



St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

(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

St Martin of Tours, bishop

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

*St Albert the Great, bishop,
doctor*

Saturday - 9:10am

*St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude, virgin*

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16/17 NOV

*(33rd 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**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 9th & 10th November, 2019

The Resurrection and the Life of the World to Come

What have you been taught about the resurrection of the dead? What importance does this belief have in your life? What comfort does faith in the resurrection bring you? Looking beyond the veil of death is a natural human quest. In fact, we might point to such an inquiry as another line that separates us from other animals on our planet. We humans look beyond the limitations of our existence. We like to explore that which lies beyond our position in space and time. Our search for immortality is not unlike our quest for the ultimate, God. How do we know there is life after death? This was the question the Sadducees (*"those who say that there is no resurrection"*) placed before Jesus.

Now we could unpack Jesus' answer as it relates to understandings of marriage, and of the differences between life *before death* and *life after death* and how they relate to marrying or not marrying, but the stuff about marriage is not really the main point. The question about marriage is only a furphy designed to ridicule the idea of resurrection, and although Jesus does dignify it with a quick answer, he quickly turns to their main point: "The fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

As God is alive, so too, are those who experienced him. If the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the "Living God," then Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob must be alive in his presence - only the living can encounter the "Living God". And if Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob still live, then there must be a resurrection of the dead. Jesus has shown us the door through death to a new life. As long as we worship him, we can be assured that he will not abandon us. He wants us to live with him, forever! Jesus teaches us that things are different in the afterlife. There is no marrying, no begetting of children. Nor is there any need for it, since in heaven there is no death and only perfect love. All is centred on the glory of God.

Whom would you like to see in the next life? Remember to pray for the deceased relatives, friends and the souls in purgatory this month.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Christ's Resurrection and Ours

988 - The Creed: the profession of our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and in God's creative, saving, and sanctifying action - culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting.

993 - Faith in the resurrection rests on faith in God who "is not God of the dead, but of the living." But there is a better reason. As a God who makes history, he marked the centre point of all human affairs in the resurrection of his Son.

995 - To be a witness to Christ is to be a "witness to his Resurrection," to "[have eaten and drunk] with him after he rose from the dead." Our participation in the Eucharist already gives us a foretaste of Christ's transfiguration of our bodies.

Fr Richard

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



Sick: Michael PITTAS, Pamela LEVERS, Horace O'DWYER, Lorna WRIGHTMAN, Fr Paul STENHOUSE

Recently Deceased: Toma Chau Van LE, Grace Lorente ILUSTRISIMO, Ben Kenneth SUCKLING, Colin HEDGER, Rina ZADRO, Joseph John DEL VALLE

Death Anniversary: Reg McANDREW, Kate BIONDI, Michelina AZZOPARDI

Other: Charlie SALIBA, Rita SALIBA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

Farewell

Dear Friends and parishioners, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to everyone here at St John the Baptist Parish Bonnyrigg. As of 1st November 2019 I have been appointed to the Parish of Mary Immaculate Bossley Park. It has been an honour to be able to work and carry out my ministry as Deacon here at John the Baptist. Thank you for all the support, help and kindness you have given me over the past seven years. I have had the pleasure to work with different Parish priests and assistant priests who supported and mentored me over the years. I will miss you all and ask you to pray for me to the Lord to give me the strength to serve Him and His Church in my ministry of Deacon. I assure you all of my prayers. Blessing Deacon Mervyn Francis.



On behalf of Fr Dominic, Fr Richard, Parish staff and parishioners we would like to thank Deacon Mervyn and his wife Rita for serving and being part of the parish for the last 7 years.

At next weekends Vigil Mass we will farewell Deacon Mervyn. Everyone is invited to come and wish him well in his new appointment.



Awaken Youth Rally

Inviting all youth and young adults of Western Sydney to the inaugural **Awaken Youth Rally** on **Friday 22 November** at **Our Lady of The Rosary Primary School, Fairfield** from **6pm-9pm**.

Come and join us for an evening of community, speakers and entertainment. Bring your friends for food, prayer, adoration, reconciliation and the Awaken Band's praise and worship. The Rally will form an opportunity for youth and young adults to come together, share and learn. To register please contact Richie at westernregionsyd@gmail.com.

A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are five places left** on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a [position](#) beginning any time in 2020.

Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

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

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.

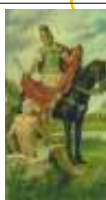


We have been made aware of several scams that are currently targeting businesses and there is one in particular that is currently being sent to parishes. People are being sent emails requesting them to purchase gift cards or make donations and send these donations to clergy members. Please be aware that these emails are not being sent by any member of clergy and is a dishonest scheme that many people are getting trapped in.

FREE Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the Liverpool Catholic Club on Sunday 1st December 2019. Program starts at 6:45pm, Carols commence 7:30pm. Also, live nativity scene and a pen with nursery animals for the children. Fireworks display to conclude the evening. All welcome. Details on website at www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au



Saints of the Week



St Martin of Tours

Saint Martin of Tours was born in Savaria, Pannonia in either the year 316 or 336 AD. At the age of ten he attended the Christian church against the wishes of his parents and became a catechumen. When Martin was fifteen was required to join a cavalry. About the age of 20, Martin made clear to his superiors that he would no longer fight, following his formed Christian conscience. In 371, the city of Tours needed a new bishop and the people decided to call Martin to the office. He was the third bishop of Tours. As a Bishop Martin established a system of parishes to manage his diocese. Martin longed for more prayer and wanted to pursue a monastic life. In the year 372 Martin established an abbey at Marmoutier so he could retreat there and live as a monk with the many disciples he had attracted. The Monastery would be inhabited by the Benedictines. Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He has become one of the most popular and recognizable Catholic Saints. Many miracles have been attributed to him. He even had a confrontation with Satan.

Feast day: November 11

Patron of the poor, soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors, and winemakers



St Josaphat

Born in 1580 in the western Ukrainian region of Volhynia, John Kuntsevych did not become "Josaphat" until his later life as a monk. He also was not initially a full member of the Catholic Church, born to Orthodox Christian parents whose church had fallen out of communion with the Pope.

As a young monk was taking on an ambitious task, striving to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the authority of the Catholic Church in the era of its "Counter-reformation." Soon, as a priest, subsequently an archbishop, and ultimately a martyr, he would live and die for the union of the churches.

On a fall day in 1623 an Orthodox priest had been shouting insults outside the archbishop's residence, and trying to force his way inside. Josaphat had him removed, but the man assembled a mob in the town. They arrived and demanded the archbishop's life, threatening his companions and servants. Unable to escape, Josaphat died praying for the men who shot and then beheaded him before dumping his body in a river. St. Josaphat's body was discovered incorrupt, five years later. Remarkably, the saint's onetime rival - the Orthodox Archbishop Meletius - was reconciled with the Catholic Church in later years. St. Josaphat was canonized in 1867.

His example of faith inspired many Eastern Orthodox Christians to return to full communion with the Holy See in Rome.

Feast Day: November 12

Patron: Ukraine

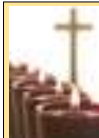


PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass on Sunday 1st December**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



We congratulate the family of Isla TRAN who will be Baptised here this Sunday 10th November.



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.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND PASTORAL APPEAL (CWF)



This parish wishes to express its thanks to our generous parishioners who supported last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. To give is to trust in God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide. Thank you for making that choice.

JORDAN YOUTH GROUP: Primary school students in Years 5,6 & 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, 16th November. 3:30-5:15pm. Our final session for the year is on Saturday, 7th December 3:30-5:15pm.** Please contact the Parish office for more information. info@johnthebaptist.org.au



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone to our prayer meetings. The meetings start with Praise and Reflection, followed by teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of reflection, teaching, sharing and great fellowship.

When: Thursday 14th November, 2019 at 7:00pm

(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)

Where: John the Baptist Parish Hall

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

ATTENTION EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

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

Ministries Next Week 16/17 NOV	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	G Turnbull M Camilleri	S Hely J Finucane	C Porreca E Villegas	R Capolupo
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali	F Foti B O'Connor D Sullivan J Finucane L Tononcelli	T Vartuli S Hambrook H Fenech E Villegas C Porreca T Nguyen	G Vaderwert D Pham R Imbert M Abdal
CHURCH COUNTER	G Adam	E Villegas		
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	17/11/2019 D Triganza	24/11/2019 M De Luca	1/12/2019 S Leonello	8/12/2019 Z Penitani
10AM MORNING TEAS	17/11/2019 Group 3	24/11/2019 Group 4	1/12/2019 Group 1	8/12/2019 Group 2

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



RECONCILIATION 2019 IMPORTANT DATE
Children's Celebration Mass for reconciliation candidates will be held next
Saturday 9 November, 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 10th November at 10:00am

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

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 Branko Poljak 0411 281 299.



VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered in the Parish this year and invite you to join us for a Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner on **Friday 22nd November at 7:00pm**.

If you are able to attend, please let your co-ordinator know or contact the Parish office on 9823 2572 for catering purposes. Thank you

RSVP: Friday 15th November

Please bring your name tag from last year on the night. If you do not have a name tag please let us know in advance so that one can be made for you.

Advent Mercy Nights



Wednesday Nights
Wednesday, 27th November
Wednesday, 18th December

Holy Mass ~ 7:00pm
Advent Reflection ~ 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration ~ 8:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Benediction ~ 8:30pm

"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saturday 9th November - Reconciliation Children's Celebration Mass

Thursday 14th November - First Reconciliation 5 & 6pm

Friday 22nd November - Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner

Wednesday 27th November - Advent Mercy Night

Friday 13th December - Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 18th December - Advent Mercy Night

Further information will be provided closer to the dates.

Parish Contacts:

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Confirmation: Linda Barilla - 9607 4993
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Kylie Farias - 0473 779 338

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Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas - 9606 8403
Church Linen: Michelle De Luca - 0400 374 277
Church Cleaners: Ann Gorla - 0425 284 860
Piety Stall: Millie Bready - 9823 2572
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli - 0413 835 250
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scarmardella - 9823 2572
Housie and Money Counting: Yvonne Smolinski - 9823 2572

Next Sunday:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I am drawn to reflect on rising from the dead and eternal life when.....
- ♦ My belief in the resurrection impacts my daily living by.....
- ♦ I experience even now the fullness of life God offers me when.....

First reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Rev 1:5a, 6b

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached him and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'



The Gospel of the Lord

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