



John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 1

Monday - 8:00am

*St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude, virgin*

Tuesday - 8:00am

*Elizabeth of Hungary,
religious*

Wednesday - 7:00pm

*Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts Peter and Paul, apostles*

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

*The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

NEXT SUNDAY

21/22 NOVEMBER

*(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe 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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 14th & 15th November, 2020

Be Faithful

Somebody has said there are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, *'Good morning, Lord,'* and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, *'Good Lord, it's morning.'* Today, Jesus teaches us about faithfulness to God through his gifts to us. Do you see these gifts or talents as a blessing or burden? Sometimes you may think of music, art, or sports as the only talents that a person may have, but there are other talents that aren't so obvious. Jesus uses the figures of loan sharks to describe the missionary efforts of his ministry and his followers.

Jesus warns us that we must of our own will use the gifts of God wisely, if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven. In this parable of the talents, he insists that it is God's property we are using, and it remains God's property. He has given a variety of talents and the good things of life to us. Things of greatest and lesser values, to greater and lesser degrees. This parable expresses in terms of money, over which each servant is merely the administrator. The master strictly charges them to use his goods wisely and bear abundant fruit.

When their time is up and the master returns, he demands an account from each. Those who have allowed God's work to be done through them are rewarded. *"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."* It is a strong reminder that we cannot take God's gifts and use them only for our own pleasure. The good things of life are not merely our own, to do with as we please. They must be used well in the service of God and our neighbour.

There are many opportunities for us to take initiatives, but we often are afraid to put ourselves forward: "I am not the most qualified." But if those who are qualified have not budged? Unless we develop a deep charity, a spirit of sharing, a generosity with what God has given us, we shall meet the fate of the foolish man who put his silver pieces in the ground, and did not use them for the glory of God. Only those who make a lot of room for God and their neighbour, using the good things God has given, only these will be worthy of any reward.

Theme in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Stewardship

2402 - In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labour, and enjoy their fruits. The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race. However, the earth is divided up among men to assure the security of their lives, endangered by poverty and threatened by violence. The appropriation of property is legitimate for guaranteeing the freedom and dignity of persons and for helping each of them to meet his basic needs and the needs of those in his charge. It should allow for a natural solidarity to develop between men.

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

Use your Conscience

How can you choose when good and evil are present? Use your conscience. Conscience judges the morality of an action, how it is performed, and its consequences. Because it is so important in life, every person is obliged to obey his or her conscience.

Using conscience requires you to stop and think before acting. It also requires you to form a conscience. In other words, learn about moral issues, discuss choices with trustworthy people, practice virtue, and ask God for help. If you choose what God wants, you will always choose according to your conscience.

There are some rules that apply in every moral choice. First, never do evil so that good can result. Secondly, treat others the way you want to be treated. Last, always think of others when you choose; respect their beliefs. In this way, you can receive God's blessing.



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.



Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your

assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.

See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.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 family of Athanasios ZOPPELLARO who will be baptised here this weekend.



CWF November Parish Appeal

Thank you for supporting the CWF November Parish Appeal.

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable community that our CWF ministries and agencies support. For more information, please visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.



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, 19th 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: Mary GRECH, 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: Leah FERNANDEZ, Vito GIORDANA, Fr Paul STENHOUSE, Mercedes DEL VALLE CHIU, Terrence O'DWYER, Doris CASSAR

Other: Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Thanksgiving St Anthony and St Jude, Thanksgiving

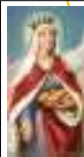


We congratulate the following Children who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend:

ALBANAA, Rafi
ALVAREZ, Lilyana
ANNESLEY, Chloe
BLAHA, Jake
BUTRES, Giorgio
CAMPOLOGO, Ava
CARDENO, Lara
CARROLL, Elise
CEBADA, Luciana
CIANTAR, Aniston
CONTE, Samuel
DANIELI, Olivia
DAVALOS, Leonardo
DAVID, Jaydrian
DI SCALA, Robert
DILEO, Bruno
ESSA, Isaac
FAGA, Isabella
FERRERI, Gisella
FLYNN, Ethan
GABRIEL, Joseph
GARZANITI, Mariyah
GORGEES, Brooklyn
GORGEES, Ezel
HANAKO, Luke
JOFRE, Javier
KORKES, Jessica
KORKES, Michael
KRSEVAN, Marcus
LALIC, Anthony
LANGI, Kristina

LIPARI, Ava
LOVRIC, Michael
LOWE, Lachlan
MACLEAN, Dylan
MACLEAN, Lucas
MATTI, Alejandra
MITTIGA, Franco
MONTELEONE, Anthony
MORASSUT, Charlton
NAAMO, Dylan
NAAMO, Jacinta
NASTASI, Mattias
POLJAK, Mary
RAKVIN, Adrian
RUISI, Cruz
SEVERI-BURETTE, Sebastian
SMOLCIC, Isaac
SPINOZZA, Sebastian
STIVALA, Vincent
SULTANA, Alexia
TALQUENCA, Jemma
TRINH, Cyrus
TRINH, Vincent
TUTEK, Isabella
UGUZCU, Lara
YOHANNA, Thomas
ZABALETA, Jayden
ZAKRIA, Patricia
ZANELLA, Massimo
ZHANG, Jinhan (Jessica)

Saints of the Week



St Elizabeth of Hungary was born in Hungary in 1207. The daughter of the King of Hungary. Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe. At the age of 14, she married Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. They had three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate. After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne. In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honour of St Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Feast Day: November 17



The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Maryam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him. Mary had already been chosen by God, preserved by a singular grace as a chosen vessel through whom the Incarnate Word would be given for the salvation of the whole world. However, the offering by her parents is a response to the invitation to join our free choice to God's invitation. This exercise of freedom lies at the heart of discipleship, and is the inner core of every vocation, to cooperate with grace. **Feast Day: November 21**

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Next Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some ways I am able to double the giftedness that God has given me is.....
- ♦ I am tempted to bury my "talent" when.....
- ♦ The promise of the Master's joy inspires me during difficult times in that.....

First reading

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

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4.5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord



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