



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 3

Monday - 8:00am

*The Conversion of St Paul,
apostle*

Tuesday - 8:00am

Australia Day

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Angela Merici, virgin

Sts Timothy and Titus

Thursday - 9:00am

*St Thomas Aquinas, priest,
doctor*

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

30/31 JANUARY

*(4th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B)*

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

23rd & 24th January, 2021

Jesus Calls All of Us

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!" From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!" "What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!" "No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!" "Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give you two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the pastor!"

Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming that the reign of God is at hand and urges us to repent and believe the good news. Where is the good news? All that one seems to see in the media is bad news: deaths, diseases, wars, bombings, terrorisms, violence and such like. Is there no good news to be reported? Jesus came to bring good news – a promise of love, a promise of forgiveness, of healing, of new life. How ought we to respond to that good news? Jesus calls us to reform our lives and believe the good news. Look around. See the good news. Become aware of God's love, mercy and compassion at work around you. Respond to that love. Share it with others. Be a messenger of the good news. This call is for everyone!

The call of Simon and his brother Andrew, as well as the call of James son of Zebedee and his brother John is our call too. Jesus called out to them as he calls out to us, "Follow me and I will teach you to catch people." They set their work aside at that moment and followed Jesus. Jesus called Peter and his friends to "catch people." In other words, they were to help others become followers of Jesus. After his death and resurrection, Jesus gave the Church the same mission he had. When we join the Church at Baptism, we are to do what Jesus did: spread the Good News through our worship of God, our service to others, and the type of example we give with our words and actions.

Jesus calls all of us to his mission of service. Some he calls to serve as single people. Some he calls to serve as married people. Some he calls to serve in their jobs and families. Some he calls to serve inside the Church.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Christ is himself the source of ministry in the Church

875 "How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" No one - no individual and no community - can proclaim the Gospel to himself: "Faith comes from what is heard." No one can give himself the mandate and the mission to proclaim the Gospel. The one sent by the Lord does not speak and act on his own authority, but by virtue of Christ's authority; not as a member of the community, but speaking to it in the name of Christ. No one can bestow grace on himself; it must be given and offered.

Fr Richard

NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Up to 100 people is allowed to attend Mass provide the 4m² rule is observed.
The upper limit for outdoor weddings and funerals in Sydney is now 100 attendees.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Masks are compulsory in most indoor settings including churches.**
- **Parishioners who wish to attend Masses are required to provide their contact details as they enter the Church. Registration forms are available on tables at the entrance of the Church.**
- **You could also use the QR Code option to register before entering the Church.**

Faith Matters

Sacraments of Service (Part 1 - The Sacrament of Holy Orders)

There are two sacraments that are dedicated to serving others: Holy Orders and Matrimony. In the sacrament of Holy Orders, men serve the Church community as bishops, priests, and deacons.

A bishop has the fullness of Holy Orders. He is the primary pastor, worship leader, and chief teacher for the local Church community (also called a "diocese"). As the primary pastor, he leads the local Church with the same responsibilities Jesus gave the Apostles. He represents Christ to the local people. And he represents us, the faithful, to the other local Churches in the world. All the bishops throughout the world form a union (called a "college"). This united "college of bishops" is under the authority of the bishop of Rome, the Pope.

A priest serves the bishop as his representative. A priest can administer all the sacraments, except Holy Orders. He can be the pastor of a parish where he serves the people as their spiritual leader, worship leader, and religious teacher.

A deacon serves the Church as an assistant to the bishop and as an example of a faithful man to the people. A deacon can act as the Church's witness at baptisms, weddings, and funerals. A deacon has a special place at Mass when he reads the Gospel, preaches, and assists the priest.



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.

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.



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.



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

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT 2021 (YEAR 4 CHILDREN)

If parents would like to enrol their child in our Reconciliation Sacrament program please complete the enrolment form at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMZXM>

Lessons will begin in the week commencing 22 February 2021.

To enrol your child must have received the sacrament of Baptism and be in year 4 or above in 2021. Another program will be held in Term 3 for children in year 3 in 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the Reconciliation or Communion program please call Tamara on 0424 166 248 or Kylie on 0473 779 338.

RCIA: The RCIA sessions will RESUME on **Thursday 28th January at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

Thinking About Priesthood?

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9 am and a public Mass at 10:00 am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org.

Please RSVP by Friday 5 February 2021

Open Days at Coogee to honour Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor



Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up its home at 35 Dudley Street, Coogee to visitors for monthly open days throughout 2021 to allow Sydneysiders to pray at the tomb of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor and learn more about this 'saint in waiting'.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, numbers will be limited to 12 visitors at any one time.

The next open day will be held on Sunday 7 February and you can register online at the new Eileen O'Connor website:

<https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>.

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

Sick: Enrique RAMOS, Julia CEFAL, Jacinto De SOUSA, John Da RIN, Raelene GARCIA, Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Fr Isidore ANANTHARAJ, Toni ABOUD, Archbishop Philip WILSON, Michael COFFEY OAM, Lourdes APO, Atilio FABIANO, Carmen MUSCAT, Bishop Geoffrey ROBINSON, Frances HIGGANS, Stella Maria TAIMBOOI

Death Anniversary: Charlie BUSUTTIL, Carmelo PIRRELLO

Other: Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Thanksgiving St Anthony and St Jude



New Mission Plan for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Please feel free to take a copy of the summarized version of the New Mission Plan. These books can be found on tables between the two entrances of the church.

For an electronic version of either **the summary** or **the full document**, visit:

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/vision/#mission-plan>



You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone to our prayer meetings.

The meetings start with Praise and Worship, followed by teaching/sharing, fellowship and much more. So why not come along and join us, to enjoy a time of reflection, teaching, sharing and great fellowship. The prayer meetings will resume:

When: Thursday 28th January, 2021 at 7:00pm

(Meetings take place every fortnight on a Thursday)

Where: John the Baptist Meeting Room

Contact: Susan (02) 9607 5137 or 0415 342 672

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

A Celebration of Many People, but One Nation



**O God, powerful and gentle,
you love this southern land
and all its peoples, old and new.
As the Cross shines in our heavens
so may Christ bring light to our nation.**

**As the waves encircle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.
Amen**

Saints of the Week



St Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St Domenic against his parents wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the Church.

Feast day: January 28

Patron of students and all universities



St. Paul is the patron saint of missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers. His feast day is on June 29 when he is honoured with Saint Peter, although he is also honoured on other days throughout the year, **January 25, for his conversion**, February 16, for his shipwreck, and November 18 for the dedication of his Basilica.

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Next Sunday:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I hear God calling me to change..... I find myself resisting this call because.....
- ♦ I find it easy to repent when..... I find it difficult to repent when.....
- ♦ My belief in Jesus strengthens my discipleship by.....

First reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

24:4-6, 7-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me.
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

