



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

Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday - 8am

St Matthias, apostle

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

St John I, pope, martyr

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 18/19 MAY

(Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

11th & 12th May, 2019

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A woodpecker decided he was getting lazy: a holiday was what he needed. Several days of flying brought him into the heart of a forest. Sitting on the top branches of a stately pine tree, he thought, *"I'm hungry. There ought to be some bugs under the bark of this tree."* He flew off and took a mighty peck at the trunk; at the same time a bolt of lightning struck and split the tree from top to bottom. Brother woodpecker picked himself up; preened his rumpled feathers and croaked proudly, *"A fellow just doesn't realize what he can do until he gets away from home."*

Today is Vocation Sunday, and the Church calls her members to pray for vocations in the church and also encourages her members to live out their vocation to the full. *"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me."*

We will never realize our full potential until we listen well to the voice of our Good Shepherd, and follow his guidance and lead. Jesus had given us a wonderful model of living and of leadership. In Jesus we find care, compassion, understanding and hope. He cares so much that he willing to suffer and die for us, his sheep. In this way he becomes the gateway opening up new contact with the Father for us. He is compassionate! The thing that distinguishes him from the Pharisees and the other leaders of his time is that he is compassionately present to all situations. The other leaders were more often present in a condemnatory way. He understands that those who come to see him are confused so he takes time to explain his teaching to the crowds and to go into greater detail with his disciples. He gives people hope when he said: *"The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father."*

In this Vocation Sunday let us pray that we will be the true followers of the Good Shepherd by living the life he had taught us. May we be gentle toward ourselves and gentle towards others, as we trust that the Good Shepherd cares for each one of us, and we will bring that care to those whom we encounter in our daily living.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

754 The church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep.

Fr Dominic

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



Sick: Fr Jack SOULSBY, 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: Santa PROCHILLO, Carmela ALTAMURA, Sam GRIMA, Victoria GRIMA, Concetta SPERANZA, Jessie CONOPIO, Lucy AZZOPARDI

Death Anniversary: FAMELI Family, ARFI Family, Maria SAFI, Maria CAVALLARO, Mimi ORTADO

Other: Lily FENECH, Serafino BADINO, Helen SAFI, Mary CINI, Maria SAFI, Josephine SARREO, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Donna CORDINA Special Intention



Wishing all our wonderful Mother's a Happy Mother's Day!

YOUNG ADULT YOUTH GATHERING

Friday 17th May at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

The theme of the night will be "Deepen Your Understanding ipod, ipad Identity from a scripture point of view"

THANK YOU to Joe and Frances Demasi for donating the beautiful flowers for our Mother's to enjoy on Mother's Day.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
The second All Saints Parish Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council will be held in the Parish Hall on

Wednesday, 22 May, 10am-1pm. Please mark the date in your calendar. The inaugural event last year not only raised over \$10,000 but drew our diverse community together in a spirit of generosity and service for a cause that affects us all. We hope to build on last year's success.



FATIMA NIGHT - 13TH MAY, 2019
6pm at Mary Immaculate Church,
112 Mimosa Road, Bossley Park

Together with Fr John Iacono we will celebrate the 102nd Anniversary of the 1st Apparition of Fatima Portugal with Healing Mass, Rosary, Confessions, silent prayerful adoration on 13th May.

6pm Confessions, silent prayerful personal adoration

6:30pm Rosary followed by Mass, healing prayers - anointing of the sick until 9pm - let us witness God to the world with example of our lives. All welcome.



Sunday 19 May 2019
Annual Marian Pilgrimage at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. 10:30am Holy Mass, 2:00pm Eucharistic procession from the valley to the Shrine with Benediction. Hot food stalls

available or BYO lunch.
Enquiries: 02 4773 8338

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them.

Richard Evans

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Care and concern Network

If you are experiencing any kind of loss particularly a loss of a loved one, you are welcome to a workshop at St John the Baptist parish on Saturday 18th May.

Mass at 9.10am follow by morning tea and workshop.

For more information contact

Fr Dominic or Josie Barilla 0407203593



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:25

BIBLE TRIVIA



1. Who was the first man murdered and mentioned in the Bible? Why?
2. Who is regarded as the last prophet in the Old Testament by Jesus?
3. Who is the greatest King of the Jews?
4. Name the man who replaced Judas after he committed suicide?
5. Name the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit after our Confirmation.

(look out for answers in the back page)



Aquinas Symposium 2019: The Dominican friars of Sydney invite you to explore the wisdom of St Thomas Aquinas during a day symposium to be held at Notre Dame University and St Benedict's Church, Broadway on Sunday May 26th (10:30am - 4:00pm). It will commence with 10:30am Mass at St Benedict's followed by three presentations on the life and work of St Thomas. The day will also include lunch and an interactive trivia competition. The cost is by donation though RSVP is required by Monday May 20th: aquinasevents@gmail.com



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

Wedding Congratulations

Mark El-Hayek & Luisa Zampogna

are married at St John the Baptist this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



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

| Ministries Next Week 18/19 MAY | Sat 5.30 pm | Sun 8.00 am | Sun 10 am | Sun 5:30 pm |
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| READERS: | M Abdal J Victorino | I O'Connor J Poljak | G Zangari M Zangari | M Abdal R Capolupo |
| EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER | A Gorla B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella M Camilleri | L Tononcelli S Xuereb D Triganza L Barilla R Morellini | R Hibbs J Habib A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn N Dubuisson | |
| CHURCH COUNTER | G Adam | E Villegas | | |
| CLEANERS: CHURCH | | | | |
| ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER | 19/05/2019 S Shabo | 26/05/2019 D Triganza | 02/06/2019 M De Luca | 09/06/2019 S Leonello |
| 10AM MORNING TEAS | 19/05/2019 Group 3 | 26/05/2019 Group 4 | 02/06/2019 Group 1 | 09/06/2019 Group 2 |

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL:

This parish wishes to express its thanks to our generous parishioners who supported last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. *To give is to trust in God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide.* Thank you for making that choice. Our contribution for the collection is \$6,000 and any shortfall has to be made up from Parish Funds. If you wish to give Envelopes are still available on the tables at the entrances to the Church. Please give generously. Please return your envelopes ASAP to the Parish Office.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saturday 18th May - Bereavement Support workshop

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

Sunday 29th September - Annual Catechist Mass at
St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 3rd October - Ignite Conference

Tuesday 12th November - First Reconciliation

Thursday 14th November - First Reconciliation

Further information will be provided closer to the dates.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

Or would you like to change your contribution method from envelopes to monthly credit card giving?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail to Leanne at info@johnthebaptist.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:

Email :

I wish to commence Planned Giving Program.

I wish to change from envelopes to Credit Card monthly giving. Current envelope No:.....

(a credit card authority yellow form will need to be completed)

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

Communion Antiphon: *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

Next Sunday:

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ When I realise that the Father has given me to the risen Christ, I.....
- ♦ To hear Jesus say to me..... His words call me to.....
- ♦ God unconditionally gives me..... I unconditionally give to God..... to others.....

First reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

99:1-3, 5

Second reading

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Trivia answers

1. Abel. Jealousy
2. John the Baptist
3. King David
4. Matthias
5. Understanding, good judgement, wisdom, courage, reverence & awe, knowledge and respect for God.

