



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

PSALTER 2

Monday - 8:00am

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Ephrem, deacon, doctor

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

St Barnabas, apostle

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

*St Anthony of Padua, priest,
doctor*

NEXT SUNDAY

13/14 JUNE

*(The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ (Corpus
Christi) Year A)*

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

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**

Fatima First Saturday

Communion of

Reparation 7.45am

Adoration/Benediction

8.30am

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

The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

6th & 7th June, 2020

God dwells within us

There was a man who just got a job painting the white lines in the middle of the road. On his first day he painted one hundred metres length, seventy on the second day and only thirty on the third. The supervisor was rather surprised. He called this man in and said, "How come you painted one hundred metres on the first day but less on the second and today only thirty metres?" "Sir" he answered "Can't you see the can of paint was getting further and further away!" The man's progress was limited by his thinking that the can of paint could only be at one place to which he had to continue to go back to. It would improve immensely when he found that he could move the can of paint along or even bring it with him all the time.

Our spiritual progress is also inhibited if we have a limited perception of where and who God is. For many people God is in heaven, so far away from our reach, and religion is a way to capture the distant God and make God present to us. Maybe this is why many people keep running around to search for God in spectacular sights or weeping statues.

The doctrine of the Trinity which we celebrate today, reveals to us different modes of God's presence. In his book Apostolic Exhortation 'Pastores Dabo Vobis' Pope John Paul II says, "Every Christian identity has its source in the Blessed Trinity. Intimate Communion with the Blessed Trinity, that is, the new life of Grace which makes us children of God, constitutes the 'novelty' of the believer. A novelty which involves his being and his acting. It constitutes the 'mystery of Christian existence which is under the influence of the Spirit.'" (46)

According to this teaching our God is not only a transcendent one in heaven but also a God who became incarnate, who was born of a virgin and became one of us in all but sin. This God not only came into the world but continues to journey with us today in the world through his Holy Spirit. He is a God who dwells in every human heart. So our sense of the divine presence is more complete and rich. We know very, very little about God but it is more important if we can respond to the loving God whom we know and believe. Since the second Vatican Council, the church has redefined itself as the people of God.

Let us pray that as the people of God, may we be the main signs and witnesses of God's presence in the world.

Something to think about

The Trinity-the term expresses the greatest mystery at the heart of the Christian tradition: the belief that there is one God who is three Persons sharing one nature. Catholics believe in a personal God, one who is interested in us and whom we can get to know better through prayer, reflection, following Church teaching and receiving the sacraments. The Apostles' Creed spells out our belief in God the Father Almighty, in his only Son our Lord and in the Holy Spirit.

Fr Dominic

Parish Collections

I would like to express my appreciation to parishioners who have been so generously supporting the parish especially finance and upkeeping the church during the last two months of restrictions.

On a weekly basis the Parish has two regular Collections. I have noticed that some of the parishioners are not sure what the collections mean.

The First Collection

Your contribution for the First Collection on Sundays and your gifts at baptism and marriages together pays priests stipend and their living. If there is any surplus, it is given to the commo pooling of the archdiocese to pay priests in smaller parishes and priests on sick leave.

The Second Collection

The second collection taken during Sunday Masses is for the support of the Parish. Though a lot of the pastoral work of the parish is done by volunteers, there are a number of wages and bills to pay in relation to the running of the Parish responsibility. Our Church and premises always need maintenance work for the upkeep. Yearly building insurance for all buildings including church, presbytery, parish office and car park ground. The secretary's wages are paid from this collection. Second Collection is to support these undertakings. To enable tax deductibility (25%) for the contributors and to make financial planning easy, we have the Planned Giving (envelope) Program. At the end of each financial year all contributors are provided with a receipt. You can either donate through weekly envelopes or authorise the parish office to make periodic deductions from **your credit card which is the best method to be used at this stage**. If you would like to change your method of supporting the parish, please download a credit card authority form which can also be collected from the church or office and return them to the Parish Office. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, you may fill in the slip in this Parish Bulletin or visit the Parish Website.

There will be no collection during Mass at this stage, instead there will be two buckets at the entrance of the church or you can use tap and go as well.



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.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: Telephone No.:

Address:
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Email :

☐ Yes, Please send me a set of envelopes.

☐ Yes, tax deduction required

☐ Yes, Please organise automatic credit card deductions.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

☐ No tax deduction necessary

LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS AND SERVICES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Please go to our Parish YOUTUBE channel - "John the Baptist Parish, Bonnyrigg Heights" to watch our live stream Masses. You may wish to SUBSCRIBE to this channel which will make it easier to access each week.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR 2020

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children who are currently in Year 3 and above will not be held in November this year but we will be held in Term 1 of next year in accordance with the Government restrictions and if they relax the number of people being able to attend. Dates are yet to be advised. Parents please prepare your children.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2020

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for children who are currently in Year 4 and above who were to make their First Holy Communion in June this year will now make the Sacrament in Term 4 of this year in accordance with the Government restrictions and if they relax the number of people being able to attend. Dates are yet to be advised. Parents please prepare your children.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 and above which was to be held in September this year will now be held in Term 4 of this year in accordance with the Government restrictions and if they relax the number of people being able to attend. Dates are yet to be advised. Parents please prepare your children.



Baptisms: If you wish to Baptise your child please contact the parish office to make an appointment with either Fr Dominic or Fr Richard.



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



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



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.

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



Sick: Nikola STIPANOVIC, Vikki MOXHAM, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Pedro Andres VARGA, Fortunata CAPAROTTA, Erica Lo MONACO, Mary FLYNN, Giuseppe PIGNATARO,

Death Anniversary: Filip VUKASOVIC, Joseph Binh Chanh LAM, Maria Thuc Trinh DANG

Other: Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare and the Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese are here to support vulnerable people in our local communities during lockdown. We can connect local volunteers to people who need help with their shopping and errands or even just for a regular friendly chat over the phone. If you, or someone you know, could use a little help during this time, CCareline 13 18 19 can connect you with a local volunteer from your community. CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health. CCareline is here to help.

Call 13 18 19 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.



Saints of the Week



St Ephrem

St Ephrem was born in Mesopotamia in the early fourth century. He was a teacher and a deacon and wrote hymns to counteract the heresies rampant at that time.

He lived an ascetic and celibate life in his last years and devoted much of his time to prayer and good deeds. He organised the distribution of food in the famine of 372.

Feast Day: June 9



St Barnabas

All we know of Barnabas is to be found in the New Testament. Barnabas sold his land and possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. He and Paul undertook missionary journeys together converting many to Christianity. He was also one of the first teachers of the church at Antioch. They both attended the Council of Jerusalem to deal with the issue of converting Gentiles to Christianity.

Feast Day: June 11

Patron: of Cyprus, Antioch, against hailstorms, invoked as peacemaker



St Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua, born Fernando Martins de Bulhões, also known as Anthony of Lisbon, was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in Padua, Italy.

St Anthony of Padua was once so fed up with the hard heartedness of the citizens of Rimini, he went to the town's riverbanks and preached to the fish instead. The townspeople thought they'd better listen too when they saw the multitudes of fish show up.

Feast day: June 13

Patron: of lost things

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Next Sunday:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year A)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I experience the nearness of God when..... This nearness calls me to.....
- ♦ I live and witness to my belief in God's saving Presence to me when.....
- ♦ My experience of God's communion with me leads me to communion with others in these ways

First reading

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-55

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Glory and praise for ever!

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:16-18

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord

