



# 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 1

#### Monday - 8:00am

*Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac*

*Jogues, priests, and*

*companions, martyrs*

*St Paul of the Cross, priest*

#### Tuesday - 8:00am

*Wednesday - 7:00pm*

#### Thursday - 9:00am

*St John Paul II, pope*

#### Friday - 9:00am

*St John of Capistrano, priest*

#### Saturday - 9:00am

*St Anthony Claret, bishop*

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### 24/25 OCTOBER

*(30th 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

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

17th & 18th October, 2020

### Allegiance

One of the greatest American founders meeting at the Federal Convention in 1787 to draw up the United States' constitution was Benjamin Franklin. It was he who urged that the daily proceedings be opened with a prayer. He was so convinced that God governs the affairs of men that he said no empire could rise without God's providence. He quoted from the Bible in the words of Psalm 127, "Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain who build it." And so, he asked that the assembly would each morning implore the help of God before proceeding to its business.

Over and over Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. And always his comments are honest and straightforward. Even the Pharisees admit this: "*Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way ....*" High praise, but unfortunately wrongly motivated. "*Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?*" So, Jesus must answer, "Why do you set this trap for me?" Then he wisely answers them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

And what is God's? The very first place, the priority in our life. Even Caesar owes his authority to God, whether he recognizes it or not. We do not give to God what is God's: we do not really let the Lord fill us with his power. We put all kinds of obstacles in his way, just as the Pharisees did. We try to find easy substitutes for Christ, but they do not work. The saints, who gave to God what is God's, spent hours daily listening to him, in prayer, in studying the Gospel of Jesus with the inner heart, in following his example carefully.

### Theme in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

#### Should we pay taxes or not?

2240 - Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country: Pay to all of them their dues, taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. The Apostle exhorts us to offer prayers and thanksgiving for kings and all who exercise authority, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectable in every way" (1 Tim 2:2).

Fr Richard

## The 100 Person Limit and 4m<sup>2</sup> 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**

### **Evangelisation**

We are often told about the importance of evangelisation, but where does one begin? Fruitful evangelisation is based on the twofold principle of spirit and truth. With regard to truth, Christianity is a revealed faith, so it is necessary to receive its truth in order to communicate this truth to others. Therefore, it is important to invest time, insofar as one is able, into learning about the faith from reliable teachers, especially the saints and doctors of the church. Truth alone, however, is not enough. One must also be moved by the Holy Spirit in order to be fruitful. So, one must come to know God personally, especially through devotion to daily prayer and the sacraments, to be moved by God effectively to this work of proclaiming the Gospel. So true evangelisation begins, in fact, with study and prayer, so that this work, as God's work, will be fruitful.



## **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.

### **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

*Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!*



**November 20 - 22, 2020**

**at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

**Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)**

**Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on**

**0490 774 419 or [nswwbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswwbookings@wwme.org.au)**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

If you would like Worldwide Marriage Encounter brochures please see WWME website at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## **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.



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



We congratulate the families of Codie CORDINA and Audrey DICHOSO who will be baptised here this weekend.



**HSC:** Our Year 12 Students will commence their HSC Exams this coming Tuesday 20th October. We invite parishioners to take home a HSC Prayer Card located on the church tables and ask you to pray for the students during the examination period. Our best wishes to all the students.

### WALK THE TALK

*With Fr Epeli Qimaqima*

**SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020**

**America Bay Tract, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park**  
(1.8km return)

"Discover what the Lord wants of you"  
Ephesian 5:10

Join us for an awe-inspiring day walk to view and take-in some of Australia's magnificent national landscapes. Explore and experience God in the great outdoors with 'Walk the Talk' for Men. An event for young men who are seeking an adventure and a deep exploration of their spiritual life. Surrounded by nature, the day includes Mass, a short talk, personal prayer and personal discussions.

Cost: FREE

RSVP by Wednesday 21 October

Note: Participants of this retreat must be 18-30 years old.

For more details on the program visit us at [vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org)

Have some questions or simply want to inquire? Call us on (02) 9307 8424 or Email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org)

### Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on Wednesday, 28th October 2020: 6:30pm – 7.30pm

To book call **Family Spirit 13 181 9** (8am-6pm Mon-Fri) [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)



**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, Engr Victor GAMO

**Death Anniversary:** Joseph John DEL VALLE, Gloria O'BRIEN, Doug ANDERSON, Antonia Da RIN, Maria Etelvina LI

**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.



**ATTENTION READERS:** The new roster is available for collection in the alcove this weekend.

## Saints of the Week



### St Paul of the Cross

St. Paul of the Cross was born at Ovada in the Republic of Genoa, January 3, 1694. His infancy and youth were spent in great innocence and piety. He was inspired from on high to found a congregation; in an ecstasy he beheld the habit which he and his companions were to wear. After consulting his director, Bishop Gastinara of Alexandria in Piedmont, he reached the conclusion that God wished him to establish a congregation in honour of the Passion of Jesus Christ. On November 22, 1720, the bishop vested him with the habit that had been shown to him in a vision, the same that the Passionists wear at the present time. From that moment the saint applied himself to repair the Rules of his institute; and in 1721 he went to Rome to obtain the approbation of the Holy See. At first he failed, but finally succeeded when Benedict XIV approved the Rules in 1741 and 1746. Meanwhile St. Paul built his first monastery near Obiettivo. Sometime later he established a larger community at the Church of St. John and Paul in Rome. For fifty years St. Paul remained the indefatigable missionary of Italy. God lavished upon him the greatest gifts in the supernatural order, but he treated himself with the greatest rigor, and believed that he was a useless servant and a great sinner. His saintly death occurred at Rome in the year 1775, at the age of eighty-one. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867.

**Feast Day: October 20**



### St John Paul II

Karol J. Wojtyla, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Cracow, on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyla and Emilia Kaczorowska. His

mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died in 1932 and his father, a non-commissioned army officer died in 1941. He served as Pope and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 to 2005. He is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matter as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX (1846-1878). He was the first non-Italian pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI (1522-1523). He died on 2nd April, 2005. John Paul II's cause for canonisation commenced one month after his death with the traditional five year waiting period waived. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

**Feast day: October 22**



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Kylie Farias - 0473 779 338

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## Next Sunday:

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Year A)

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What "belongs to God" in my life is.....
- ♦ I demonstrate that "what belongs to God" is more important to me than "what belongs to Caesar" by.....
- ♦ When people look at me and my life, the "image" and "inscription" they see is.....

## First reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

95:1, 3-5, 7-10

### Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

### Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

### Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

### Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

### Give the Lord glory and honour.

## Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

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

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



### The Gospel of the Lord