



John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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MASSSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 2

Monday - 8:00am

*St Wenceslaus, martyr
St Lawrence Ruiz and
companions, martyrs*

Tuesday - 8:00am

*Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
archangels*

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Jerome, priest, doctor

Thursday - 9:00am

*St Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin, doctor*

Friday - 9:00am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

3/4 OCTOBER

*(27th 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
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

26th & 27th September, 2020

Do you practice or preach?

There is a story told of a husband and wife both of whom are doctors - one is a doctor of theology and the other is a doctor of medicine. When their doorbell is rung and the maid answers, the inquirer would often ask for 'the doctor'. The maid's interesting reply was: "Do you want the one who preaches or the one who practices?"

Word versus action is what Jesus reminds us in today's parable about the man who had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My son, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered "I will not go." But afterwards he thought better of it and went. The man went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir" but did not go. Sometimes I wonder who is serving God most? the one who is preaching the word of God or the one who is doing God's work?

We live in a fast changing world where work place is the centre of most people's lives, next comes the family. Then the Church, if it comes in at all, it's usually a poor sixth or seventh. Most Churchgoers simply do not have time to get involved with the Church's activities. They just want the worship service to be pleasantly uplifting and enjoying. Meanwhile there is a minority who do generously invest their volunteer time in the Church. They want to actualise the Church as a place of the kingdom of God on earth. It is wonderful to see more involvement from the laity, people who see themselves as a part of the living church and they are the living witnesses to this.

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today. "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. John came to you, a pattern of righteousness, but you did not believe in him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe him."

Let us pray that we will never use religion to exclude others and may we be conscious of God's work and try to respond to it generously, actively and courageously.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

546 Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required.

What does Jesus mean to you?

- Jesus is a diligent and hard working student because as the Gospel says, "He was growing in wisdom." Sophie - 9 years

- Jesus is a good friend who said, "Let the children come to me." Tod - 6years

- Jesus is interested in me because he promised "I will be with you till the end of the world." Anthony - 11 years old.

- He is forgiving so I thank you, Lord Jesus for forgiving me and taking away my sins. Please help me to be a better person. And also help me to love my big brother as you love him. Thomas - 8 years old.

Fr Dominic

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.



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.

Faith Matters

WHY BAPTISE BABIES WHEN THEY CAN'T CHOOSE AND IF THEY HAVE NEVER SINNED?

The argument in favour of baptising a baby is similar to the argument in favour of conceiving a child. A child did not, after all, choose to be conceived, yet those who mature into adults generally say, in retrospect, that they are glad to be alive. Similarly, Baptism is a second birth that makes the Christian life possible. Those who mature into saints will certainly say, in retrospect, that they are glad that someone baptised them. Furthermore, it is prudent that a child receives Baptism as soon as possible so that this grace can mature. In case of a baby, Baptism does not, of course, wash away actual sins for the child has not committed any sins. Yet, like all of us, the child still needs the grace of Baptism, the second birth, "of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5), which frees us from Original Sin and makes us adopted children of God.



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.

MOVING ON

After nearly two years as part of my training at JTB for ordination into the permanent diaconate, I have just been appointed to St. Joseph's at Moorebank to complete the final phase. I greatly appreciate the support and acceptance of Fr's Dominic and Richard during my appointment here and will miss the members of the Parish to whom I have served and made friendships. All going to plan, I will take up my new appointment on October 1, transitioning out of any remaining commitments by that date. It has been a very rewarding experience for me at JTB; it is a wonderful parish. I am sure many of our paths will cross again in the future.

God Bless you all.

David Moore

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

We congratulate the 105 candidates who were confirmed in the Parish this week.

We thank all those involved in preparing the children for the Sacrament especially Linda Barilla for all her hard work and the Core Group.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2020

Enrolments have now closed.

Classes will commence on Week 1 of Term 4.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kylie on 0473 779 338 or Tamara on 0424 166 248



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

Remembering Our Babies

October 15th 2020

October 15th is the annual

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

*A Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at 7.30 pm
in All Saints Catholic Church, 48 George Street, Liverpool,
to remember those infants who have died
and those who have felt their loss.*

*As part of the liturgy a candle will be lit for each baby being
remembered.*

Supper will be served after the liturgy.

Off-street parking is available via the Elizabeth Street gate.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, attendance is limited to 100 worshippers.

Bookings can be made by scanning the QR code below, via the parish website at www.cpasl.org.au and following the link "Book a Seat" or contacting the Parish Office 9753 6500.



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

Sick: Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Libertad LOYOLA, Florent C PEREIRA, Sebastian AGUIAR, Nellie SUPSUP, Fr John LANGTRY, Ante KRSLOVIC, Bella CABUTE, Engr Victor GAMO, Lonza BUSUTIL, Joe ZERAFA, Luisa Gabriel CRUZ, Dalton BONNICI

Death Anniversary: Nicolina LA FERRARA, Carolina DEL VALLE, Malia Asopesio LOLESIO, Iluminada MENDOZA, Fr Vince DEMICOLI (Malta)

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



RCIA – DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME CATHOLIC?



Many adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church each year through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): The non-baptised are suitably prepared are welcomed into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Any Catholic adults (baptised) but not yet confirmed. And those from other Christian denominations are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The course for the RCIA candidates commences in November 2020.

Saints of the Week



Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Angels are messengers from God. Three of the special messengers mentioned in the Bible are the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The names of each of these archangels tell us about the work God gave them to do. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.



St Jerome was born in 347 in Stridon, Dalmatia, Bethlehem, Palestine and was given the name Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus. He was a biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and about 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His numerous biblical, ascetical, monastic, and theological works profoundly influenced the early middle ages. He is known particularly for his Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate, and his commentaries on the Gospels. He is considered a doctor of the church. Jerome died on September 30, 420. His death was peaceful and he was laid to rest under the Church of the Nativity. His remains were later transferred to Rome.

Feast Day: September 30



St Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin, also known as Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who devoted her life to loving God. As a permanent novice, she would never be able to perform great deeds. She did however scatter flowers, each flower a little sacrifice and a little action for God and love. After not feeling well for sometime, she became gravely ill. She remained silent and cheerful until the end and passed away at the age of 24. She is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower".

Feast Day: October 1



The Holy Guardian Angels

The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels is a memorial of the Catholic Church officially observed on 2 October. Catholics set up altars in honour of guardian angels as early as the 4th Century, and local celebrations of a feast in honour of guardian angels go back to the 11th Century.

Feast Day: October 2

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Next Sunday:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The "I will not" that I need to reverse in my faith life is.....
- ♦ My faith is like the second son in that.....
- ♦ Those who have taught me the "way of righteousness" are.....

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself. So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you



solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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