



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

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

13/14 MARCH

*(Fourth Sunday of Lent
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

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

6th & 7th March, 2021

ZEAL

Zeal is spiritual passion for the things of God. Such is the by-product of supreme love for God. St. Theresa of Avila once was so angry at the way she was persecuted for her vocation reforming her Carmelite order, she shook her fist at heaven and said, “Lord, If this is the way you treat your friends, it’s no wonder you have so few of them!”

Jesus, like St. Theresa of Avila came to reform the religious practices of his day. He goes to the Temple of Jerusalem which is like the heart of the Jewish nation and the symbol of their religion. But the Temple is also the place where corruption and lust for power have taken hold. Jesus drove them all out of the Temple saying, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ The disciples remembered the words of Psalm 69: “Zeal for your house devours me as a fire, and the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”

When the Jews asked for a sign from Jesus to justify his authority of driving everyone out, he says that if they destroy the Temple (sanctuary), then he will rebuild it in three days. This is a prophecy about Jesus rising from the dead three days after they kill him. Jesus also makes it clear that the true “Temple” is his own body. He is the new Temple in which the fullness of God dwells. The Temple also can be understood as our souls insofar as God dwells in us.

The message in Jesus’ act of cleansing the Jerusalem Temple is a reminder that “Our bodies are Temples of God” (1 Corinthians 6:19). Lent gives us an opportunity to examine our own lives and to clean up our own acts. One of the missions of Jesus is to drive out from our souls every sin with zeal. Although it might seem to us that Jesus is angry and has lost control, in reality Jesus is cleansing his Temple, the Father’s house, our lives clean from sin.

To get to Easter we need zeal, that is, enthusiasm, true attention, love and care for the things of God, for the holy things, for what’s true and valuable.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1197 - Christ is the true temple of God, “the place where his glory dwells”; by the grace of God, Christians also become the temples of the Holy Spirit, living stones out of which the Church is built.

Fr Richard

NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Places of worship are now allowed to have one person per the 2m² with no maximum cap.
Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a 2m² rule is observed.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Masks are no longer compulsory, but you are welcome to wear them if you feel more comfortable.**
- **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.**



Holy Water

In her many rituals, the Church uses elements from creation: oil, ashes, burning incense, and more. Of these elements, water is one of the most common and the richest in symbolism. Holy water is a powerful sacramental and we ought to use it daily. To prevent us from using it without thinking, we should consciously find ways to use it more. In making the Sign of the Cross with the holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew our baptismal promises. Holy water has the power to forgive venial sins. Occasionally, during the Mass, the priest sprinkles the congregation with holy water which calls for repentance. Finally, the Catholic tradition has long held that holy water is a substantial force for protecting us from evil. Therefore, Holy water can be used to bless people, places, and things that are used by humans in their goal of glorifying God with their lives.

Faith Matters



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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN

Keynote Address: **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP**

Retreat Speaker: **Fr Ed Travers MSC**

Date: **12-14 March 2021**

Where: **Seminary of the Good Shepherd
50-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush**

Registration Cost: **\$75 (scholarship available if needed)**

Please RSVP by Wednesday 10 March 2021

For more information contact us via email at vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9307 8424

*Every inquirer's/participant's details are kept confidential



Remembering Holy Saturday

This retreat will be made available during the Holy Week. It explores the mystery of Holy Saturday, on what it means to live in "in-between" times, liminal times. There will be video talk everyday starting from Paul Sunday to Easter Sunday.

For more information, go to our website:

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/holy-week-retreat/>



**Bishop Terry Brady
Warmly invites you to the Celebration of
St Patrick's Feast Day Mass**

**Wednesday 17th March, 2021
at 10:30am**

St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Road, Sydney

RSVP - Email: kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org



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mental health concerns.
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Parts of the Mass

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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.



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 Darcy NEWELL who will be baptised here this weekend.



JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enrolments for 2022 - NOW OPEN

Application packages for enrolment in 2022 kindergarten are now available from the school office Monday to Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. More information regarding the application process is also available on our school website or through our school Facebook page. You may ring 9823 5042 for any other enquiries. Application for older grades are also welcome and applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

The closing date for Kindergarten 2022 applications is Friday 30th April 2021.



FREEMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

BONNYRIGG HEIGHTS

ENROLMENT OPEN EVENING
Year 7, 20-23
Wednesday 17th March, 2021

An invitation is extended to Grade 5 Parents and Students to an Open Evening on **Wednesday 17th March**.

A tour of the College will commence at 4pm every 1/2 hour until 8pm (**Bookings Essential**) on 9823 2073.

Enrolment Applications can be collected from the College Office from 4pm on Wednesday 17th March. Siblings of the College may collect an Application for on your behalf.

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

www.freemanbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au



Good Samaritan CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Saturday 20 MARCH 2021
11am – 1pm

The Good Samaritan community extends an invitation to prospective parents and students wishing to enrol for Year 7, 2023.

Phone (02) 9825 9955 info@gscchinbrook.catholic.edu.au

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

Sick: Joseph ACUNA, Thip SAKOUNKHU, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, Jacinto De SOUSA, John Da RIN, Raelene GARCIA, Meldia MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Thelma RAMOS, Francesca GULLO, Bishop Bede HEATHER, Joyce FITZGERALD, Dominic, Leonila BINAY, Enrique RAMOS, Bork HUONG

Anniversary: Marie Ruth LEMASSON, Marion FENECH, Joseph HOANG, Lilly FENECH

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



Third Sunday of Lent
7th March 2021



Olivia, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.



Then Olivia enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Olivia has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Olivia's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church. 7:00pm



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy will commence this weekend at the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil and 10:00am Mass on Sunday.

We are in **urgent need** of leaders and helpers for our 8am and 10am Masses. It is only a once a month commitment.

If you can assist in anyway, please contact Angela Galdas on 9606 8403 or the parish office on 9823 2572.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG TO SHARE YOUR FAITH.

Please consider becoming a Catechist.
We need 4 Catechists to fill all our classes.

Bonnyrigg Heights Primary,
Wednesdays, 12 to 12.30 - Year 1

Governor Phillip King, Edensor Park,
Tuesdays, 9am **Kindy** and **Year 1**, 9.30 - 10am **am Year 4**
Any enquiries please contact: Nina Laureti 0408465149
Vicki Scutella 0447 310 204 or Connie Dif 0413694007



Invites you to our March Men Alive Weekend

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March 2021, meet at the Church hall

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive, through the Prodigal Son story, as we focus on our relationship with God our Father.



To register go to:

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

To join the men's group or to find out more, email jbmensgroup@gmail.com or call/SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520



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Ⓢ ATTENTION EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Parish Contacts:

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai - 0409 288 812
Finance Committee: Tanya Scarvelis - 9823 2572
Community Care: Tina Dunn - 0439 492 920; Sharon Cook - 0410 494 700
Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti - 0408 465 149
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: : Linda Barilla - 9607 4993
Confirmation: Linda Barilla - 9607 4993 or 0409 914 083
Reconciliation and First Communion: Tamara Vella - 0424 166 248 and
Kylie Farias - 0473 779 338

Altar Servers: Fr Richard - 9823 2572
Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas - 9606 8403
Church Linen: Michelle De Luca - 0400 374 277
Church Cleaners: Ann Gorla - 0425 284 860
Piety Stall: Millie Breden - 9823 2572
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli - 0413 835 250
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scamardella - 9823 2572
Housie and Money Counting: Yvonne Smolinski - 9823 2572
Men's Group: Branko Poljak - 0411 281 299

Next Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ If Jesus were to visit me as his temple, what would need cleaning is.....
- ♦ Not only does Jesus cleanse the Temple, he replaces it with his own body. What this means to me is.....
- ♦ I can grow in my grasp that I am a temple of God if I.....

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

18:8-11

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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