



John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 3

Monday - 8:00am

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Martin de Porres, religious

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

7/8 NOVEMBER

(32nd 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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All Saints (Year A)

31st October & 1st November, 2020

The Saints Among Us

On the day Mother Teresa died a man said, "Today I'm proud to be a human being because Mother Teresa was one." Nowadays we are in danger of being drowned in bad news. Every day, through the media, evil is told to us. Stories of abuse, robberies, murders, domestic violence and wars are repeated and amplified. Many find it depressing. It draws attention to the very worst aspects of human nature and leaves one with a distorted view of life and human nature. Evil is depressing. Evil people leave a trail of darkness in their wake. Goodness, on the other hand is inspiring. This why the saints are the most interesting people of all. The saints leave a trail of light behind them.

The saints challenge us, perhaps even shame us, into living a Christian life. Every time we read the life of a saint, we experience a powerful call to conversion. The saints goad us to work harder and to aim higher. However, what use would it be to boast about having a great devotion to some particular saint if that devotion has no effect on our lives? There is a tendency to turn them into mere objects of veneration. But we will have failed if we stop at admiration and do not imitate them. If we honour them by statues, it should be to perpetuate the memory of their good deeds, and to stir and provoke people into virtue.

In Matthew 5, Jesus describes for us the qualities of saints: the Beatitudes. These insist on sacrificing present pleasures for something greater, God's kingdom. Those said to be 'fortunate' or 'blessed' or 'happy' are not so because of what they suffer: the expression would not ring true. They are 'fortunate' because they are admitted to the kingdom. By the time Matthew writes his Gospel, the Christian community had spread bringing together all kinds of people: slaves, ordinary people and wealthy ones. So Matthew tells them that the Gospel is significant to each of them. It is not only by being poor, gentle, mourning, hungry or thirsty, abused or persecuted - that they will please God but by their inner attitudes and way of life.

The saints were people who dared to live the Beatitudes. They were happy when living out the Christian lifestyle is not convenient. They serve as models for us in our following of Christ. All of us have the capacity for goodness. In all this, love is what counts. St John of the Cross said, 'In the evening of our lives we will be examined on love.' A loving person is a holy person. To be a saint is to be a witness to love. There is no higher vocation than this.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Saints

"I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth." [St. Therese of Lisieux]

828 - By canonizing some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors.

2683 - The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth.

We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world.

Fr Richard

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

Up to 300 people is allowed to attend Mass provide the 4m² 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

Cooperating with God's Grace

Grace refers to those gifts that bring about a supernatural friendship with God. "supernatural" means an elevation of human nature beyond what it is naturally capable of attaining. The Beatitudes are eight states of blessedness proclaimed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount. These states manifest the life of heaven on earth, bringing a foretaste and promise of joy even amid earthly suffering.

Grace can be discerned most clearly by its fruitfulness in the lives of holy people and most especially in the lives of the saints. Although the effects of grace vary, some common characteristics include: the tendency to relate to other persons as one's brothers and sisters in Christ, to pray for one's enemies and to regard worldly matters from the perspective of 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.

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

Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on

0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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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 Riley and Logan COX, Leonardo RIPEI and Miranda Hoai-My Mary and Albert NGUYEN who will be baptised here this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following catechumens and candidates who will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith this weekend:

Min **Bernadette** Amy Liu-Thomas
Johnny **Elmo** Cabrera
Phuong The **Peter** Tran
Amanda **Abigail** Nguyen
Casey **Anne** Inman
Claudine **Mary MacKillop** Bella
Rosenie Joy Manese
Lynda Abumchukwu Obalum

Please keep them in your prayers.



For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength (Nehemiah 8:10)

Thank you for supporting Catholic Mission's Church Appeal again this year through your generous gifts and prayers. Your contributions make it possible, through programs like The Arrupe Centre in Cambodia, to continue to support and empower individuals like Chen and his family.

With your help, Jesuit Bishop Kike, can continue to reach out and help rebuild the lives of those who are suffering from trauma and depression brought on through illness and injury caused by landmines.

- Keep up to date with Cambodia and The Arrupe Centre program by visiting online at catholicmission.org.au/cambodia
- Find out more about other programs and partners across the world via their website catholicmission.org.au
- Subscribe to the Catholic Mission Facebook channel for ongoing relevant and engaging catholic content

Catholic Mission would also like to thank so many of you who have become regular monthly-giving partners. For more information about how to become a partner, or to find out more about our projects across the world, please contact one of their friendly team at freecall: 1800 257 296 or at catholicmission.org.au/contact

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

Sick: John Da RIN, Raelene GARCIA, Aileen CLARKE, Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversary: Arcadio & Maria NAPULI, Milan DRENOVAC, Slavko & Milica DRENOVAC

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



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Feast Day: November 2



St Martin de Porres was born in Lima Peru on December 9, 1579. He was the illegitimate son to a Spanish gentleman and a freed slave from Panama. He was raised in poverty and bore the stigmas of both his illegitimate birth and his mixed race. He was placed to study with a barber-surgeon, where he learned bloodletting and the administration of medicines.

Compassionate and eager to serve, he began to volunteer with the Dominicans at age 15 and helped care for the sick in the monastery infirmary. He became a Dominican oblate, or lay monastic, in 1601. Although it was not customary then to receive a mulatto into a religious order in Peru, Martin was considered an exception and became a Dominican lay brother in 1610. He was noted for his work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He maintained an austere lifestyle, which included fasting and abstaining from meat. He was friends with St Rose of Lima. He died on 3rd November 1639 and many miracles were said to have occurred after his death.

Feast Day: November 3



St Charles Borromeo

Saint Charles Borromeo was born on October 2, 1538 at the castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore near Milan. He suffered from a speech impediment that made him appear slow to those who did not know him. Despite this challenge, he performed well at school. He earned a doctorate in canon and civil law in 1559. At the age of 22 he was made Archbishop of Milan and became a Cardinal of the Church. Together with Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Philip Neri and others, led the effort to fight the Protestant Reformation. He is credited with the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. He is also celebrated as a Saint of learning and the arts.

Feast Day: November 4

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Next Sunday:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ How do the Saints challenge us..... and how do they comfort us.....
- ♦ What do the Saints teach us of God..... What do they teach us about ourselves.....
- ♦ How might we be called to emulate the Saints.....

First reading

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down
and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.
This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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