



# 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 WEEK 2

Monday - 8:00am

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

*Sts Simon and Jude, apostles*

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

#### NEXT SUNDAY

31 OCT/1 NOV

*(All Saints 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**

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

24th & 25th October, 2020

# Decision to love

A young woman is getting married and she is very apprehensive about her honeymoon. One of her friends from the youth group in the Church sent her a telegram, simply quoting **1John 4:18** (*"There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love"*) But she mistyped and omitted the **1 before John**. So it just reads: **John 4:18** (*"For you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband..."*)

The Pharisees asked Jesus in today's Gospel which was the greatest - of the 613 laws. Jesus answered: *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind - This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself."* In this Jesus was not talking about feelings but about a decision to be totally for God and then totally for the good of one's neighbour as one should be for one's own good. I often ask couples who are preparing for marriage *"Why do you want to get married?"* They often answer: *"I want to marry this person because I love him/her."* If I ask them *"Why do you love him/her?"* Then usually the answer will be: *"Because he/she makes me feel good and I am happy when he/she is with me!"* Jesus reminds us that love is a decision, not simply just a feeling. Husbands and wives vow to love one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, for the rest of their life. This is a decision, not a feeling. True love means to love even during a time when there are no more good feelings, or even negative feelings.

Dr Scott Peck defines love as, *"The will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth."* (A Road Less Travelled p.85) This definition includes self love with love for another. Since we are human, that is to love means to love ourselves as well as you. We are incapable of loving another unless we love ourselves.

The readings today challenge us to continue to love God and others in good times and in bad, to achieve this we need a good prayer life. Let us pray that we shall continue to grow in love of God and others. May we live this great commandment of love in our daily living.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

1935 The equality of men rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it. Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language or religion, must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.

**Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference.  
They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.**

Barbara De Angelis

**Fr Dominic**

## **NSW eases restrictions to allow 300 in churches with 4m2 Rule**

Up to 300 people is allowed to attend Mass provide the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule is observed

**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**

### **Receiving the Eucharist**

To receive the bread of the Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself. We refer to Jesus' presence in the Eucharist as the *real* presence. We are not implying that all other types of presence (in the people gathered to worship, in the Scripture read, in the priest acting in the name of Jesus) are not real. We call the presence in the Eucharist real because it is Jesus' presence in the fullest sense.

In the old days people received Communion only on the tongue. Now it is more common to receive on the hand. It is not how we receive Communion, but the disposition with which we receive it, that matters. We should approach Communion with reverence and receive it with faith. Communion is not food for the perfect – if we were perfect, we wouldn't need it.

We receive Communion because we need to, and the Lord invites us. The prayer we say before we receive Communion says it all: *"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"*. This is a prayer that should come from our hearts. The Eucharist enables us to grow in intimacy and friendship with the Lord in a way that nothing else does.



## **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 [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@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 Deon MARCELLO, Cyrus KHARIEVIN and Alex HOURMOZI who will be baptised here this weekend.



**HSC:** Our Year 12 Students have commenced 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.



**Love one another. Just as I have loved you.... (John 13:34)**

As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission plays a vital role in responding to the call to love God and our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus, sharing their faith in action and prayer.

Every October, during World Mission Month, Catholic Mission focus their appeal on one particular program. This year they are partnering with The Arrupe Centre in north-western Cambodia. Started in 2001 by the compassionate Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Centre supports young residents with disabilities due to landmine incidents or other illnesses. Offering children the potential to live a full life by providing education, healthcare and opportunities for many, including a young man called Chen, whose life (and that of his family) was impacted so suddenly by a landmine incident which took both of his legs at the age of 16.

If you are able to and wish to donate envelopes have been made available in the Church or you can support online at [catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or by phoning freecall: 1800 257 296.

Catholic Mission thanks our Parish Community for its generosity and ongoing support: "God Bless you all and may he keep you safe."

## 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:** Aileen CLARKE, Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Domenico SCHIMIZZI

**Death Anniversary:** Desiree BEVES, Vili Siliva LANGI

**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

### Sts Simon and Jude



**St. Simon** the Apostle is often named St. Simon the Zealot, to distinguish him from St. Peter and St. Simeon. St. Simon was a Galilean, born at Cana in Galilee. He was called Simon the Zealot because of his great zeal to honour God and for purity of religion. The Zealots during this time were known for assassinating the noble and filling the temple with bloodshed and profanities.

He was one of the original followers of Christ. After his conversion and his call, there is no further mention of him in the Gospels. He became zealous for Christ and for the duties of Christianity. After receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, he went out to evangelize with great zeal and fidelity. He was martyred by the idolatrous priests and many say that he was crucified. His relics are with St. Jude's in St. Peter's basilica and the Cathedral of Toulouse.



### St Jude

St Jude, known as Thaddaeus was the brother of the apostle St James the Lesser and a relative of Our Lord, nephew to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was also one of the Twelve, an Apostle of Jesus. One of the canonical epistles of the New Testament is attributed to St Jude, which has many common characteristics with the second letter of St Peter. St. Jude (Thaddeus) is one of the most popular saints because of the numerous heavenly favours that he grants to his devotees who pray to him with faith, especially when seeking a job or a house. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Saints Simon and Jude zealously preached to the nations and met with each other again in Persia. According to ancient tradition, they were martyred together - St. Simon was sawed in half and St. Jude was beheaded with an axe. Following his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and left in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph in a tomb he shares with the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

**Patron** of desperate causes, desperate situations, lost causes.

**Feast day: October 28**



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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.....

- ♦ The way I understand these two great commandments to be related is.....
- ♦ When it comes to loving God, neighbour, and self, I struggle most with.....
- ♦ To love God with *all*, I would need to.....

## First reading

**Exodus 22:20-26**

### A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**17:2-4, 47, 51**

### *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes.

### *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed.

### *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

## Second reading

**1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry

when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Matthew 22:34-40**

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

**Prayer thought:**  
**God always has  
a special care  
for those who  
are particularly  
vulnerable: the  
bewildered  
stranger, the  
lonely widow or  
orphan, the sick  
and  
handicapped.  
Jesus' rule is  
clear-treat  
others as we would treat  
ourselves. This is the crux of the  
Gospel.**



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