Jesus out of their hatred and fear that his influence will cause troubles.

Today the liturgy gently leads us into the mystery of God's love through Jesus' life, suffering, death and resurrection. A few days later at the Last Supper Jesus reveals his true mission. It is a mission of food that is broken and given for his people. It is a mission to be expressed in service dramatized in his washing of the disciple's feet. It is a mission that brings about our redemption through Jesus' willing to be crucified on Good Friday. And this mission is accomplished in His resurrection which is our permanent joy and hope.

We often experience joy, excitement when things go well but grief, sadness, frustration when things do not go well. According to Father Henri Nouwen, it is a very spiritual thing to see the cross as a sign of execution, of pain, of torture at the same time, it is his hope and a source of life for him and it brings him joy. So when we embrace our grief, pain, problems and trust that, right there, we shall find hope, joy and comfort. That's what the cross is all about.

In today's liturgy we are invited to sit with the mysteries of Holy Week (which reach its climax through Easter Triduum) and let them talk to us in our silence in order to understand that resurrection means more than coping; it means acceptance and then letting go and starting off again full of new life. It brings us to a real living of life rather than just coping with life's problems. Through our celebration of the Pascal Mystery we are called to open up to a deeper understanding and joy in the new life, in this life (here and now) and in the next.

Easter Mass times

Holy Thursday - 7.00pm continuing with prayers until midnight.

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 10.00am.

The Lord's Passion - 3.00pm

Saturday Easter Vigil - 7.00pm

Easter Sunday - 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm.

Reconciliation will be held after weekday Masses, 8am Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th between 7.30pm - 8.00pm, or by appointment.

Fr Dominic

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



Sick: Camelia ALTAMURA, Danilo DE LEON, 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: Roberto RAMOS, Katie ROBINSON, Luciano ZADRO

Death Anniversary: Gaetana PACE, Gary BARWICK, Bill MAGRIN

Other: Maria Trinh Thi PHE, Gioan Baotixita Bui Van TIEP, Rosa Tran Thi BE, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT
14th April**

**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways,

Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community

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.

Kindly return all your donations by the end of next week.



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



THE ASCENSION PRAYER COMMUNITY is organising a bus trip to the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby on 28th April. Cost is by donation. For further information please contact Susan on 0415 342 672

The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW invites the community to *The Way of The Cross* in Maltese. **Tuesday 16 April at 7:00pm** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Service led by Frank Zammit and accompanied by the MCA Choir. Afterwards light refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre. Contact Marisa Previtera 0414 863 123.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – relationship enrichment for married couples 26th – 28th April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

FR BOB GALEA 'COMING HOME' AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Fr Rob and his band will be giving a full-production 'Coming Home' concert in Sydney in July.

The 'Coming Home' concert will be an amazing and contemporary witness of faith that will reach out to people in a way they can relate to easily. The event is open to all ages and we encourage families to come and celebrate the love of God together.

More information at www.frgministry.com/tickets
Please be aware that tickets are limited as it is not a large auditorium.

AQUINAS ACADAMENY COURSES FOR MAY & JUNE
Please see Church noticeboard for more information.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

613 Christ's death is both the sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world', and the sacrifice of the new Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the 'blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'

Easter eggs

Have you ever wondered why people give each other Easter eggs? The answer lies in the symbolism of the egg. The egg represents new life. For Christians, Easter means new life in Christ. So eggs and Easter have a firm connection. For centuries Christians have decorated eggs (hard-boiled!) as a way of celebrating Christ's Resurrection. In more recent times this practice evolved into giving chocolate eggs to family and friends. Unfortunately, the religious symbolism of the egg has largely been forgotten.



Can you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night.

Tuesday 7th May 2019, 7:30 - 9:00pm

Parish Centre, All Saints Catholic Parish Liverpool
48 George Street, Liverpool

RSVP to Ashleigh.Green@catholiccare.org to secure your place. CCareline 131819

TEMPORARY, PAID JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR CARER

Do you care for a family member or friend and enjoy connecting with others online?

We are seeking Carers from diverse backgrounds and age groups for a few hours a week, for a 10 to 12 week period, to help us test a new online peer support community for carers. If you are a carer, enjoy spending time on the computer or mobile device (for example, connecting with others on social media), and want to earn some extra income working from home, give us a call on 13 18 19 or drop us an email at connect@catholiccare.org

We'd love to hear from you!

Preferred applicants will be required to undertake a National Criminal History Record Check prior to employment and may also require a Working with Children Check.



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 5th May**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.

Thank You to everyone who came to help with the Palms decorating and Church Working Bee, your help was very much appreciated. The Church and grounds look lovely for our Easter celebrations.



CANDLES FOR THE EASER VIGIL will be available for sale this weekend from the Piety Store for \$2.00 each or \$5 for 3. The candles can also be used when praying together as a family at home throughout the year.

CHURCH STEAM CLEANING

The church will be steamed cleaning on Tuesday morning so after Sunday evening Mass if you are available to move all the seats out and Wednesday before evening Mass to move seats back into the church. That would be much appreciated.

Chrism Mass

All priests of the Archdiocese gather with the Bishops for Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 18th commencing at 10.30am. The three oils that are used for Sacraments during the year are blessed and people pray for their priests who will renew their priestly vows. Everyone is welcome to join in for this very special celebration.

Ministries Next Week 20/21 APRIL	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	EASTER		VOLUNTEERS	
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER		EASTER		VOLUNTEERS
CHURCH COUNTER	G Adam	E Villegas		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	21/04/2019 Z Penitani	28/04/2019 S Peters	05/05/2019 A Portolesi	12/05/2019 J Sultana
10AM MORNING TEAS	21/04/2019 Group 3	28/04/2019 Group 4	05/05/2019 Group 1	12/05/2019 Group 2

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday 15th April - 8:00am Mass

Tuesday 16th April - 8:00am Mass

Wednesday 17th April - 7:00pm Mass

Holy Thursday 18th April - No morning Mass, Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10:30am. Everyone is invited to the Mass.

7:00pm Mass of the Lords Supper

Good Friday 19th April - 10am Morning Prayer and
Stations of the Cross

3:00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 20th April - 9:00am Morning Prayer
Easter Vigil 7:00pm Mass

Easter Sunday 21st April - 8:00am, 10:00am &
5:30pm

Good Friday Collection 2018

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land and is also used to maintain 74 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your donation on Good Friday will be greatly appreciated.

RETREAT FOR CATECHUMEN

Friday 19th April at 5pm after the Passion of Christ, RCIA participants are invited to gather in the church.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday 16th June - First Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June - Parish Feast Day and
30 Years John the Baptist Primary
School

Saturday 29th June - Men's Breakfast

Friday 13th September - Confirmation

Saturday 14th September - Confirmation

Thursday 3rd October - Ignite Conference

Tuesday 12th November - First Reconciliation

Thursday 14th November - First Reconciliation

Further information will be provided closer to the dates.



PARISH SUPPERS - We will be now holding supper after every Saturday evening Mass. You are invited to stay back after Mass and enjoy a cuppa with your community. Please bring a plate to share.

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: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Communion Antiphon: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

Next Sunday:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What blocks me from hearing and understanding the words of Jesus to me is.....
- ♦ What opens me to hear and understand is..... T
- ♦ When I seek the kingdom of God, I.....
- ♦ When I live in the kingdom of God, my life looks like.....
- ♦ The cost of me choosing to live in the kingdom of God is.....

First reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

Isaiah 50:4-7

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Please see overheads for the Gospel
reading

The Gospel of the Lord

**Faith is the key that
opens the door to hope.**

