



# 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 2

**Monday - 8:00am**

*St Jerome, priest, doctor*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*St Therese of the Child Jesus,  
virgin, doctor*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

*St Francis of Assisi*

**Friday - 9:10am**

**Saturday - 9:10am**

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 5/6 OCTOBER**

*(27th 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

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

28th & 29th September, 2019

### Social Justice: Across my Boundaries

During World War II it obviously wasn't always possible to return fallen soldiers to their homeland for burial. Many lay where they fell & died and are only remembered today by anonymous graves. Fearing this fate for one of their own, a US company fighting in the heart of the French countryside approached a priest to ask if they could bury their fallen colleague in the small, countryside graveyard attached to the church. To their astonishment, the priest turned them down on two grounds – First of all the dead man wasn't a Catholic and secondly there was no room in the already overcrowded graveyard. With heavy hearts the soldiers were left with no other choice than to bury their friend just beyond the small wooden fence that marked the boundary of the cemetery & indicating its presence with a simple cross.

Within a couple of months, the war was over & the company prepared for the journey home. But longing to say one last goodbye to their dead friend, they decided to return once more to the graveyard alongside which they had buried him. On arriving at the church, the cemetery looked much the same but, try as they might, as they walked around the perimeter of the fence, they could not see any sign of the wooden cross they had left to mark the grave. Angered by the belief that the priest had removed even this simple memorial to their fallen buddy, they ran towards the church to challenge him.

However, as they approached, the priest came out to meet them. "I'm so glad you have returned," he said in a welcoming voice. "After you left, I was troubled by my decision. I saw the dignity with which you buried your friend & realised the anguish my decision had caused you. I couldn't change the fact that the cemetery was full, so I decided to solve the problem a different way. I've moved the boundary fence a meter or two so that your friend's grave is now within the graveyard itself. I hope you can forgive me."

Social Justice is about moving the boundary fence built by the current social order so that we can include those outside the gate (fence). In the story about the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus turned the popular images of social status upside down. In the popular mind, the rich were blessed, while the destitute were evidence of God's displeasure. Yet, the poor Lazarus was the saved and the selfish rich man was damned because of his disdain for those beneath him. Learning to recognize patterns in our own life is critical. Jesus illuminates our hearts and minds so that we can see clearly and answer passionately four important questions: who am I? What am I here for? What matters most? What matters least? With these answers and clarity, God then sends us out into the world to live with passion and purpose.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church: Works of Mercy (No. 2447)

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are these kind acts by which we help our neighbours with their material and physical needs: **1.** Feed the hungry **2.** Give drink to the thirsty **3.** Shelter the homeless **4.** Clothe the naked **5.** Visit the sick **6.** Visit the imprisoned **7.** Bury the dead

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of compassion, by which we help our neighbours with their emotional and spiritual needs: **1.** Instruct the ignorant **2.** Admonish the sinner **3.** Counsel the doubtful **4.** Comfort the afflicted **5.** Forgive offenses willingly **6.** Bear wrongs patiently **7.** Pray for the living and the dead

**Fr Richard**

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



**Sick:** Anna PEZZUTO, Pamela LEVERS,  
Lorna WRIGHTMAN, Horace O'DWYER,  
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 VARTULLI, Jessie ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Gail MACMILLIAN

**Death Anniversary:** Nicolina LA FERRARA,  
Arcadio NAPULI, Iluminada MENDOZA

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



**ATTENTION READERS:** If you would like a copy of the "Break Open the Word" for 2020 please call the Parish Office by Friday 11th October so that we can place an order.



#### DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass And Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earwood, on **Sunday 13th October, 2019** (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earwood), entrance via St James Avenue, Earwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.



**GUEST BOOK:** There is a Guest Book available in the Church. We invite any visitors and new parishioners to sign and write a message in the book. Thank you

**DAYLIGHT SAVING REMINDER:** Parishioners please remember to turn you clocks forward one hour next Saturday evening 6th October before you go to bed.



#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for next Financial Year are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

**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](mailto:info@johnthebaptist.org.au)

## Saints of the Week



#### St Jerome

St Jerome was born in 347 in Stridon, Dalmatia, Bethlehem, Palestine and was given the name Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus. He was a biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and about 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His numerous biblical, ascetical, monastic, and theological works profoundly influenced the early middle ages. He is know particularly for his Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate, and his commentaries on the Gospels. He is considered a doctor of the church. Jerome died on September 30, 420. His death was peaceful and he was laid to rest under the Church of the Nativity. His remains were later transferred to Rome.

**Feast Day:** September 30

**Patron:** Archaeologists, Biblical scholars, librarians, students and translators.



#### The Holy Guardian Angels

The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels is a memorial of the Catholic Church officially observed on 2 October. Catholics set up altars in honour of guardian angels as early as the 4th Century, and local celebrations of a feast in honour of guardian angels go back to the 11th Century.

**Feast Day:** October 2



#### St Therese of the Child

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin, also known as Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who devoted her life to loving God. As a permanent novice, she would never be able to perform great deeds. She did however scatter flowers, each flower a little sacrifice and a little action for God and love. After not feeling well for sometime, she became gravely ill. She remained silent and cheerful until the end and passed away at the age of 24. She is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower".

**Feast day:** October 1

**Patron:** Missions



#### St Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco, was a wealthy young man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God's call and became a Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. He went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic Saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

**Feast Day:** October 4

**Patron:** Animals, Merchants and Ecologists

### STANDING AUTHORITY FOR RECURRENT PERIODIC PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

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Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 next Sunday 6th October**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



We congratulate the family of Sebastian SOTO MARAMBIO who will be Baptised here this Sunday 29th September.

**Congratulations** to our Confirmation candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently. Please keep these children in your prayers that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will be with them all the days of their lives.

Confirmation Certificates were presented to the Candidates last weekend. If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend you can pick up your Certificate from the Parish Office, 45 Mount Street during office hours.



### CATECHIST GATHERING INVITATION - Monday 14th October

10:00am - 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, Fairfield  
Morning tea and light lunch provided

Please RSVP by Thursday 10th October for catering to Laura and Verna at [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) or 9307 8330

See Church noticeboard for more details

### REMEMBERING OUR BABIES - OCTOBER 15TH

October 15th is the annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. A Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at 7:00pm in All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool to remember those infants who have died and those who have felt their loss. As part of the liturgy a candle will be lit for each baby. Please let us know if you will be attending so we can ensure there is a candle for your child. Ph: 9602 8466 by October 1st.



**CAN YOU HELP?** Two of our elderly parishioners are no longer able to walk to Mass and would like to know if a fellow parishioner would be able to give them a lift to the 10:00am Mass on Sunday mornings. They live in Green Valley. If you are able to assist can you please contact the Parish office on 9823 2572. Thank you



**ATTENTION READERS:** The new roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.



**ATTENTION EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Ministries Next Week 5/6 OCT	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	A Pace J Oliveri	S Davies J Finucane	J Habib C Porreca	A Vanderwert
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	A Gorla B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella M Camilleri	B O'Connor D Sullivan J Finucane L Tononcelli S Xuereb	N Dubuissou S D'Cruz T Vartuli S Hambrook H Fenech E Villegas	R Imbert M Abdal S Cook M Mai
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	M Davies			
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	6/10/2019	13/10/2019	20/10/2019	27/10/2019
	S Shabo	D Triganza	S Leonello	R Marciano
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	6/10/2019	13/10/2019	20/10/2019	27/10/2019
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

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

### FATIMA FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

October 5th, 2019

Due to the Australia-wide "Ignite" Youth Conference, which this year is hosted by Freeman Catholic College from October 3rd to October 6th. **Saturday morning Mass will commence at 7:30am.** The Fatima Rosary Devotions will follow at 8:30am, followed by Adoration and Benediction.



### RECONCILIATION 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

Thank you to all the Group Leaders and Hosts who have kindly volunteered to guide the children of our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year.

**The Commitment Ceremony** will be held during each Mass on the weekend of **12 and 13 October**, all reconciliation candidates enrolled **must attend** a Mass during that weekend prior to lessons commencing.

**Children's Celebration Mass** for reconciliation candidates will be held on **Saturday 9 November, 5:30pm Mass.**

Please call Tamara Vella 0424 166 248 or Kylie Farias 0473 779 338 if you have any questions.



### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

#### JB COMMUNITY FAIR

27TH OCTOBER

**Don't miss this year's FAIR—it promises to be bigger and better than ever!**

Don't miss the Dodgem cars, Zoomer, Simulator, giant slides, face painting, live entertainment, cakes, as well as lots of things to keep the big kids happy. Other stalls include: Coffee & Cannoli, Pizza, Treasure Trove, Crepes, Gelato, Fairy Floss, showbags and Cultural food from Assyria, India, Italy, Philippines, Tonga, Vietnam, Croatia and Holland. All are welcome!

Wrist bands for the rides will be available after the school holidays. Prepaid wrist bands \$25 for all rides, \$30 on the day and \$5 per single ride.

**SILENT AUCTION** - We have a beautiful antique piano donated for our silent auction. The auction will commence at 11:00am on 27th October.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

**parking attendants, crowd control, sellers, floaters, setting up and cleaning up, etc.** Please sign up on the list provided on the whiteboard outside the Church. Enquiries: Susan 0419 606 683 or Caterina 0416 044 149.

**ACSENSION PRAYER MEETING** will resume on Thursday 17th October, 2019

### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday 29th September** - Annual Catechist Mass at St Cathedral

**Thursday 3rd October** - Ignite Conference

**Sunday 27th October** - JB Community Fair

**Thursday 14th November** - First Reconciliation

**Friday 22nd November** - Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner

**Further information will be provided closer to the dates.**



## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

### Next Sunday:

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ To avoid the complacency of the rich man, I need to.....
- ♦ I need to listen to..... I hear.....
- ♦ I need to see..... Seeing leads me to.....

#### First reading

Amos 6:1, 4-7

##### A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria,  
those famous men of this first of nations  
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.

Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

##### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

145:7-10

##### Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

#### Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

##### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or

failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

##### The Word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them.." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

##### The Gospel of the Lord



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