



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

*St Augustine Zhao Rong,
priest, and companions,
martyrs*

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

St Benedict, abbot

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

St Henry

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 13/14 JULY

*(15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time 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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6th & 7th July, 2019

Let your first words be, "Peace to this house!"

The Korean War was raging. A little village came under heavy artillery fire. In the village stood a Catholic church. Outside the church, mounted on a pedestal, was a statue of Christ. However, when the smoke of battle cleared away, the statue lay in fragments on the ground. A group of American soldiers helped the priest to collect up the fragments. Carefully they put the statue back together. They found all the pieces except the hands. They offered to fly back the statue back to America, and have hands made for it. But the priest refused. "I have a better idea", he said. "Let's leave it without hands. And we'll write on the pedestal the words: FRIEND, LEND ME YOUR HANDS. In this way passers-by will come to see that Christ now has no hands but ours with which to raise up the fallen."

The Apostles had been with Jesus for some time. During that time he had instructed them. But when he chose them, he chose them for a purpose – to spread the news of the kingdom of God. Now the time had come to involve them in that work. So he sent them out. Christianity is always like that. It is never something to be kept to oneself. It always involves an outreach to others. They were to offer to those they encounter a special gift that the world needs most: the gift of peace! He said to them, "Let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!'" Somehow this greeting of the Apostles sums up the Church's entire message to all her children down through the ages; her first and last words to us, containing everything that is good and desirable. Jesus had promised at the Last Supper (Jn 14:27) that he would leave his peace to the Church as a legacy: *Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you; and then his first words after his resurrection as he appeared to them were: Peace be with you.*

At the Mass, when after the consecration the risen Lord becomes present on the altar and the priest speaks the words: *The peace of the Lord be with you always*; let us be especially attentive to what we are being offered and let our response: And with your spirit; carry with it the intensity with which we long for this gift. Then sign of peace which follows will truly be what it is meant to be – not a display of human affection; not a noisy 'how are you going today?' but a profound sign that all about you may experience the peace of the risen Lord which comes from faith in him. The Mass prepares us and then, sends us into world – "to live the Mass." Jesus continues to ask each of us, "FRIEND WILL YOU LEND ME YOUR HANDS?" Christ now has no hands but ours with which to raise up the fallen; no feet but ours to seek out the lost; no ears but ours to listen to the lonely; and no tongue but ours to speak words of comfort to the lonely.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC, 2471 The Christian is not to "be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord." In situations that require witness to the faith, the Christian must profess it without equivocation, after the example of St. Paul before his judges. We must keep "a clear conscience toward God and toward men."

CCC, 2472 The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds.

Fr Richard

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



Sick: Mrs Thi Chuyen HOANG, 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: Carmen MICALLEF, Martin SARTOR, Milan DRENOVAC, Kristie Maree SCIBILIA, Inez BUGEJA

Death Anniversary: Agostino CAVALLARO

Other: Joachim Van Chuyen NGUYEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

Saints of the Week



St Augustine Zhao Rong

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.

The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists or labourer, ranging in age from 9 to 72 years. This group includes 4 Chinese diocesan priests.

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. The Good News of Jesus Christ is intended to benefit all peoples; today's martyrs knew that.

Feast Day: July 9



St Benedict was a mere teenager when he left the sinful world to live a life fasting and praying in the desert mountains. After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted. He set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve. Benedict left these monasteries when envious attacks made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

It was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

In Latin the meaning of the name Benedict is: blessed. From benedictus meaning blessed. Famous bearers: 6th-century Italian saint Benedict of Nursia founded the Benedictine order of monks and nuns.

Feast Day: July 11

Patron: Students and Europe



St Henry son of Henry, Duke of Bavaria, and of Gisella, daughter of Conrad, King of Burgundy, was born in 972. He received an excellent education under the care of St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon. In 995, St. Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otto III, he was elected emperor. Firmly anchored upon the great eternal truths, which the practice of meditation kept alive in his heart, he was not elated by this dignity and sought in all things, the greater glory of God. He was most watchful over the welfare of the Church and exerted his zeal for the maintenance of ecclesiastical discipline through the instrumentality of the Bishops. He gained several victories over his enemies, both at home and abroad, but he used these with great moderation and clemency. In 1014, he went to Rome and received the imperial crown at the hands of Pope Benedict VIII. On that occasion he confirmed the donation, made by his predecessors to the Pope, of the sovereignty of Rome and the exarchate of Ravenna. Circumstances several times drove the holy Emperor into war, from which he always came forth victorious. He led an army to the south of Italy against the Saracens and their allies, the Greeks, and drove them from the country. The humility and spirit of justice of the Saint were equal to his zeal for religion. He cast himself at the feet of Herebert, Bishop of Cologne, and begged his pardon for having treated him with coldness, on account of a misunderstanding. He wished to abdicate and retire into a monastery, but yielded to the advice of the Abbot of Verdun, and retained his dignity. Both he and his wife, St. Cunegundes, lived in perpetual chastity, to which they had bound themselves by vow. The Saint made numerous pious foundations, gave liberally to pious institutions and built the Cathedral of Bamberg. His holy death occurred at the castle of Grone, near Halberstad, in 1024.

Feast Day: July 13
Patron of the childless, of Dukes, of the handicapped and those rejected by Religious Order

Christ Our Light Youth

Young Adults Fortnightly Gathering

Topic of discussion: *Ten Reasons* I AM A CATHOLIC

Friday, 12th July 2019 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

KEEP CALM AND Join Our Youth Group!



CHRIST OUR LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY Presents GAME ON YOUTH NIGHT

Food, Games and Faith.
Name a better trio, we'll wait.

Admission is completely free! Just bring yourself, a friend and a fiery spirit as we go head-to-head in some classic board games and have a snag or two, to celebrate the catholic youth community.

When: Friday, August 2nd

Where: 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

For more information, contact us:

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Ph: 0490 518 369

Face Book: Christ our Light Youth

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MEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

On Saturday the 29th June, men from all over the Sydney Archdiocese came together at John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bonnyrigg to spend the morning in prayer, celebration, education and dialogue. This latest event in a series of similar initiatives rolling across Sydney is designed to encourage all men in the church

to become more active in their Parish (and beyond) in response to their Baptismal call to evangelise the Good news - by being role model Fathers, Husbands, Sons, Brothers and neighbours.

The day titled "Faith under Fire," began with Eucharistic Adoration / Reconciliation followed by Mass, breakfast and a presentation by Mr Robert Haddad. (Head of new Evangelisation for Sydney Catholic Schools.)





PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass this Sunday 7th July**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.

Planned Giving

The new envelopes for next Financial Year are now available outside the Church foyer. **Please ensure you pick up your correct envelope by checking both your name and address.** Tax receipts for this financial year will be made available next weekend.

I urge you to consider your support to our parish by joining Planned Giving either through weekly envelope giving or monthly credit card deductions, or consider increasing your current donations. One-off donations are also well received.

I offer my sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity in giving faithfully to the planned giving and other collections in the parish. Your generosity is inspiring and it allows us to plan and budget for the future of the parish. A special thanks to the Finance Committee members for your expertise and commitment. Once again I thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Dominic

Ministries Next Week 13/14 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis J Victorino	I O'Connor T Simpson	J Habib C Goodyer	V Arbanas
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER	A Gorla B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella M Camilleri	S Xuereb D Triganza L Barilla R Morellini M Jebrail	S D'Cruz T Vartuli S Hambrook H Fenech E Villegas C Porreca	R Imbert M Abdal S Cook M Mai
CHURCH COUNTER	J Oliveri	V Baltazar		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	14/07/2019 A Portolesi	21/07/2019 J Sultana	28/07/2019 S Shabo	04/08/2019 D Triganza
10AM MORNING TEAS	14/07/2019 Group 2	21/07/2019 Group 3	28/07/2019 Group 4	04/08/2019 Group 1

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday 2nd August - Game on Youth Night

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.



JB COMMUNITY FAIR - 27TH OCTOBER

"Give and it will be given unto you"

Luke 6:38

"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 or 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.

ATTENTION CATECHISTS: The CCD is holding a special Area Mass for Catechists. The Mass will be held on Friday 12th July at Mary Immaculate Parish, Bossley Park commencing at 11:00am. Mass will be followed by lunch. Please bring a small plate to share. All are welcome. RSVP: CCD on 9307 8330 or email: teresa.culjak@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

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

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: *Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

Communion Antiphon: *Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

Next Sunday:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ For me, the "kingdom of God" is.....
- ♦ I experience being sent forth as a labourer for Jesus' harvest of the "kingdom of God" when..... My response is.....
- ♦ As Jesus' disciple, I am welcomed when..... I am rejected when..... In either case, Jesus says to me.....

First reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

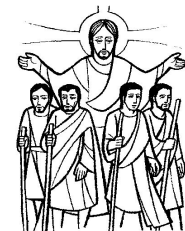
He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Isaiah 66:10-14



65:1-7, 16, 20

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15a, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.

'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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