



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 4

Monday - 8:00am

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St John Eudes, priest

Thursday - 9:00am

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Friday - 9:00am

St Pius X, pope

Saturday - 9:00am

*The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

NEXT SUNDAY

22/23 AUGUST

*(21st 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

15th & 16th August, 2020

Pray with true faith

When young Augustine was still living a reckless and carefree life, his devout mother (St Monica) came to ask for help of St. Ambrose. *"It is impossible,"* he said to her, *"that the child of such prayer and tears should perish."* Monica's prayer was answered Augustine later converted and became a saint.

The Gospel today tells us about the love of a mother who persists in her plead to Jesus. *"Sir, Son of David, take pity on me."* But Jesus seems unresponsive and declares he is here only for the lost children of Israel. *"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."* It is only when the woman insists and even compares herself to a house dog that Jesus grants her requests. *"Ah, yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table."* The point of this story is not however to make this woman seem small, and that her request is granted. What is being shown is her complete trust in Jesus because of her faith and the love for her child. She is not put off by the first setback. Jesus then praises her great faith. *"Woman you have great faith. Let your wish be granted."* Jesus' initial response is designed to bring out the great faith and love that this woman possessed.

When we feel setbacks and it seems that our prayers and petitions are not being granted we should take courage from the example of this Canaanite woman. It is her great faith that is praised and it is her faith which leads her to persevere in her request which is granted. The story today shows us that God's salvation moves beyond the kingdom of Israel and becomes more universal. Matthew's Gospel was written for an audience who were Jewish before and were now Christians, the universalising of the message of salvation was thus very important to them, as they considered the issues of how to welcome the new gentile members to their Christian community.

Let us pray that like the Canaanite woman we will trust the Lord with our troubles and problems and persist in our prayers, particularly during this pandemic time.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: 'Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.'

Faith daring the soul to go beyond what the eye can see!

Fr Dominic

The 100 Person Limit and 4m2 Rule

The major changes are as follows:

1. The 4m² rule still determines the maximum number of people per building, but there is **now a restriction to 100 even in those large churches** where the 4m² rule might have allowed for a greater number.
2. Baptism, anointing and giving Holy Communion is regarded as of no greater risk than the service of food and drinks in restaurants and clubs which is allowed; with a suitable COVID Safety plan in place, these celebrations are permissible.
3. Congregational singing is still not allowed. Recent health advice has indicated that while droplets quickly fall to the ground, the aerosol emissions during singing promote too great a risk even for those adhering to the specified 1.5m physical distancing requirement.
4. Singers and choirs, however, are permissible, on the following conditions:
 - o singers are to be spaced at least 1.5m apart from each other and at least 4m distanced from the congregation, and
 - o where choirs face each other, they must be at least 4m away from those they are facing.

Members of the congregation are discouraged from mingling before, during or after the service.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for the 2020-2021 Financial Year are now available in the Parish office.

TAXATION RECEIPTS

The taxation receipts for the 2019-2020 financial year are also available for collection from the Parish office.

If for any reason you are unable to collect them from the office please let us know and we will post them to you.



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.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2020

Enrolments will take place over one weekend only on **Saturday 15th August 6:30 - 7:30pm** and **Sunday 16th August 9:00am to 12:00pm**

You are required to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate together with \$20 contribution fee to successfully enrol for the Sacrament.

Please make sure that only one family member comes into the hall to enrol the child due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Parents there maybe the opportunity for the children's lessons to be online.

For further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.



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.



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

Natural Fertility Awareness Week from 17th to 23rd August –

Are you wondering how you can find out more about your reproductive health during these times of isolation and social distancing? Billings LIFE has the answer!! Why not learn how to track your fertility using, Fertility Pinpoint™ - it's more than an App! It is an online service that provides you with your own personal accredited Billings Ovulation Method® tutor who can help you learn how to track your unique cycles and recognise your fertility and infertility on a daily basis – all remotely and safely. Billings Ovulation Method® is scientifically validated and simple to use. It's the healthy alternative. For more information check the website: www.fertilitypinpoint.com and start to take control of your life.

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



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

Recently Deceased: Rodolfo CLAVERIA, Joseph Hai TRAN, Jok BOUNPASDERCE, Andrew Stephen MADAY

Death Anniversary: Chona VICTORINO, Nancy PRINCI, Kenneth JIANG

Other: Charlie and Rita SALIBA, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

Saints of the Week



St Bernard

Abbot and Doctor of the Church St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France. He was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervour, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honour of God. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153.

Feast Day: August 20



St Pius X

On June 2, 1835, Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto saw the light of earth at Riese, Province of Treviso, in Venice; on August 20, 1914, he saw the light of heaven; and on May 29, 1954, he who had become the two hundred fifty-ninth pope was canonized St. Pius X. Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the Inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ. Above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. From St. Pius X we learn again that "the folly of the Cross", simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness. His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: "I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor."

Feast Day: August 21



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this feast, particularly cherished by the Popes of modern times, we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and established this feast for the Universal Church.

Pope Pius IX said of Mary's queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."

Feast Day: August 22

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Next Sunday:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 6:13-20

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What helps me persist in my faith, as the Canaanite woman did is.....
- ♦ A surprising model of faith for me has been.....
- ♦ My next step toward "great faith" is.....

First reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Oh God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

