

# 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 4**

**Monday - 8:00am**

*Sts John Fisher, bishop and  
Thomas More, martyrs*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*St Paulinus of Nola, bishop*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*The Nativity of St John the  
Baptist*

**Thursday - 9:00am**

**12:00pm**

**Friday - 9:00am**

**12:00pm**

**Saturday - 9:00am**

*St Cyril of Alexandria,  
bishop, doctor*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**27/28 JUNE**

*(13th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time 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**

**1st Friday of the Month:  
7:00pm Mass in  
Vietnamese**

**Fatima First Saturday  
Communion of  
Reparation 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**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**20th & 21st June, 2020**

## Let Go Of Your Fears

A news story said the police caught a man red handed trying to cash a phoney cheque and took him down to the police station. While the officers were distracted, the crook grabbed the cheque off the desk and swallowed it to get rid of the evidence. No problem: the police waited five or six hours and then charged the guy for passing a bad cheque twice.

When we are doing the right and good thing then we have nothing to be afraid of, we actually want people to know about our action which make us proud of, and we easily make connection with people who know of it. While fear can be very alienating, when we become aware of our wrong and bad doing we tend to isolate ourselves from God and others. We hide ourselves from the truth as a result we imprison ourselves in lies, guilt, anger, panic, compulsive behaviour etc.

In today's Gospel, Jesus encouraged us, *"Have no fear; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing is secret that will not be known."* Humans are vulnerable when we don't want others to know about thing which we are not proud of. We also often feel insecure and fear of the unknown, particularly in the last two months there was so much fear about Corona Virus, which effects many people emotionally and mentally. But when we pray we entrust the unknown into God's caring hands then we'll feel secured and our fear will cease to exist. We tend to pray asking God to give us success, promotion, health, power, possessions. All of these are requests to boost the ego and are ultimately seeking security in the wrong place. They are seeking happiness through asking God to deliver us from the suffering that is the normal burden of life, and when God does not grant what we ask we become frustrated and more fearful. Jesus encouraged us fear not in the Gospel for *"every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows...."*

Let us pray that we can let go of our fear and insecurities as our trust in God is growing and our relationship with God is deepened.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

307 To human beings God even gives the power of freely sharing his providence by entrusting them with the responsibility of 'subduing' the earth and having dominion over it. God thus enables men to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete the work of creation, to perfect its harmony for their own good and that of their neighbours.

**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.

### NEW FINANCIAL YEAR GIVING ENVELOPES

New Parish Giving Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **Please check your name and ensure you pick up the correct ones**. New envelopes will commence from the 5th July 2020. Receipts for this financial year will be available early July. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact us.



#### 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: .....  
.....

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 HOUSIE** 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](mailto: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.

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**Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:**  
**Sick:** Vikki MOXHAM, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI  
**Recently Deceased:** Romualgo PUBLICO, Pedro Andres VARGAS, Fortunata CAPAROTTA  
**Death Anniversary:**  
**Other:** Rocco MILETO, Fortunata MILETO, Domenico ZAPPIA, Francesca ZAPPIA, Paul Xeng SAYAVONGSA, Mary Tian SAYAVONGSA, Kenneth JIANG, Fr Pat McAULIFFE, Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH  
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## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for the 2020-2021 Financial Year are now available outside the Church foyer. **Please ensure you pick up your correct envelope by checking both your name and address.**



We congratulate the family of Brio MENDEZ RODRIGUEZ who will be baptised here this Sunday 21st June.

**LOST:** The following items are missing from the Church

- Crucifix from the Altar
- Bells from the Sanctuary
- Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Statue from inside the glass cabinet



If anyone knows where they are or if you have borrowed them can you please speak to Fr Dominic, Fr Richard or call the parish office on 9823 2572. Thank you.

## Saints of the Week



**St John Fisher** was born in Beverly, Yorkshire, and educated at Cambridge. From 1527, this humble servant of God actively opposed the King's divorce proceedings against Catherine. He was imprisoned in the tower in April 1534. A half hour before his execution he opened his New Testament for the last time and his eyes fell on the following words from St. John's Gospel: "Eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do. Do You now, Father, give me glory at Your side". Closing the book, he observed: "There is enough learning in that to last me the rest of my life."

**Feast Day:** June 22



**St Thomas More** was born in London on February 7, 1478. His father, Sir John More, was a lawyer and judge. Thomas More was Oxford educated, a lawyer and served in parliament. For two years, between 1503 and 1504, More lived next to a Carthusian monastery and he found himself called to follow their lifestyle of simple piety. He often joined their spiritual exercises. He wrote the world famous book "Utopia" and spent many years writing in defence of the Church, for which he was imprisoned. He spent 15 months in the infamous Tower of London before he was executed. Thomas More has been widely remembered as a man of tremendous integrity, and he has since been described as a martyr.

**Feast Day:** June 22

**Patron:** of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants, politicians, and difficult marriages.



### The Nativity of St John the Baptist

The Feast of the Nativity, or birthday, of St John the Baptist is one of the oldest feasts in the liturgy of the Church and is ranked among the joyous feasts of the year. He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Zechariah was ministering in the Temple, an angel brought him the news that Elizabeth would bear a child filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of his birth and that "many would rejoice in his birth". He doubted and was struck dumb until John's birth. John began his ministry around the age of 27, wearing a leather belt and tunic of camel hair, living off locusts and wild honey, and preaching a message of repentance to the people of Jerusalem. He converted many, and prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. He Baptised Christ and pointed him out as "the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world", after which he stepped away and told his disciples to follow Jesus. Shortly after, John rebuked King Herod for taking Herodias, the wife of the ruler's brother Philip. In retaliation, John was cast into prison and while there arranged - through his followers - to bear witness to Jesus one last time. John was then beheaded by order of Herod at the instigation of Herodias and his head was brought to her on a platter.

**Feast day:** June 24



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## Next Sunday:

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Year A)

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ When I follow Jesus faithfully, the oppositions I face are.....
- ♦ The kinds of fears that I have when my faith is opposed are.....
- ♦ During difficult times God assures me and cares for me by.....

## First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!'  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-38

### Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me.

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

## Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26, 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### The Gospel of the Lord



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