



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 1

Monday - 8:00am

St Bartholomew, apostle

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Louis

St Joseph Calasanz, priest

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

St Monica

Friday - 9:00am

St Augustine, bishop, doctor

Saturday - 9:00am

The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

NEXT SUNDAY

29/30 AUGUST

*(22nd 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

22nd & 23rd August, 2020

Profession of Faith

To profess something is to declare it openly. The term “profession of faith” usually refers to a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. This profession showcases a person’s intention to follow Christ in all their ways. The questions Jesus poses force people to think about their beliefs. What do people say about me? And you, what did you tell them about me when you were among them? Who did you tell them I was?

“You are the Christ”. Christ is a Greek word which means the Messiah in Hebrew. They both mean: the Anointed or Consecrated One. This term designated the long-awaited Saviour. In professing the same faith, we are made one – the Church. This text of Matthew’s gospel openly refers to the church:

- It tells us what its foundation is: faith in Jesus, the Christ and Son of God.
- It focuses on the primacy of Peter among all the apostles.
- It suggests that the church will always need a visible head. This successor of Peter, the Pope.

Firstly, faith in Christ, the Son of God, which Peter, among the apostles is the first to proclaim, really comes from God. This faith is not a human opinion, or a sentimental attachment. It does not come from flesh and blood, an expression which for the Jews meant what is purely human, what a human being does and understands by his own capacity.

Secondly, the primacy of Peter is emphasized. His name was Simon, but Jesus gave him this surname of Rock (*petra, petros*), foreseeing that he would be for his church a foundation rock. This change of name attests that a mission is given to him as happened to Abraham and Jacob (See Genesis 17:5 & 32:28).

Does what Jesus say of Peter true also of his successors? Jesus chooses Peter to be forever the visible foundation of the building. In the future, his successors will be for the Church what Peter was in the early Church. For the Jews, *to bind and to unbind* meant to state what is forbidden and what is allowed. So, Peter and his successors will have the last word about who belong and who do not to the body of the believers and what is, or is not, the faith of the Church. Ultimately, the power to “bind and loosen” is really the power and duty to proclaim Christ.

Catechism Themes: Ecclesial Ministry and The Pope (CCC 874-887)

Christ is himself the source of ministry in the Church. He instituted the Church. He gave her authority and mission, orientation and goal: In order to shepherd the People of God and to increase its numbers without cease, Christ the Lord set up in his Church a variety of offices which aim at the good of the whole body.

As Peter proclaimed Jesus the Christ for the community, so his successor, the Pope, proclaims Him to the universal Church. As Christ empowered Peter to lead the Church, he empowers the Bishop of Rome to proclaim and serve entire Church. The Pope, then, is a “visible source and foundation of unity of the bishops and the whole company of the faithful”.

Fr Richard

The 100 Person Limit and 4m² Rule

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.

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.



The Gospel According to Matthew (Gospel for Year A)

Matthew's gospel was written in a period of settling down for the Christian community. The Jewish Christians had separated from their fellow Jews, and they no longer attended synagogue as they had in the earlier years of Christianity.

The threat of immediate persecution had passed, but there may have been conflict in the community between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians. In this settling down period, the early Church was beginning to put together what it believed about its life and mission. One of the first Trinitarian formulas in the New Testament is given to us in Matthew's gospel, probably a formula used in baptism in this early Christian community. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)



Parts of the Mass

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy
on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

EMBER DAYS mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 CONFIRMATION 2020

Confirmation lessons commence this week. Please keep the candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament. Keep watching this space for changes and updates given the current circumstances and especially if there any changes in the government regulations.

Note: SATURDAY confirmation meetings will now be held at 4:00pm.

For information regarding Confirmation please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993 or the Parish office.



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.

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.

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: Simon NGUYEN, Allan HANCHARD, Rodolfo CLAVERIA, Joseph Hai TRAN, Jok BOUNPASDERCE, Andrew Stephen MADAY

Death Anniversary: Joseph Sac TRAN, Severina ESCANO

Other: Malia Asopesio Lolesio PAUNGA, Grace MENDOZA, Charlie and Rita SALIBA, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

Saints of the Week



St Bartholomew

All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the synoptic gospels and Acts as one of the twelve apostles. His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages. Tradition has the place as Abanopolis on the west coast of the Caspian Sea and that he also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. The Gospel of Bartholomew is apocryphal and was condemned in the decree of Pseudo-Gelasius.

Feast Day: August 24



St Monica was an early Christian saint and the mother of St Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honoured in most Christian denominations, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.

Feast Day: August 27



St Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvellous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. After reading the book of the Letters of St. Paul it was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life. He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too.

Feast Day: August 28



The Passion of St John the Baptist

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St John the Baptist on June 24, today honours the anniversary of his martyrdom, his beheading. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are celebrated. He died for the faith for which he lived. The consequences of his heralding the good news and a call to righteousness cost him his life. He was condemned by the decree of King Herod. St. John's martyrdom reminds us that the most important vocation for all Christians, Catholic and Protestant alike, is living out the Gospel. We are called to proclaim the Good News of Christ both in word and deed.

Feast Day: August 29

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Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Jesus has been revealed to me as the "Christ, the Son of the living God" by.....
- ♦ I announce the identity of Jesus to others when I.....
- ♦ Jesus is building up his church through me by.....

First reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

137:1-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 6:13-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

