



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

*Dedication of the Basilica's of
Sts Peter and Paul, apostles*

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

*The Presentation of Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Friday - 9:10am

St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Saturday - 9:10am

*St Clement I, pope, martyr
St Columban, abbot*

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 23/24 NOV

*(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe 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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

16th & 17th November, 2019

God journeys with us

A man was getting ready to edge the lawn, he noticed his neighbour, a middle aged woman who kept going to the **mailbox**, opened it and slammed it closed. After the fourth time of seeing her do this he was puzzled by her actions, the man asked her, "Is something wrong?" to which she replied, "There certainly is! My stupid computer keeps telling me that I have mail!"

We live in a world that is full of advertisements, some believable some unbelievable. Everywhere we go there are things people want to sell us. The phrase 'It's too good to be true' implies be careful, there is a catch somewhere. In today's Gospel Jesus said "Take care not to be deceived, because many will come using my name and saying I am he',... do not be frightened." This message is valid now as it was during Jesus' time.

From time to time we hear predictions of darkness, desolation and the end of the world, which is so different to what Jesus talked about with the coming reign of God. It is however, sad that so many people will get excited and become agitated by news of visions or threat of destruction and yet they will not follow the core message of Jesus. "Not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives." We should place less emphasis on an interventionist God "out there" and more emphasis on the message of Jesus which is one of hope to be found in the world as it is. It is a message that tells us that God is journeying with us in the trials and difficulties of life and that his world is ever present to shine the light of hope on our paths. We must trust in a loving God because like St Paul claimed that there is nothing can come between us and the love of God.

Let us pray that Jesus' word will inspire us, guide us, and also give us hope and comfort during our pilgrimage on earth.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

677. The church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this trial Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgement after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world.

Our Parish Church

Our Church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the Gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building, many prodigal sons and daughters have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief as well as by those in joy. **When we pass our Church, let us take the time to make a brief visit.**

Fr Dominic

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,

Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Paul VELLA

Recently Deceased: Winifred Mary FERNS,

Toma Chau Van LE, Grace Lorente ILUSTRISIMO,

Ben Kenneth SUCKLING, Colin HEDGER, Rina ZADRO,

Joseph John DEL VALLE

Death Anniversary: Leah FERNANDEZ, Kate BIONDI,

Mercedes Del Valle CHIU, Kue Chai LEE, Ngo Hai BUAI,

Serafina BADINO, Alfredo Da SILVA,

Flavia Da SILVA– PEDRUCCO,

Other: Charlie SALIBA, Rita SALIBA, Marion FENECH,

Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC): The last PPC Meeting for the year will be held next **Tuesday 19th November at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

RCIA: The RCIA will continue this **Thursday 21st November at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.**



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.



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.

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



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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

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Saints of the Week



The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Maryam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him. Mary had already been chosen by God, preserved by a singular grace as a chosen vessel through whom the Incarnate Word would be given for the salvation of the whole world. However, the offering by her parents is a response to the invitation to join our free choice to God's invitation. This exercise of freedom lies at the heart of discipleship, and is the inner core of every vocation, to cooperate with grace.

Feast day: November 21



St Cecilia

In the city of Rome there was a virgin named Cecilia, who came from an extremely rich family and was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian. She wore sackcloth next to her skin, fasted, and invoked the saints, angels, and virgins, beseeching them to guard her virginity. During her wedding ceremony she was said to have sung in her heart to God and before the consummation of her nuptials, she told her husband she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he travelled to the third milestone on the Via Appia (Appian Way) and was baptized by Pope Urbanus. Following his baptism, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side. The angel then crowned Cecilia with a chaplet of rose and lily and when Valerian's brother, Tibertius, heard of the angel and his brother's baptism, he also was baptized and together the brothers dedicated their lives to burying the saints who were murdered each day by the prefect of the city, Turcius Almachius. Both brothers were eventually arrested and brought before the prefect where they were executed after they refused to offer a sacrifice to the gods. As her husband and brother-in-law buried the dead, St. Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban. Cecilia was later arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for one night and one day, as fires were heaped up and stoked to a terrifying heat - but Cecilia did not even sweat. When Almachius heard this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head in the baths. The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding and she lived for three days. Crowds came to her and collected her blood while she preached to them or prayed. On the third day she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons. St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married, and is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand. Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt, the first of all incorrupt saints. She was draped in a silk veil and wore a gold embroidered dress. Officials only looked through the veil in an act of holy reverence and made no further examinations. They also reported a "mysterious and delightful flower-like odour which proceeded from the coffin." St. Cecilia's remains were transferred to Cecilia's titular church in Trastevere and placed under the high altar. In 1599 Cardinal Paolo Emilio Sfondrati, nephew of Pope Gregory XIV, rebuilt the church of St. Cecilia.

Feast Day: November 23

Patron: Musicians



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 and Fr Richard will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



We congratulate the families of Concepta NABAWANGA, Leticia CABRERA and James FARAH who will be Baptised here this weekend..



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.



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 final session for the year is on Saturday, 7th December between 3:30-5:15pm.** Please contact the Parish office for more information on info@johnthebaptist.org.au



VOLUNTEERS FOR 2020 SUPPER AND MORNING TEA ROSTERS

Every Saturday following the 5.30pm Vigil and Sunday following 10am Masses a group of volunteers help with setting up and serving at supper/morning tea. If you would like to become a volunteer in 2020 please contact Teresa Vartuli on 0413 835 250 so that your name can be added to the roster. You will only need to attend once a month. Thank you for your support.



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 23/24 NOV	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	E Vella J Oliveri	R Golubic M Jebrail	C Goodyer A Bautista	
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Gorla B Empeigne A Vlahadamis D Vella E Vella M Camilleri	S Xuereb D Triganza R Morellini L Barilla M Jebrail	M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn	
CHURCH COUNTER	F Aloe	J Coiera	T Moriana	
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	24/11/2019 M De Luca	1/12/2019 S Leonello	8/12/2019 Z Penitani	15/12/2019 R Marciano
10AM MORNING TEAS	24/11/2019 Group 4	1/12/2019 Group 1	8/12/2019 Group 2	15/12/2019 Group 3

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



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: Monday 18th November at the latest please.

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)



MEN'S GROUP MEETING will be held on **Friday 20th December 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.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

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:

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai - 0409 288 812
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Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti - 9823 3277
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Confirmation: Linda Barilla - 9607 4993
Reconciliation and First Communion: Tamara Vella - 0424 166 248 and
Kylie Farias - 0473 779 338

Altar Servers: Fr Richard - 9823 2572
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 Breaden - 9823 2572
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli - 0413 835 250
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scarmardella - 9823 2572
Housie and Money Counting: Yvonne Smolinski - 9823 2572
Young Adults: Caitlin Pace - 0490 518 369

Next Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C)

First Reading: S Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ To prepare for Christ's Second Coming means to me.....
- ♦ What enables me to persevere in my witness to Jesus is.....
- ♦ I experience the presence of God's kingdom and the hastening of the end time when.....

First reading

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 23:7-12

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

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that

they eat.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord

