



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 4

Monday - 8:00am

*The Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica*

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Leo the Great, pope, doctor

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Martin of Tours, bishop

Thursday - 9:00am

St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

14/15 NOVEMBER

*(33rd 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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

7th & 8th November, 2020

BE WISE AND READY

They said he had died. One morning in 1888 Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who had amassed a fortune manufacturing and selling weapons of destruction, awoke to read his own obituary in the newspaper. Actually, it was his brother who had died, but a reporter mistakenly wrote Alfred's obituary. For the first time Alfred Nobel saw himself as the world saw him: "*The dynamite king*" and nothing more. Nothing was mentioned about his efforts breaking down barriers between people and ideas. He was simply a merchant of death, and he would be remembered for that alone.

Alfred was horrified. He determined that the world would know the true purpose of his life. So, he wrote his last will and testament and left his fortune to establish that most valued of all prizes: the Nobel Peace Prize. Now the world has forgotten his dynamite legacy and remembers Nobel's Peace prize, which was wisely created while Alfred was still alive.

Jesus gave us today's Gospel story to warn us to choose wisely what to do when we still have time, before God calls us. There was "*ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.*" Five of the young ladies were wise and five were foolish. Five brought oil with which to refill their lamps and five did not. The bridegroom comes and there is frantic preparation. The foolish have no oil for their lamps. The wise tell them to go and buy some, and in the meantime the bridegroom comes. The wise go into the celebration and the foolish are left outside. The message is: "*stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.*"

Let us pray that we will live our life to the full and will try to do what we are supposed to do before it's too late, and always be ready to learn from our mistakes so that we can be a better person.

PARENTS PRAYER

They are little only once Lord. Grant me the wisdom and patience to teach them to follow in your footsteps and prepare them for what is to come.

They are little only once Lord. Make me take the time to play pretend, to read or tell a story; to cuddle. Don't let me for one minute think anything is more important than the school play,

the recital, the big game, fishing, or the quiet walk hand in hand.
All too soon Lord they will grow away and there is no turning back.
Let me have my memories with no regrets.

Please help me to be a good parent, Lord. When I must discipline - let me do it in love, let me be firm, but fair; let me correct and explain with patience.

They are growing away Lord. While I have the chance let me do my best for them.
For the rest of our lives, please Lord, let me be their very best friend.

Fr Dominic

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

November: Praying for the Dead

In the liturgical calendar, November is entirely devoted to the deceased. Praying for the dead reminds us that, though one might be judged worthy of heaven, one might not yet be ready to enjoy that vision. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, *"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven"* (#1030). This time of purification is spent in purgatory, where souls are purified, and so made perfect, so to behold the Beatific vision. There are so many things we could do during this month to remember our loved ones: offering a Mass, lighting a candle, taking flowers to the grave site, volunteering with a charity or cause your deceased friend or relative liked or making a donation to the charity in his or her name, and so forth.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.**



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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see WWME website at www.wwme.org.au

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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 family of Valentina LENTINI who will be baptised here this weekend.



CWF November Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at

www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



RCIA – INFORMATION NIGHT

Adults to be welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA course) will meet in the Parish hall on **Thursday, 12th November at 7:00pm**.

If you know of anyone in your family or a friend who could be interested in this program, do not hesitate to contact us. For inquiries contact either the Parish office, Fr Dominic or Fr Richard.



Friday 20th November at 7:30pm in the Church hall.

This month in addition to the Gospel reflection we will have a discussion topic; "Finding Hope in Challenging Times"

Together we empower each other to become Christ-like role models in our families and community.

To join the men's group or to find out more, call or SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520.

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: Winifred FERNS

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



Saints of the Week



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran is celebrated by the entire Church. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedra (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." Translated, this means, "The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world." The basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour. However, it is called St. John Lateran because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served it.

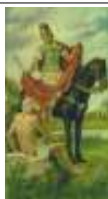
Feast Day: November 9



St Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family in Tuscany. He was Pope between 440 and 461 and he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great". Pope Leo was responsible for important changes in the Church year. He added new feasts and placed greater importance on the celebration of Christmas.

He was well known for his great eloquence and writing skills. For his great gift of teaching, Pope Leo has been given the title of Doctor of the Church. Pope Leo was also a peacemaker. He personally convinced Attila the Hun to turn back at the gates of Rome from his planned invasion of the city. Leo is best known for being a good shepherd and pastor for all the people of the Church, from bishops to the poor who begged for food on the streets of Rome. He reached out to the poor and neglected people of the world and urged the bishops to do the same. His homilies helped people know how to live their faith because they were full of practical advice. Leo died on November 10, 461.

Feast Day: November 10



St Martin of Tours was born in in Savaria, Pannonia in either the year 316 or 336 AD. At the age of ten he attended the Christian church against the wishes of his parents and became a catechumen. When Martin was fifteen was required to join a cavalry. About the age of 20, Martin made clear to his superiors that he would no longer fight, following his formed Christian conscience.

In 371, the city of Tours needed a new bishop and the people decided to call Martin to the office. He was the third bishop of Tours. As a Bishop Martin established a system of parishes to manage his diocese. Martin longed for more prayer and wanted to pursue a monastic life. In the year 372 Martin established an abbey at Marmoutier so he could retreat there and live as a monk with the many disciples he had attracted. The Monastery would be inhabited by the Benedictines. Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He has become one of the most popular and recognizable Catholic Saints. Many miracles have been attributed to him. He even had a confrontation with Satan. **Feast Day: November 11**



St Josaphat was born in 1580 in the western Ukrainian region of Volhynia, John Kuntsevych did not become "Josaphat" until his later life as a monk. He also was not initially a full member of the Catholic Church, born to Orthodox Christian parents whose church had fallen out of communion with the Pope. As a young monk was taking on an ambitious task, striving to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the authority of the Catholic Church in the era of its "Counter-reformation." Soon, as a priest, subsequently an archbishop, and ultimately a martyr, he would live and die for the union of the churches. On a fall day in 1623 an Orthodox priest had been shouting insults outside the archbishop's residence, and trying to force his way inside. Josaphat had him removed, but the man assembled a mob in the town. They arrived and demanded the archbishop's life, threatening his companions and servants. Unable to escape, Josaphat died praying for the men who shot and then beheaded him before dumping his body in a river. St. Josaphat's body was discovered incorrupt, five years later. Remarkably, the saint's onetime rival - the Orthodox Archbishop Meletius - was reconciled with the Catholic Church in later years. **Feast Day: November 12**

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Next Sunday:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I "sleep away" opportunities to encounter Christ when I.....
- ♦ The second coming of Christ has an impact on the way I live daily in that.....
- ♦ What it means to me to be "wise" during the "long delay" of the Bridegroom's coming is.....

First reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St John

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for

those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

