



# 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**

*Sts Maria Goretti, virgin,  
martyr*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*B1 Peter To Rot, martyr*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

**Thursday - 9:00am**  
*St Augustine Zhao Rong,  
priest, and companions,  
martyrs*

**Friday - 9:00am**

**Saturday - 9:00am**

*St Benedict, abbot*

### NEXT SUNDAY

**11/12 JULY**

*(15th 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

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

4th & 5th July, 2020

## “IF GOD GIVES YOU THE BURDEN, GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH.”

The above quote from St. Josemaria Escriva captures the essence of this Sunday's Gospel. “Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,” says Jesus, “and I will give you rest.” Those words seem to evoke an intense longing in every person who ever hears them. It is not that Jesus is promising to lift the burden of ordinary responsibilities and day to day life from us. He is speaking of the burden trying to live up to our own demands; of the burden of trying to restrain our wayward desires; of the burden of trying to make ourselves into better people by our own resolute determination.

“Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. Come to me all you who are beating yourselves up over your inability to break yourselves free of sin. Come to me.” We so often think we can't come to Jesus until we have got ourselves sorted out, got ourselves sufficiently under control. But Jesus says, “Come to me and let me deal with that.” The power of sin over us will not be broken by trying harder, but by pursuing Christ and Christ alone. Jesus is calling us into a personal relationship with him. Has faith become a burden, full of obligations? How can renewing a relationship with Jesus help you?

“Come to me. Take my yoke upon you. My yoke is easy and my burden light” There is a bit of ambiguity here. Jesus plays with the two words “yoke” and “burden / load”, for the Jews used to call “load” the divine teaching imparted to pupils, and “yoke” the balancing of the teacher's sentences, which should be learned by heart. The yoke of Jesus stood for his Lordship. When someone says “yes” to Jesus, he or she placed Jesus above his or her burdens. Jesus, the patient and humble teacher enables us to see the mercy of God in our own lives and in our own cross. And because of his gentle compassion and his humility, the Lordship of Jesus had the weight of love, uplifting and empowering.

### Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Sacrament of Matrimony (1615)

This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to “receive” the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life.

**Fr Richard**



## Directives for Churches and Liturgies for the Archdiocese of Sydney under current COVIDSafe restrictions from 1 July 2020

Notice to be posted near church doors and parish websites

From Wednesday 1 July 2020:

- ☐ churches in the Archdiocese shall be reopened and Sunday Masses resumed
- ☐ the maximum number of people allowed in the church at one time shall be determined by dividing the total area in square metres by four ('The four square metre rule'); the maximum number allowed in this church at the one time is therefore \_\_\_\_; the parish priest or designated delegate must supervise this
- ☐ this applies to private prayer, Confessions, Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Office, Rosary in common, Bible study etc.
- ☐ contact details of all those entering the church (name and phone number or email address of one adult in each family) must be recorded, either by registering online or signing up at the door
- ☐ current spatial distancing directions (people are asked to keep least 1½m from each other) and hygiene directions (including hand sanitizing and regularly disinfecting the church) must be observed; attendees are to sit only in marked places, to queue at a distance from others, and to take care when coughing or sneezing
- ☐ congregational singing is still suspended and in the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite in Australia, Holy Communion is normally received in the hand under the form of the Body of Christ only; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue;
- ☐ those who are unwell or at high risk must not attend (they might ask that Holy Communion be brought to them at home); those over 70 should exercise particular caution
- ☐ as the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule and prudential concerns will prevent many of the faithful attending, all but priests continue for the time being to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass; but those who are at low risk of infection and able should do so are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass
- ☐ the faithful who do not attend Sunday Mass should keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, and/or watching Mass on television or online, asking God for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion ('spiritual communion'); they might attend a weekday where possible or pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the week.

**Parishioners who wish to attend Masses are required to provide their contact details (name and phone number or email address of one adult in each family) as they enter the Church.**



### 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.

### RETURN TO SCRIPTURE TERM 3 CATECHIST VACANCIES

I am delighted to announce that Catechists will be able to return to classes from Week 1 next term. As a consequence of COVID 19 we have some vacancies we need to fill to ensure all the children will receive Jesus' Good news.

The following vacancies are:

Year 1 at 9 to 9.30 am on Wednesdays at Edensor Park Primary  
Year 1 at 8.50 to 9.20 am on Wednesdays at Cecil Hills Primary  
Year 2 at 8.50 to 9.20 am on Wednesdays at Cecil Hills Primary.

If you are able to assist us with any of these classes, please Contact Nina Laureti on 0408 465 149.

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

**Sick:** Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Pasquale LEONELLO, Maria, Virgilio SERNERO, Romualgo PUBLICO

**Death Anniversary:** Casimero CASTOR, Agostino CAVALLARO, Helen ZERAFA

**Other:** Francis XAVIER, Maria and Ancestors and All Souls, Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Maryann FENECH, All the Souls in Purgatory



## 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.**

**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.



### MARRIAGE MASS - SUNDAY 12TH JULY AT 10:30AM

We are very pleased to announce that the Marriage Mass at St Mary's Cathedral will be going ahead. While we will not be able to have hospitality or a presentation of certificates, but we welcome all married couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries to come, celebrate and receive a blessing from Archbishop Anthony. Please send your expressions of interest to me at [chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org)



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

### Support our seafarers through the National Sea

**Sunday Appeal** - Next week (12 July) is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously at [bit.ly/seasundayaustralia](http://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)

## Saints of the Week



### St Maria Goretti

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home concentrating on sewing Alessandro's shirt when he tried to rape her. Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell. St Maria Goretti forgave her attacker on her death bed.

One night during his 27 years in prison, her attacker dreamt of Maria giving him flowers. Upon awakening he repented his life of crime and sought the forgiveness of Maria's mother after his release from prison. Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint.

**Feast Day:** July 6

**Patron of youth, young women, purity and victims of rape.**



**St Benedict** was a mere teenager when he left the sinful world to live a life fasting and praying in the desert mountains. After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his Leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted. He set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve. Benedict left these monasteries when envious attacks made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

It was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

**Feast day:** July 11

**Patron:** Students and Europe



## Parish Contacts:

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Kylie Farias - 0473 779 338

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Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scamardella - 9823 2572  
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## Next Sunday:

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I find it easy to be faithful to God's "gracious will" when.....  
I find it difficult when.....
- ♦ I need not fear Jesus' judgement of who is faithful or unfaithful because.....
- ♦ When I choose to yoke myself to Jesus, the peace I experience is.....

## First reading

**Zechariah 9:9-10**

### A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14**

### *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my king,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God..*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

## Second reading

**Romans 8:9, 11-13**

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

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**cf. Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Matthew 11:25-30**

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

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

