



St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)



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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER 2

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - No Mass

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Saturday - No Mass

Anzac Day

NEXT SUNDAY

25/26 APRIL

(Third Sunday of Easter
Year A)

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

**CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

**Cancelled until further
notice**

1st Friday of the Month:

7:00pm Mass in

Vietnamese

**Cancelled until further
notice**

1st Saturday of the Month

Fatima Devotions 7.45am

Adoration/Benediction

8.30am

**Cancelled until further
notice**

Reconciliations:

Saturdays — 4:15—5:00pm

Sunday — 5:00 —5:15pm

**Cancelled until further
notice**

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office

or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

or Fr Richard 0451 910 634

Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

18th & 19th April, 2020

Jesus, I trust in You

The Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday, completes the Octave of Easter, a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the blessing of His continuing presence in our midst. The Gospel reading for this Sunday recalls the encounter between St. Thomas and Jesus after the Resurrection. Faith is a great gift. But the story of doubting Thomas shows just how frail is the human container in which this gift is carried.

At Sunday Mass, we relive the experience of the disciples on the evening of Easter when the risen Lord appeared to them and greeted them with the words, "Peace be with you." One of the greatest mistakes Thomas made was to cut himself off from the community and walk alone, it was only when he re-joined the community (eight days later) that he encountered the risen Jesus, and so found faith again. Seeing the risen Lord, Thomas rekindled his faltering faith. In many ways we are like Thomas, because we too are troubled by doubts. And so, we turn to the risen Lord, and ask him to dispel our doubts as he dispelled those of Thomas.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin. Jesus shows them his wounds (these serve to identify him as the same one who died) and bestows peace on them. Jesus then inaugurates the mission of the church. *"He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"* This mission is the exact same mission he received from the Father (a mission accomplished by his death and resurrection): the reconciliation of people with God, through the forgiveness of sins. This is a constant reminder for us that the Lord's Mercy has no end.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: God's Mercy

1422 ~ "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for their conversion."

Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man. ~Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, March 30, 2008

Fr Richard

LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS AND SERVICES

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10am

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms are postponed until further notice.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation is postponed until further notice

Children's Liturgy of the Word is postponed until further notice.



JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2021

Enrolment packs for 2021 are available from the school office during office hours. Applications are welcome from those families living within the parish and will need to be fully completed and returned the end of May. If you have any enquiries please call the school office on 9823 5042.

Parishioners, if you experienced any difficulty, it is important for you to seek some support. You can call the office during working hours on 9823 2572 or my mobile no. 0423420639

Or CatholicCare Line on 131819

Or Beyond Blue Support Line 1300 224 636

Fr Dominic



PARISH HOUSIE at Liverpool Catholic Club on Saturday afternoons has been **POSTPONED** until further notice.



Tap Donation Device

There are two Tap Donation Devices at the Entrance of the church for people who want to use Credit Card or Phone App. Each time you tap, you donate \$10 to our parish. You can tap as many times as you wish but please give the machine 5 seconds to reset. Your donations are very much appreciated.



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.



THANK YOU



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2020. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them into the Parish Office or the Presbytery next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

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Collection for Holy Land postponed

The tradition collection on Good Friday to assist Catholic communities in the Holy Land has been postponed until later this year.



We would like to thank Connie Gerace who so kindly donated, designed and made our Parish Pascal Candle which was lit at the Easter Vigil.

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Connie 0409 46 22 99

Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING 2021

Brothers, what must we do?

The Working Committee has been waiting and hoping that the news on the corona virus would begin to improve and some of life might return to normal. However much of life has changed and all of us are now living differently. So unfortunately the Working Committee has decided to postpone the ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020.

I wanted to let you know that the event is now scheduled for Saturday 31st July, 2021 at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield.

Registrations will remain open and if you're unable to make a commitment now, please save the date and place it into your calendar for 2021. Further information will be provided in early 2021.

For more information go to: catholicmensgathering.com.au

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

Brothers, what must we do?

When: Saturday 31 July 2021

Time: 9am - 7pm

Where: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield, NSW

Cost: \$80 (excl GST)

Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:
Sick: Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI
Recently Deceased: Fr Ray FARRELL
Death Anniversary: Frank JEROMELA
Other: Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, All the Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention



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Next Sunday:

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I yearn to *physically* touch Jesus when..... He satisfies my yearning through.....
- ♦ I encourage the risen Jesus when..... through.....
- ♦ I experience the Presence of the Holy Spirit within me when..... within others when..... This deepens my belief in the risen Jesus in that.....

First reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the First letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love

him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



The Gospel of the Lord

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