



# St. John the Baptist Catholic

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### PSALTER 1

**Monday - 8:00am**

*St Martha*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*St Peter Chrysologus, bishop,  
doctor*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Ignatius of Loyola, priest*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop,  
doctor*

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop  
St Peter Julian Eymard, priest*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Dominic, priest*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 3/4 AUGUST**

*(18th 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  
or Fr Richard 0451 910 634

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

27th & 28th July, 2019

**“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9**

If we were to take this statement of Jesus in a very literal way, we could easily conclude that Jesus will give us anything we ask for in a prayerful way. But we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? Will Jesus do whatever we ask of Him when we pray for it with all our might? Certainly not.

This passage goes on to say, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Luke 11:13). Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it's important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It's the will of God.

If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. The problem is that too often we end up praying that “MY will be done” rather than “THY will be done.” This is an important difference.

True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer.

Reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord's Prayer: Thy will be done! Strive to trust in God's perfect plan for your life and do all you can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will.*

*All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.*

*Everything is yours; do with it what you will.*

*Give me only your love and your grace,*

*that is enough for me.*

- St. Ignatius of Loyola -

**Deacon Mervyn Francis**

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



**Sick:** Frank AZZOPARDI, Joan LOUIS,

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, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI,  
Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Rueben FERNANDEZ,  
Casimero CASTOR, Angeline WALKER,  
Carmen MICALLEF

**Death Anniversary:** Mickeal and Joanne RYAN,  
Guia Miranda DEL VALLE, Louis Roger LEMASSON,  
Mary Joseph HABIB

**Other:** Yousif BAHHETO, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and  
Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

# Saints of the Week



## St Martha

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death. No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27)

**Feast Day:** July 29  
**Patron of** Cooks



**St Ignatius of Loyola** was born in Spain. He was a soldier in the Spanish army in wars against the French. After the military he studied the Saints and decided to be a soldier of the catholic faith.

Along with St Francis Xavier and 7 other students, started the Society of Jesus or Jesuits in 1534. The Society of Jesus found its niche in education. Before Ignatius died in 1556, his order established 35 schools and boasted 1,000 members. Today, the Society of Jesus is known for its work in educating the youth around the world. Several universities have been founded in the name of Ignatius and in the traditional Jesuit spirit. The Jesuits also perform many other important works around the globe.

**Feast Day:** July 31  
**Patron of** Society of Jesus, Educators and Education



**St Alphonsus Liguori** was born in the village of Marianella near Naples, Italy, September 27, 1696. At a tender age his pious mother inspired him with the deepest sentiments of piety. The education he received under the auspices of his father, aided by his own intellect, produced in him such results that at the early age of sixteen, he graduated in law.

Shortly after, he was admitted to the Neopolitan bar. In 1723, he lost a case, and God made use of his disappointment to wean his heart from the world. In spite of all opposition he now entered the ecclesiastical state. In 1726, he was ordained a priest. He exercised the ministry at various places with great fruit, zealously labouring for his own sanctification. In 1732, God called him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the object of labouring for the salvation of the most abandoned souls. Amid untold difficulties and innumerable trials, St. Alphonsus succeeded in establishing his Congregation, which became his glory and crown, but also his cross. The holy founder laboured incessantly at the work of the missions until, about 1756, he was appointed Bishop of St. Agatha, a diocese he governed until 1775, when broken by age and infirmity, he resigned this office to retire to his convent where he died. Few saints have laboured as much, either by word or by writing, as St. Alphonsus. He was a prolific and popular author, the utility of whose works will never cease. His last years were characterized by intense suffering, which he bore with resignation, adding voluntary mortifications to his other pains. His happy death occurred at Nocera de Pagani, August 1, 1787.

**Feast Day:** August 1  
**Patron of** Theologians



**St Dominic** was born into a rich, noble Spanish family. By the time he was 21 he had sold everything he owned so that he could help feed the homeless population of Spain. He was a Castilian priest and founder of the Dominican Order and was friends with St Francis of Assisi. He pursued a life of humility and obedience dying at 51.

**Feast Day** August 3  
**Patron of** Astronomers, astronomy, Dominican Republic and falsely accused people



## 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.



## Marriage Enrichment Weekend:

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!  
10th-11th August at St. John Bosco Parish, Engadine  
The new format of this weekend is a "Live Out" weekend. For further enquiries please ask our booking couple Adrian and Janet Sullivan on the contact number below.  
Book online at [www.wmme.org.au](http://www.wmme.org.au)  
Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter.



## RCIA – DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Many adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church each year through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

1. The non-baptised are suitably prepared are welcomed into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
2. Those from other Christian denominations are received into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Any catholic adults (baptised) but not yet confirmed.

The course for the RCIA candidates for next year's Easter Vigil commences in October 2019.

For inquiries contact either the parish office, Fr Dominic or Fr Richard



## 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 4th August**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS

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 are available for collection outside the Church foyer.

**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 contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572 or email Leanne on [info@johnthebaptist.org.au](mailto:info@johnthebaptist.org.au)



## CHRIST OUR LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY (for Young Adults)

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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## ATTENTION EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

**EUCARIST:** The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

| Ministries<br>Next Week<br>3/4 AUGUST | Sat<br>5.30 pm   | Sun<br>8.00 am  | Sun<br>10 am  | Sun<br>5:30 pm                            |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>READERS:</b>                       | L Krslovic<br>J Victorino  | I O'Connor<br>J Poljak  | G Zangari<br>M Zangari  | R Capolupo                                |
| <b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>        | A Pace<br>J Voctorino<br>A Jameson<br>C Araco<br>L Topic<br>T Micali | R Morellini<br>M Jebrail<br>M Esposito<br>Delicia Vella<br>A Liberatore | E Villegas<br>C Porreca<br>T Nguyen<br>M Aulsebrook<br>R Hibbs<br>J Habib | S Cook<br>M Mai<br>G Vanderwert<br>D Pham |
| <b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>                 | M Davies   |   |   |   |
| <b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>               |  |   |   |   |
| <b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>           | <b>04/08/2019</b><br>D Triganza                                      | <b>11/08/2019</b><br>M De Luca  | <b>18/08/2019</b><br>S Leonello   | <b>25/08/2019</b><br>R Marciano           |
| <b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>              | <b>04/08/2019</b><br>Group 1   | <b>11/08/2019</b><br>Group 2  | <b>18/08/2019</b><br>Group 3  | <b>25/08/2019</b><br>Group 4              |

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



## CONFIRMATION MEETINGS 2019

**Parent Meeting** Tuesday 30th July, commencing at 7.00pm in the Church.



## RECONCILIATION 2019

**Parent Information Night** Tuesday 27th **RECONCILIATION** August, commencing at 7:00pm.

**Reconciliation Enrolments** **Saturday 14th September** after 5:30pm Mass and **Sunday 15th September** after 10:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

John the Baptist are starting a **Men's Group**, one Friday a month. The first meeting will take place on **2nd August in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm**. We will reflect on the scriptures and discuss how we can relate the Gospel in our lives and grow stronger in our Faith. All men are invited to be part of this Group.

Ignite Conference Sydney: October 3-6

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney (Freeman College). The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/) or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Friday 2nd August** - Game on Youth Night

**Friday 2nd August** - Men's Group

**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.*



Back to God's Love

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Your generosity make it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number 1800 257 296, or at [catholicmission.ord.au/about-us/contact](http://catholicmission.ord.au/about-us/contact)

## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.*

### Next Sunday:

#### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Jesus' prayer reveals him to be..... When I pray his prayer, I become.....
- ♦ I need the Holy Spirit when..... I pray for the Holy Spirit to.....
- ♦ In my prayer, I ask God for..... God gives me.....

#### First reading

Genesis 18:20-32

##### A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

##### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

137:1-3, 6-8

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

#### Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

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

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

##### The Word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

##### The Gospel of the Lord



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