



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 4

Monday - 8:00am

St John Eudes, priest

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Pius X, pope

Thursday - 9:10am

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday - 9:10am

St Rosa of Lima, virgin

Saturday - 9:10am

St Bartholomew, apostle

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 24/25 AUGUST

(21st 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 17th & 18th August, 2019

A blazing Fire

The world order so praised by the powerful is rather a disorder. We are far from giving food to all the hungry, or guaranteeing everyone's rights, or even eliminating wars and getting rid of nuclear arms. The revolution we need is deeper than merely economic reforms. It must transform people's and nations' consciences. Whoever follows Jesus wants the fire lit by him to burn brightly in this world.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is calling each and everyone of us to move from being mere followers to witnesses. This would be the real revolution. The main thing Jesus asks of us is that we be authentic. He says, "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

This passage is a rude shock! 'You think that I have come to bring peace to the earth' Yes, we do indeed, and the Gospel has said so right from the beginning: "Peace on earth, good will among men". Now the reverse seems to be the case. Jesus can be rough and extreme in his statements and demands: 'Let the dead bury their', 'Call no man your Father on earth', 'If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off', 'Such a one would be better off cast into the sea with a millstone round the neck'.

Now he speaks of dissension within the family. But the family is the basic unit of society, where they have got to have you if you want to go home, the one place where you can be sure to find acceptance, a unit especially loving and united within Judaism. Jesus deliberately takes the most sacred human bonds to show that loyalty to him transcends even that. The break-up of a family is the most tragic collapse of all, to be avoided at all costs – or nearly all.

The mention of the "baptism" with which Jesus is to be baptised is elsewhere paired with the cup which Jesus must drink, namely the passion and crucifixion. The sons of Zebedee are asked if they too are prepared to drink the cup, to undergo martyrdom. This suggests that Jesus and Luke are envisaging the situation of persecution in the first years of the church.

If one family member (or member of the church) fails, the others must still hold fast in their loyalty to Christ. The question for us to ponder: Can I drink the cup even when others choose otherwise? Henri J. M. Nouwen said, "When we are crushed like grapes, we cannot think of the wine we will become."



Catholic Trivia

1. Although the term 'Christian martyr' has come to mean someone who is killed for their Christian faith, what was the original meaning of the word 'martyr' - reflecting the first martyrs' personal relationship with Jesus?
2. Who was stoned to death for insisting that Jesus was the Messiah, and is regarded as the first Christian martyr?
3. In El Salvador, who was the Archbishop assassinated by a government-supported death squad while celebrating mass in 1980, after he began to speak out strongly against poverty and political repression?

Fr Richard

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: Chona VICTORINO, Stella DUFF, Rina FAVOTTO

Death Anniversary: Frank BARILLA, Stanley DUFF, Kenneth JIANG

Other: Maria Augusta PROCOPIO, KUE Soong Lee, NGO Hai Buai, KUE Peng Kee, KUE Peng Tia, KUE Peng Sir, KUE Chang Guang, KUE Miel Tian, KUE Miel Ang, KUE Miel Im, KUE Jung Hong, GUNG Gia Jiang, GUNG Jing Kiam, TUNG Chil Ang, JIA Arng Muai, JUE Soak Kim, GUNG Tia Pung, GUNG Hoak Pung, GUNG Jung Pung and all the Souls in Purgatory, Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention, Thanksgiving



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP will meet next Saturday 24th August between 3:30pm and 5:15pm

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

Saints of the Week



St Pius X

On June 2, 1835, Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto saw the light of earth at Riesi, Province of Treviso, in Venice; on August 20, 1914, he saw the light of heaven; and on May 29, 1954, he who had become the two hundred fifty-ninth pope was canonized St. Pius X. Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ. Above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. From St. Pius X we learn again that "the folly of the Cross", simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness. His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: "I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor."

Feast Day: August 21



St Bartholomew

All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the synoptic gospels and Acts as one of the twelve apostles. His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages. Tradition has the place as Abanopolis on the west coast of the Caspian Sea and that he also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. The Gospel of Bartholomew is apocryphal and was condemned in the decree of Pseudo-Gelasius.

Feast Day: August 24

STANDING AUTHORITY FOR RECURRENT PERIODIC PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Title: _____ (Mr & Mrs, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Card: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Card No: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Planned Giving Amount: \$ _____ ☐ Month ☐ Quarter ☐ Year ☐ Tax Receipt Required (30% tax deductibility)

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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.



We congratulate the family of Jayden and Luna LO who will be Baptised here this Sunday 18th August.

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



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

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.

Ministries Next Week 24/25 AUG	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis E Vella	J Finucane M Jebrail	M Zangari G Zangari	
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTER	A Gorla B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella M Camilleri	M Esposito Delicia Vella A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor	C Porreca T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Hibb A Bautista	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera	T Moriana	
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	25/08/2019 R Marciano	01/09/2019 C Monteleone	08/09/2019 Z Penitani	15/09/2019 S Peters
10AM MORNING TEAS	25/08/2019 Group 4	01/09/2019 Group 1	08/09/2019 Group 2	15/09/2019 Group 3

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



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship.

Speaker on the **22nd August** is Francis Fernandes.

Leader of JCILM (Jesus Christ is Lord Ministry) Sydney and Teacher.

Topic: "Forgiveness"

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Susan (02) 9607 5137 or 0415 342 672

George 0414 607 513

(Meetings take place on a fortnightly basis)

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

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.

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.



RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

Communion Antiphon: *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

Next Sunday:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I have experienced fire, anguish, division because of my faithful discipleship when.....
- ♦ I have experienced Jesus' gift of peace because of my faithful discipleship when.....
- ♦ The choice to be a faithful follower of Jesus is easiest when.....
Most difficult when.....

First reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

39:2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

Lord, come to my aid!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

Lord, come to my aid!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

Lord, come to my aid!

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Lord, come to my aid!

Second reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us,

especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right* of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49:53

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Answers for the catholic Trivia

1. Witness
2. St. Stephen
3. Oscar Romero