



# 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 WEEK 3

**Monday - 8:00am**

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*St Bruno, priest*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

**Thursday - 9:00am**

**Friday - 9:00am**

*St Denis, bishop, martyr, and  
companions, martyrs*

*St John Leonardi, priest*

**Saturday - 9:00am**

### NEXT SUNDAY

**10/11 OCTOBER**

*(28th 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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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 3rd & 4th October, 2020

### Fruits of the Kingdom

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: *"Today my best friend slapped me in the face"*. They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: *"Today my best friend saved my life"*. The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts me, I write it down in sand - where winds of forgiveness will erase it away. When someone does something good for me, I engrave it in stone - where no wind can ever erase it."

The parable of the tenants explains how "we" have become tenants in the vineyard. It also teaches how we can remain fruitful in the vineyard. The Jews were God's chosen people. They came to consider that their own interests were those of God. He had to help them against others. They had confidence that they would be saved and were not concerned about the fate of others who did not recognize God. God entrusted his kingdom to them, in other words, he guided them throughout the long span of their history, so they could be an example to others. They were to communicate their experience to others so that all would develop justice, a spirit of responsibility, a sense of community; these were the fruits God wanted to harvest.

God sent prophets to remind them of their debt: they were barely heard. Finally, the only Son of God became human. Unfortunately, the same thing happened. ".... they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him." That is why the kingdom was given to others, to those gathered in the Church. This parable could be applied to the church if it becomes a religion of one social class, or similar to the other religions, or if we do not find in the Church more obedience to God, more commitment to values that will save the world. Put simply, if we do not bear fruits of the kingdom. What would happen to Christian groups and their leaders if they began to feel they were the owners of the kingdom and its promises?

### Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Safeguarding Peace & Avoiding War

2304 - Respect for and development of human life require peace. Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is "the tranquillity of order." Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity.

2317 - "Injustice, excessive economic or social inequalities, envy, distrust, and pride raging between men and nations constantly threaten the peace and cause wars. Everything done to overcome these disorders contributes to building up peace and avoiding war".

**Fr Richard**

## The 100 Person Limit and 4m2 Rule

The 4m<sup>2</sup> 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 4m<sup>2</sup> 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

### **CAN I BE ANOINTED WHENEVER I AM ILL?**

*Anointing is meant to be received when a person is seriously ill, injured, or old age, in particular when there is foreseeable danger of death. So this sacrament, which is offered at the priest's discretionary judgement, should not be received when a person is well or only mildly ill. On the other hand, it is not necessary to wait until someone is at the point of death before he or she receives Anointing. It is fitting, for instance, that a person receives the sacrament prior to a serious operation. Furthermore, if the person regains health and deteriorates subsequently, the sacrament may be repeated.*

*The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; and finally, the preparation for passing over to eternal life.*



## **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.

**Sanctuary and Servant of Life**—the Christian family  
“The family has a special role to play throughout the life of its members, from birth to death. It is truly ‘the sanctuary of life: the place in which life—the gift of God—can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth.’ “*St John Paul II.*

**Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.  
Your family and friends will, so stay in touch.**

## **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.

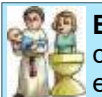


## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2020

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**

*October 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cpasl.org.au) and following the link "Book a Seat" or contacting the Parish Office 9753 6500.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NSW Rosalie Rendu Forum 2020

You are invited to take part in the Rosalie Rendu Forum (online) with a line-up of inspirational female leader who will encourage us to reflect on the theme: Reimagining the future: Can we create more equitable communities post pandemic? Registration is at <https://www.evenbrite.com.au/e/rosalie-rendu-2020> tickets-117725605455.

*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:** Domenico SCHIMIZZI, Libertad LOYOLA, Florent C PEREIRA, Sebastian AGUIAR, Nellie SUPSUP, Fr John LANGTRY, Ante KRSLOVIC, Bella CABUTE, Engr Victor GAMO

**Death Anniversary:** Ruth Elizabeth Bejarano De MALDONADO, Grace Lorente ILUSTRISIMO, Vita PREVITERA, Sarina FIORI, Angela Del FALCO, Carolina Del VALLE

**Other:** Francisco Kim Van NGUYEN, John Kim Vinh NGUYEN, Maria Kim Anh NGUYEN, Joseph Vinh TRAN, Anna Ly TRAN, Elizabeth Linh TRAN and other Family members, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH

## 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



**St Bruno** was born in Cologne of the prominent Hartenfaust family. He studied at the Cathedral school at Rheims. He was ordained in 1055 and became a professor of theology. He was one of the most remarkable scholars and teachers of his time. He and six companions built a monastery and founded the Catusians order in 1084. They embraced poverty, manual labour, prayer and transcribing manuscripts. Their fame spread and Bruno became an advisor to the Pope. After 6 years he founded St Mary's monastery in Calbria. He passed away in 1102. **Feast Day: October 6**



**Our Lady of the Rosary**, also known as Our of the Holy Rosary, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in relation to the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church.

**Feast Day: October 7**



**St Denis** (or Dionysius as he is also called) was born and raised in Italy, he was sent as a missionary to Gaul (now France) circa 250 A.D. by Pope St Clement along with five other bishops. Denis made his base missionary activity an island in the Seine near the city of Lutetia Parisiorum -- what would become Paris. For this reason he is known as the first bishop of Paris and the Apostle of France. There he was captured by the Parisians along with Rusticus and Eleutherius. After a long imprisonment and several aborted executions, the three martyrs were beheaded with a sword and their bodies were thrown into the river. Denis' body was retrieved from the Seine by his converts and buried. The chapel that was built over his tomb grew into the abbey of Saint Denis. Denis is pictured as he was martyred—headless (with a vine growing over the neck) and carrying his own mitred head.

**Feast Day: October 9**



**St John Leonardi** was born at Diecimo, Italy. He became a pharmacist's assistant at Lucca, studied for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1572. He gathered a group of laymen about him to work in hospitals and prisons, became interested in the reforms proposed by the Council of Trent, and proposed a new congregation of secular priests. Great to his proposal developed, but in 1583, his association (formally designated Clerks Regular of the Mother of God in 1621) was recognised by the bishop of Lucca with the approval of Pope Gregory XIII. John was aided by St. Philip Neri and St. Joseph Calasanctius, and in 1595, the congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement VIII, who appointed John to reform the monks of Vallombrosa and Monte Vergine. He died in Rome on October 9th of plague contracted while he was ministering to the stricken. He was venerated for his miracles and religious fervour and is considered one of the founders of the College for the Propagation of the Faith. He was canonized in 1938 by Pope Pius XI.

**Feast Day: October 9**



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## Next Sunday:

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What God is doing in me to produce a good vintage is..... How I cooperate with God to produce good fruit is.....
- ♦ What I have received from God as an heir is..... The obstacles in me that keep me from receiving what God offers are.....
- ♦ I share the rich vintage of God's kingdom with others by..... when.....

## First reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

79:9, 12-16, 19-20

### *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

*The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.

*The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

*The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

*The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

## Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

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