



# St. John the Baptist Catholic

## Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)



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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### PSALTER 3

**Monday - 8am**

**Tuesday - 8am**

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Romuald, abbot*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Aloysius Gonzaga,  
religious*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*Sts John Fisher, bishop and  
Thomas More, martyrs*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 15/16 JUNE**

*(The Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ (Corpus  
Christie) 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

## The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

15th & 16th June, 2019

### The Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Once an earnest young man approached a monk and said, 'Tell me what God is like.' 'Do you see the sun?' the monk began. The student raised his eyes towards the sky, but the monk said, 'No, don't look at it or you'll damage your eyes. Instead, hold out your arm and roll up your sleeve.' The student did as he was directed. 'Do you feel the sun?' asked the monk. 'I do.' Nodded the student, still mystified. 'You think it is very far away, yet you can feel it on your arm.' Said the monk. 'Yes, but what does that have to do with God?' the student asked. 'You want to know what God is like?' 'Yes.' 'Your problem is that you have a cold heart.' 'So what must I do?' 'You must bare your heart to love just as you have bared your arm to the sun. If you do that you will know what God is like.'

Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely, the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. Whenever we make the Sign of the Cross, we show our faith with the three persons in one God. We believe there is only one God, but there are three persons in God. Each person in the Trinity has all the qualities, abilities, and power we can attribute to God; each one is fully God. The Father is the creator and sustainer of the world, the Son is the saviour and reconciler of its sins, and the Holy Spirit is the healer of its wounds and the inspirer of new beginnings. Today's gospel describes what the Spirit would do for the believer. The Spirit will bring a person to the truth, not a philosophic or scientific truth, but a true relationship with the Father through the Son.

Faith in the Trinity is the beginning of our life in the Church. It is also the reason we go out and spread the Good News. Unfortunately, we take the Trinity for granted. Most of the time, we don't seek God's will and guidance. Yes, we affirm our belief in Father, Son, and Spirit, but do we trust God with our immediate future? Do we seek out Jesus to be our personal friend? Are we open to and hope in the work of the Spirit in our lives? As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, let us give glory to the Father who works in our lives. Let us look forward the coming of the Son, both in the Eucharist and at the end of time. And let us also place our hope in the Spirit, our guide in life.

### *The Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Holy Trinity (232 – 260)*

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. God is a community of love of three distinct persons who want to share their love with us. "When you are with everyone but me, you are with no one. When you are with no one but me, you are with everyone" (Rumi).

**Fr Richard**

**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, Claudio Da SILVA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Inez BUGEJA, Maria CASALE, Donna CORDINA

**Death Anniversary:** Jo AGUIS

**Other:** Charlie SALIBA, Rita SALIBA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

### 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](mailto:info@johnthebaptist.org.au)  
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## Saints of the Week



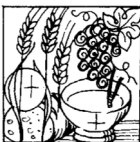
**St Aloysius** was born in Castiglione, Italy. The first words he spoke were the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. He was destined for the military by his father, but by the age of 9 Aloysius had decided on a religious life, and made a vow of perpetual virginity. To safeguard himself from possible temptation, he would keep his eyes persistently downcast in the presence of women. St. Charles Borromeo gave him his first Holy Communion. A kidney disease prevented St. Aloysius from a full social life for a while, so he spent his time in prayer and reading the lives of the saints. Although he was appointed a page in Spain, St. Aloysius kept up his many devotions and austerities, and was quite resolved to become a Jesuit. His family eventually moved back to Italy, where he taught catechism to the poor. When he was 18, he joined the Jesuits, after finally breaking down his father, who had refused his entrance into the order. He served in a hospital during the plague of 1587 in Milan, and died from it at the age of 23, after receiving the last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. The last word he spoke was the Holy Name of Jesus. St. Robert wrote the Life of St. Aloysius. **Feast Day: June 21**



**St Thomas More** was born in London on February 7, 1478. His father, Sir John More, was a lawyer and judge. Thomas More was Oxford educated, a lawyer and served in parliament. For two years, between 1503 and 1504, More lived next to a Carthusian monastery and he found himself called to follow their lifestyle of simple piety. He often joined their spiritual exercises. He wrote the world famous book "Utopia" and spent many years writing in defence of the Church, for which he was imprisoned. He spent 15 months in the infamous Tower of London before he was executed. Thomas More has been widely remembered as a man of tremendous integrity, and he has since been described as a martyr.

**Feast Day: June 22**

**Patron:** of adopted children lawyers, civil servants, politicians, and difficult marriages.



**We congratulate the following Children who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend:**

Renata BUTROS  
Harry DANG  
Owen IMOLA  
Shantel ISHAC  
Anthony MARKHANI  
Calvin NIESSAN  
Andrew QAQISH

Isabella RICHARDSON  
Mathew SABAH  
Pietro SANFILIPPO  
Valentina SANFILIPPO  
Pierre YOUKHANA  
Antonio YOUSIF  
Rihanna YOUSIF



### 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.



### GROUP LEADERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION

The children of our parish need your help to understand more about their faith. If you have an hour a week to spare in August please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993 or 0409 914 083.

### RETREATS

**Desire and Love** on Saturday 22nd June at Jamberoo Abbey.  
**A Spiritual Pot Pourri** presented by Bishop Peter Ingham, July 5-7 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.  
Please see Church noticeboard for further details.



**COME AND CELEBRATE!!!!**  
**JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY**  
and the  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**of John the Baptist Primary School**  
**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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



## 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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019-2020** are now available for collection outside the Church after all Masses this weekend. **Please make sure you check your name and address before collecting them.**

If any parishioner is interested in joining our Planned Giving Envelopes or you wish to have your contribution direct debited can you please complete the slip located below and either place it on the collection plate or hand it into the parish office. If you wish you may also contact the Parish office directly on 9823 2572. 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.

Ministries Next Week 22/23 JUNE	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	G Turnbull J Victorino	J Poljak S Hely	M Aulsebrook N Laureti	
<b>EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali	J Finucane L Tononcelli S Xuereb D Triganza R Morellini	A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn N Dubuisson S D'Cruz T Vartuli	R Imbert M Abdal S Cook M Mai
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	J Coiera	T Moriana		
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	<b>23/06/2019</b> C Monteleone	<b>30/06/2019</b> Z Penitani	<b>7/07/2019</b> S Peters	<b>14/07/2019</b> A Portolesi
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	<b>23/06/2019</b> Group 4	<b>30/06/2019</b> Group 5	<b>7/07/2019</b> Group 1	<b>14/07/2019</b> Group 2

## Upcoming Parish Activities ..... Save the date!

### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**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.**



### 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



### JB COMMUNITY FAIR - 27TH OCTOBER "Give and it will be given unto you"

"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.

## 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](mailto: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:** *Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

### Next Sunday:

#### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Year C)

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 09:11-17

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The Trinity's inner dynamic Life of give-and-take urges me to.....
- ♦ The give-and-take of my own life looks like.....
- ♦ The "much more" I hear the Spirit telling me is..... I can "bear" the "things that are coming" because.....

#### First reading

##### A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.  
The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.  
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
– and the waters will not invade the shore –  
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

8:4-9

##### *O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet.

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

#### Proverbs 8:22-31

#### Second reading

##### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

cf. Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

John 16:12-15

##### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
*All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'*

#### The Gospel of the Lord

