



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

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Monday - 8:00am

Tuesday - 8:00am

St John Paul II, pope

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St John Capistrano, priest

Thursday - 9:10am

St Anthony Claret, bishop

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 26/27 OCTOBER

(30th 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

19th & 20th October, 2019

Persistence in Prayer

“because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.”

Luke 18:5

This weekend's Gospel is from the story of the Persistent Widow. She kept coming to a judge, who cared little about doing the right thing, and persistently begged him for a good judgment. Finally, he gave in so as to get her to leave him alone.

Jesus used this story to teach a lesson about the necessity “to pray always without becoming weary”. It's interesting that the image of the judge is one “who neither feared God nor respected any human being”. But Jesus uses this image of an unjust judge to reveal the power of persistence and to reveal the depths of God's mercy.

First, we learn that this woman never gave up. So with us, we must never cease to lose hope in prayer. We must pray always, constantly and persistently. It's not that prayer changes God; rather, prayer changes us and disposes us to receive the immeasurable graces from God.

Second, we learn that if an uncaring judge will eventually give a good decision, then so much more will the merciful and all-loving God pour forth His good judgments in our lives when we trust Him. There should be no doubt in our lives that God can do all good things for us if we but let Him.

Reflect, today, upon how persistent you are in your prayer. The prayer you must seek to live is primarily a prayer of total trust and abandonment to God. We do not change God's mind by begging Him. Rather, our prayer must be so persistent that it opens you to the will of God and allows His grace to flow in accord with His perfect will.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2547 The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods. ‘Let the proud seek and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ Abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the blessedness of the poor. They shall see God.

Deacon Mervyn Francis

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



Sick: Fr Paul STENHOUSE, Edelito VALERO, Paul VELLA, 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 VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Gloria O'BRIEN

Death Anniversary: Doug ANDERSON, Stjepan GOLUBIC

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

Saints of the Week



St John Paul II

Karol J. Wojtyla, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Cracow, on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyla and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died in 1932 and his father, a non-commissioned army officer died in 1941. He served as Pope and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 to 2005. He is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matter as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX (1846-1878). He was the first non-Italian pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI (1522-1523). He died on 2nd April, 2005. John Paul II's cause for canonisation commenced one month after his death with the traditional five year waiting period waved. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

Feast day: October 22



WALK WITH CHRIST The Feast of Christ the King 2019 November 24 at 2:30pm

Meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street, Sydney

There is a Prayer Intentions book on the tables in the Church for you to write a prayer intention.

Parish Secretary, Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield

Our Lady of the Rosary is urgently inviting applications for the position of Parish Secretary. For enquiries, contact Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0409 099 551 or priscilla@olrfairfield.org

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a pastoral formation day for those ministering to the sick called **Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing** on Saturday 9 November at Strathfield. Cost is \$60 (incl lunch). For more information and to register phone (02) 9701 4751.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND:

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!
8-10 November, 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan 0409 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



Holy Wisdom (25-27 October 2019) Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

A weekend retreat where we will take a walk in the fields of Holy Wisdom. Please see Church noticeboard for more information.



SEND A SEMINARIAN HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Please contact the Seminary on 9726 8114 for details on how to buy raffle tickets or visit our webpage seminary.org.au/raffle to help send an overseas-born Seminarian home for Christmas with his family. The draw will take place a Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, 106 Gurney Road, Chester Hill on 24th November.

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



St John of Capistrano

St. John was born at Capistrano, Italy in 1385, the son of a former German knight in that city. He studied law at the University of Perugia and practiced as a lawyer in the courts of Naples. King Ladislas of Naples appointed him governor of Perugia. During a war with a neighbouring town he was betrayed and imprisoned. Upon his release he entered the Franciscan community at Perugia in 1416. He and St. James of the March were fellow students under St. Bernardine of Siena, who inspired him to institute the devotion to the holy Name of Jesus and His Mother. John began his brilliant preaching apostolate with a deacon in 1420. After his ordination he travelled throughout Italy, Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Russia preaching penance and establishing numerous communities of Franciscan renewal. When Mohammed II was threatening Vienna and Rome, St. John, at the age of seventy, was commissioned by Pope Callistus III to preach and lead a crusade against the invading Turks. Marching at the head of seventy thousand Christians, he gained victory in the great battle of Belgrade against the Turks in 1456. Three months later he died at Illok, Hungary.

Feast Day: October 23

Patron of Jurists



St Anthony Claret

Claretian archbishop and founder. Anthony was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807, the son of a weaver. He took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians, and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception, Claretian nuns. From 1850 to 1857, Anthony served as the archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor, and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide in southern France on October 24, 1870. Anthony Mary Claret had the gift of prophecy and performed many miracles. He was opposed by the liberal forces of Spain and Cuba and endured many trials.

Feast Day: October 24

Patron: Textile merchants, Weavers, Savings, Catholic press, Claretians Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Diocese of the Canary Islands, Claretian students, Claretian Educators, Educators, Technical and Vocational Educators

RETREATS AT MT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, MULGOA - Please see Church noticeboard for more details.



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 3rd November**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



We congratulate the families of Oscar and Azalia KHAMPHET, Everly BORBE and Noah SHERINGHAM who will be Baptised here this Sunday 20th October.



In November we pray for the dead. If you would like your loved ones names printed in our Memorial Book please contact the parish office. We will need to know their names and their date of death including the year. If you would like us to pray for your loved one and do not wish their names to be published please let us know. You may also like to place their names in our November Remembrance Book for All Souls Day. You are welcome to bring in a photo to the All Souls Vigil Mass on Saturday 2nd November.

Human needs seem to be without end!

We are called to exercise Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy include: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead and giving alms to the poor. The Spiritual Works of Mercy pertain helping our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs, such as; instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, as well as bearing wrongs patiently. Nonetheless, we are not required to meet every human need ourselves. The Church is a spiritual body in which persons have distinct roles. We should not be anxious, therefore, that we cannot perform every kind of service, but we should aim to fulfil the tasks of our own vocation in fidelity and love (1Cor 12:27-31). We must not reject those around us who need our help, when we can and should give help (Mt 25:31-46)

MEN'S GROUP MEETING will be held on **Friday 15th November at 8:00pm**. The Men's Group meetings will be held every third Friday of the Month at 8:00pm. All men who feel they want to grow in their faith and discuss the scriptures with other men are welcome. For further information please contact Deacon Mervyn on 0405 805 978

READERS LAST CHANCE: If you would like a copy of the "Break Open the Word" for 2020 please call the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday 24th October**. If you call after this date it will be too late.

Ministries Next Week 26/27 OCT	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis E Vella	S Davies T Simpson	N Dubuison C Porreca	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali	J Finucane L Tononcelli S Xuereb D Triganza L Barilla	H Fenech E Villegas C Porreca T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera	T Moriana	
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	27/10/2019	03/11/2019	10/11/2019	17/11/2019
	R Marciano	Z Penitani	J Sultana	D Triganza
10AM MORNING TEAS	27/10/2019	03/11/2019	10/11/2019	17/11/2019
	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) will be held on Thursday 24th October at 6:30pm.



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

Primary School students in Years 5 and 6 and Year 7 High School students are welcome to come together to engage, learn, pray and be involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Join us in group discussions, games, activities and reflection. **Our next session is on Saturday, 26th October 3:30pm - 5:15pm.** Please contact the Parish office for further information info@johnthebaptist.org.au
The Jordan Youth Group Committee



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH JB COMMUNITY FAIR

**3 WEEKENDS TO GO!!!
27 OCTOBER 2019**

\$5 PER PLATE ENTRY ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Mobile Food vendors also available: Pizza, Gelato, Crepe, Bolivian, Timorese, Barista.

Parishioners Food: Assyrian, Italian, Philippines, Vietnamese, Croatian, Tongan, Holland, Indian

Rides - Unlimited Prepaid \$25, on the day unlimited \$30 or \$5 per ride. Rides wristbands will be on sale from 14th October and after each weekend Mass. Please see school newsletter for further information.

WANTED—CAKES FROM AROUND THE WORLD - Bring/donate your home cooked desserts/sweets from your country of origin. Bring them on the day or if it does not need refrigeration leave them in the meeting room on the weekend of 25th October. **CONTACT BRANKA 0404 851 629.**

Any other queries or if you would like to participate or volunteer please contact **Susan 0419 606 683.**



Don't forget our Silent Auction - Piano is 1930's/40's.

It will be displayed on the day. Bidding starts at 11:00am until 2:00pm.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS will be available for collection on **Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November** in the Parish Meeting Room between 7:00pm and 8:30pm.



If you have not collected your First Holy Communion Photos these will be also available for collection on the dates and times mentioned above.



RECONCILIATION 2019 IMPORTANT DATE
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.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday 27th October - JB Community Fair
Saturday 9th November - Reconciliation Children's Celebration Mass

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: *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

Communion Antiphon: *Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

Next Sunday:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Reflection Questions.....

- For me to "pray always" means..... What helps me persist through weariness and remain faithful in prayer is.....
- My prayer is faith-filled when.....
- With respect to my relationship with others, I need to change my mind about..... With respect to prayer, I need to change my mind about.....

First reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

120 1:8

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation

through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord

