



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 3

Monday - 8:00am

*St Jane Frances de Chantal,
religious*

Tuesday - 8:00am

*Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and
Hippolytus, priest martyr*

Wednesday - 7:00pm

*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe,
priest, martyr*

Thursday - 9:10am

*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Friday - 9:10am

St Stephen of Hungary

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 17/18 AUGUST

*(20th 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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

10th & 11th August, 2019

Be ready for the Lord

There was a group of girls travelling on a bus to a company for a job interview. When the bus stopped, they all rushed out and tried to out run each other to get to the company first. One of the girls accidentally pushed an elderly woman who fell and dropped her handbag. They kept running except Michelle who felt sorry for this elderly woman, stopped and helped her to get up and gathered her handbag. The woman still shaking asked why they were in such a hurry. Michelle mentioned the name of the company and explained that they are trying to get there first for an interview. Michelle was anxious to get away but the older woman held onto her arm and requested Michelle walk with her. Michelle patiently and caringly walked with this elderly woman, as they passed the company's door, Michelle asked if the woman was alright to walk alone because she has to go in for the job interview. *"It's OK I won't trouble you anymore"* said the woman.

Michelle went inside, all her friends had already handed in their resume and were ready for an interview. Michelle handed in her resume, sat down and waited without much hope because there were too many people before her. To everyone's surprise Michelle's name was called first. She went in the interview room. There was the manager sitting at the desk and the elderly lady whom Michelle helped along the road. The lady said to Michelle: *"This is my son."* She turned to the man and said *"This is the girl I told you about."* Of course you can guess Michelle got the job!

Jesus sometimes plays the same trick on us. He comes into our lives in the form of the sickness that we would avoid, the project that falls through, the exam that we fail, the relationship that pains us, the neighbour that is hard to put up with, the poor that comes when we are already emotionally exhausted.

In the Gospel today Jesus recommends us first to not be afraid, *'for it has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom.'* We are assured of the kingdom but we must be alert and responsive because it is found in unconventional wisdom. Then Jesus goes on by using imagery to make his point about being alert and ready for the coming of Christ into our lives. He does not come at the right time or in the expected way. Jesus comes like a thief in the night; he does not enter through the door or window but through the wall of the house.

Let us pray that we will always be ready when he comes at the hour which we don't know or never expect.

Catechism of the Catholic church

145: The Letter to the Hebrews, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: 'By which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out not knowing where he was to go.' By faith he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land. By faith, Sarah was given to conceive the son of the promise. And by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice.

**In family life, love is the oil that eases the friction,
the cement that binds closer together, and
the music that brings harmony. Eva Burrows**

Fr Dominic

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



Sick: Sylvia HARDING, 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: Rina FAVOTTO, Rueben FERNANDEZ

Death Anniversary: Les PACE, Josip JAKSIC, Maria SAFI

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CARE

John the Baptist Community Care is a reasonably new initiative established to support those in need.

This initiative does not discriminate and will provide care and support for people of our community and beyond who are in need, irrespective of their faith or particular situation in life.

Such needs may be financial, social, emotional or spiritual. Finances to support this initiative are raised via the Church Piety Store and Poor Boxes, as well as donations, Plant and Cake/biscuit sales and other fundraisers.

If you are aware of a family in need, or if your own family is in need of support at this time, please phone the parish office on 9823 2572.

A member of the John the Baptist Community Care Group will contact you to discuss your situation.

All enquiries will be treated with respect and in confidence.



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

**An afternoon for families - Sunday 18th August
11am to 3pm**

Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

You and your family are invited to our August Covenant Sunday celebration, which is being led by one of the Schoenstatt family groups. Take some time out for your family in a beautiful environment.

We'd love to see you there. To meet your family and have you meet ours. All noisy and crazy families are welcome :) No RSVP needed. If you need more info feel free to email families@schoenstatt.org.au

The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Rev Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 19 Aug 2019 at 6:00pm at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendcocktailinthe.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS NEEDED

We are in need of a few more Children's Liturgy leaders for 10am Mass. This would only be a once a month commitment. If you are able to assist please contact our Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator Angela Galdas on 9606 8403 or 0410 964 196.

Saints of the Week



St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II. St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. Kolbe founded monasteries in Japan and India. To this day the monastery in Japan remains prominent in the Roman Catholic Church in Japan. On February 17, 1941 Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz. It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary feast day.

Feast day: 14th August

Patron: of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into heaven to live with her son Jesus Christ for ever. Human beings having to wait until the end of time for their bodily resurrection, but Mary's body was able to go straight to heaven because her soul hadn't been tainted by original sin. Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on August 15 each year. The Feast is also a Holy Day of Obligation.

Feast Day: August 15



St Stephen of Hungary

St. Stephen the Great (977-1038), was the son of the Magyar chieftain Geza. Stephen succeeded him as leader in 997. Already raised a Christian, in 996 he wed the daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria and devoted much of his reign to the promotion of the Christian faith.

He gave his patronage to Church leaders, helped build churches, and was a proponent of the rights of the Holy See. Stephen also crushed the pagan counterreaction to Christianity, forcibly converting the so-called Black Hungarians after their failed rebellion. In recognition of his efforts, Stephen was anointed king of Hungary in 1000, receiving the cross and crown from Pope Sylvester II. The remainder of his reign was taken up with the consolidation of the Christian hold on the region. His crown and regalia became beloved symbols of the Hungarian nation, and Stephen was venerated as the ideal Christian king. Canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII, he became the patron saint of Hungary.

Feast Day: 16th August
Patron: of Hungary



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 1st September**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (CWF)

Last weekend was the CWF Appeal which plays an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs. Our contribution this quarter for the collection is \$6,000 and to date we have raised \$720 any shortfall has to be made up from Parish Funds. 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS

The new envelopes for next Financial Year are now available from the Parish Office. 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 at info@johnthebaptist.org.au



CHRIST OUR LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY FOR 18+ Movie Night Friday 16th August in the Parish Hall.

If anybody wants to keep up with events, please join our face book page.

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/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Ministries Next Week 17/18 AUG	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Oliveri M Camilleri	R Golubic S Davies	C Goodyer M Aulsebrook	R Capolupo
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER	A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali	S Xuereb D Triganza L Barilla R Morellini M Jebrail	S Hambrook H Fenech E Villegas	G Vanderwert D Pham R Imbert M Abdal
CHURCH COUNTER	G Adam	E Villegas		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	18/08/2019 S Leonello	25/08/2019 R Marciano	01/09/2019 C Monteleone	08/09/2019 Z Penitani
10AM MORNING TEAS	18/08/2019 Group 3	25/08/2019 Group 4	01/09/2019 Group 1	08/09/2019 Group 2

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT NIGHT

For information on enrolment about the **RECONCILIATION** Reconciliation Sacrament Program 2019 please attend the **parent information evening on Tuesday 27 August 2019 at 7pm at John the Baptist Catholic Church**.

To enrol in our Sacramental Program for 2019 your child must be in Grade 3 or above at school this year.

All parents must attend the information evening (it is preferable that children do not attend this meeting).

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie on 0473 779 338 or Tamara on 0424 166 248.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held next Tuesday 13th August at 7:30pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) will be held on Tuesday 20th August commencing at 6:30pm.



JB COMMUNITY FAIR - 27TH OCTOBER "Give and it will be given unto you" Luke 6:38

FAIR UPDATE!!!! BREAKING NEWS!!!

The Fair has the following:-

RIDES: Jumping Castle, Dodgem Cars, Large Slides & more...

OTHERS: Face Painting, Fairy Floss, Raffles, Bottle Stall, Photo Booth & more to come

ENTERTAINMENT: Tongan Choir, Children's fashion show, Armenian cultural dance & many more to come

STALLS: Coffee, Pizza, Gelato, Crepe, Kids Clothing, Religious Jewellery, Plants Bolivian, Herbal Tea, Fashion & Bag, Candles & Towels ... many many more

WE ARE SEEKING MORE: Talents of all ages, a DJ, singers and even dancers, Sponsors, Gift vouchers, Major prizes from major stores... please contact Caterina 0416 044 149

FOOD: Our own International Food stalls by lovely Parishioners are Assyria/Persia, Croatia, Holland, India, Italy, Philippines, Tongan & Vietnam and an International Cake Stall too. We have such an array of culture in our Parish where's our Middle Eastern Parishioners, please come and share your cultural foods contact Susan 0419 606 683.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

Communion Antiphon: *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

Next Sunday:
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Those who have taught me Jesus' way of life are..... Those whom I teach Jesus' way of life are.....
- ♦ In the Master's absence, I continue his saving mission by.....
- ♦ What encourages me to remain faithful in the Master's absence is..... What impedes my faithfulness is.....

First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

32:1, 12, 18-20, 22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better

homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

