



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

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday - 8am

St Barnabas, apostle

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15/16 JUNE

(The Most Holy Trinity 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

Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

8th & 9th June, 2019

THE HOLY SPIRIT

There is a young boy who loves to play with the TV remote control. He keeps changing channels when his brothers and sisters are watching television, so they decided to take the battery out of the remote control. The young boy gets bored quickly because the remote control does not work, he then abandons his toy. The remote control without power was useless.

Henri Nouwen says that '*Pentecost is the coming of the Spirit of Jesus into the world. It is the celebration of God breaking through the boundaries of time and space and opening the whole world for the re-creating power of love. Pentecost is freedom, the freedom of the Spirit to blow where it wants*'. From the Acts of the Apostles we read "*the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven... They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.*" Before the Pentecost the disciples of Jesus were looking for an external victory. They had been hampered by their vision of a Messiah who would fulfil their ambition and easy promotion. They wanted Jesus to drive out the Roman occupying power and take over political supremacy. All they could see was external. But at the Pentecost they became aware that the power was within, that the message of Christ was about internal attitude. They were able to see the real Jesus and the real message that had been there all the time, then they began to preach. It is significant that they immediately began to reach beyond barriers. Language, culture, race and domination were no longer a block. All were able to hear and understand each other and become 'unity in diversity'.

In John's Gospel, Jesus first tells his disciples to go on mission: "*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.*" then he gives them the Holy Spirit - the gift of forgiving: "*Receive the Holy Spirit. For whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven...*" Forgiveness is taking off the armour that weighs us down. The Spirit is given to enable us to do this because we cannot by our own power.

We are living in a world in which daily we hear about violence in families, in communities and in countries, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in the way of peace by living more loving, understanding and forgiving.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1076 The church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the 'dispensation of the mystery' the age of the church, during which Christ manifests, makes present and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his church, 'until he comes'.

Grace is one way Catholics describe the action of God in the world. God, through the Holy Spirit, is active in all creation. When we pray, serve others or participate in the sacraments, we share in God's life. Grace is the gift that helps us know God better, become stronger in faith and live a just life. Catholics speak about two major kinds of grace, sanctifying grace and actual grace. Baptism takes away original sin and makes us a new creation. The action of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying grace makes us holy by giving us a share in God's life. Sanctifying grace is restored or strengthened when we received the other six sacraments. Actual grace helps us to know and do what is right at a particular time. It is a temporary action of the Holy Spirit.

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: Maria CASALE, Donna CORDINA, Milla BENIGNI

Death Anniversary: Bartolo LAURICELLA, Rose BENJAMIN, Barry DUNNING, Lisa FOOT, Jose Manuel de Jesus LEMUS-PIRES

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH,

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Anthony Fregolent CS from Mt Pritchard Parish who is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination this weekend. Congratulations also to Fr Joseph Trong from Carnes Hill Parish celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. We send our blessing and wish them well on these wonderful milestones.



PARISH WORKING BEE SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 8am-12pm

To prepare our grounds for the Feast Day Celebrations, we are having a working bee to tidy the Church and surrounds on Saturday morning 22nd June. Some of the gardens need a little attention too. Any time you can spare will be much appreciated on the day. Please bring along your preferred cleaning supplies/garden tools and remember to sing on. Morning tea will be provided. Any enquiries - Grant 0409 958 744

MENS MINISTRY NETWORK BREAKFAST AT JOHN THE BAPTIST Saturday 29th June

8am: Registration/Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30am: Mass
9:15am: Hot Breakfast served
10am: Keynote Speaker Robert Haddad, on "Faith Under Fire"
10:30am: Group discussion, Q & A
11:30am: Closing Prayer
Contact Parish Office: 9823 2572,
E: info@johnthebaptist.org.au
Mob: 0411 281 299 Branko Poljak

Could the Ngo Family (William, Nikki, Aria and Isla please contact the Parish Office at your convenience. Thank you



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



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

Trivia Answers

1. In AD 70. For those Christians who still kept Jewish customs, the destruction of the Temple marked a break with the past and helped them to see that the message of Jesus belonged to all people.
2. They met regularly in private houses and were baptised and celebrate the Eucharist together there because meeting in public was often too dangerous.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS

Enrolments will take place on the weekend of **Saturday 29th June** and **Sunday 30th June** the Parish Hall at the following times:

Saturday 29th June- 4:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30pm-7:00pm
Sunday 30th June - following 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

You are required to bring a **copy of your child's Baptism Certificate** together with \$35 contribution fee to successfully enrol for the Sacrament.

For further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.



COME AND CELEBRATE!!!! JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY and the

**30th Anniversary
of John the Baptist Primary School
SUNDAY 23rd June 2019**

**Mass at 10am- followed by
Procession to JB Playing field**

**FOOD VANS, Coffee VANS
Or bring a picnic!
FREE Jumping Castle
and Slide for
Children!!!
11am-2pm**



**All former students, current students, staff
and parishioners WELCOME!**

SPREAD THE WORD!!!

**We have some VIPs attending- so come and catch up
with some old friends, and teachers and have fun
with new friends!**

**Come for MASS or just come for the CELEBRATIONS
Parking on Gloucester Street will be open**

Saints of the Week



St Barnabas

All we know of Barnabas is to be found in the New Testament. Barnabas sold his land and possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. He and Paul undertook missionary journeys together converting many to Christianity. He was also one of the first teachers of the church at Antioch. They both attended the Council of Jerusalem to deal with the issue of converting Gentiles to Christianity.

Feast Day: June 11

Patron: of Cyprus, Antioch, against hailstorms, invoked as peacemaker



St Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua, born Fernando Martins de Bulhões, also known as Anthony of Lisbon, was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in Padua, Italy.

St Anthony of Padua was once so fed up the hard heartedness of the citizens of Rimini, he went to the town's riverbanks and preached to the fish instead. The townspeople thought they'd better listen too when they saw the multitudes of fish show up.

Feast Day: June 13

Patron: of lost things



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



We congratulate the family of Jack TRBARA who will be baptised here this Sunday 9th June.

YOUNG ADULT YOUTH GATHERING

Friday 14th June at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

The topic of discussion is The Kingdom of God: Our Priority

JB COMMUNITY FAIR - 27TH OCTOBER

"Your Parish! Your Fair!" - offers food, fun rides, music market stalls and entertainment bringing the Parish Community and their families together. This Fair is designed for our community and celebrates the delights of our Parish. We anticipate a huge turnout from our parish and school communities.

WANTED: We are looking talents/entertainment. Would you like to donate a prize of be a sponsor? Interested in marketing your service or products at our Fair? Please contact Caterina 0416 044 149.

WANTED: International Food Stallholders - Our Parish has a boundless array of multiculturalism. If you wish to support by volunteering in anyway possible please contact Susan 0419 606 683.

Ministries Next Week 15/16 JUNE	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	M Camilleri L Krslovic	R Golubic L Barilla	E Villegas A Bautista	R Capolupo
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER	A Gorla B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella M Camilleri	Delicia Vella A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor D Sullivan	E Villegas C Porreca T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib	R Imbert M Abdal S Cook M Mai
CHURCH COUNTER	G Adam	E Villegas		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	16/06/2019 R Marciano	23/06/2019 C Monteleone	30/06/2019 Z Penitani	7/07/2019 S Paters
10AM MORNING TEAS	16/06/2019 Group 3	23/06/2019 Group 4	30/06/2019 Group 5	7/07/2019 Group 1

Upcoming Parish Activities

Save the date!

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

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

Thursday 3rd October - Ignite Conference

Sunday 27th October - JB Community Fair

Tuesday 12th November - First Reconciliation

Thursday 14th November - First Reconciliation

Further information will be provided closer to the dates.

SOCIAL WALKING GROUP: If you are interested in joining a group to walk around the local area - nothing too strenuous - for an hour or so on a Tuesday or Friday morning please contact Linda on 9607 4993 or 0409 914 083.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Recently a volunteer (not from our Parish) **working alone** had a fall while setting up for services at their Parish, which could have had dire consequences. The incident was reported to Safe Work NSW. Please make sure that as a valuable volunteer and member of our Parish that you **do not work alone** while on Parish property.



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 Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.*

Communion Antiphon: *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

Next Sunday:
The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)
First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Right now in my life, the Holy Spirit is teaching me.....
- ♦ When I keep Jesus' commandments and word, I learn that love is.....
- ♦ The wellspring of my relationship to my family and friends is..... to my enemies is..... to God is

First reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading

Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you

then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

The Gospel of the Lord



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