



# 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**

*St Anselm, bishop, doctor*

**Thursday - 9:00am**

**Friday - 9:00am**

*St George, martyr*

*St Adalbert, bishop, martyr*

**Saturday Vigil - 7:00pm**

*St Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
priest, martyr*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**24/25 APRIL**

*(Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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 Easter (Year B)

**17th & 18th April, 2021**



There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door." Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment."

The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen." Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"

Over the past two weeks, the Sunday gospels have recalled the confusion and fear caused by the Resurrection. The risen Christ stands in their midst and asks, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself." His appearance turned their lives in a completely new direction. This Sunday added a new element to the disciples' vision experience: a context for understanding. This context would sustain the changes the Church would undergo in its first few generations of believers. They were to proclaim the Resurrection and God's offer of forgiveness. They are to be witnesses to 'these things'!

We too remain "credible witnesses" by conforming our lives to the truth we profess: especially Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection as well as the forgiveness of sins. As Catholics, we live authentically rooted in Christ's mercy - not as a vague platitude or excuse for worldliness - but as the source of our hope, even when we are weak. We are called to share what we have seen, heard, and touched (1John 1:1) with others. We, like the early Christians, are to witness to God activity in his creation and among his people. May the Lord Jesus open our minds to better understand his Word and ways, so that we may never lose hope but reveal God's love to all the nations.

### Catechism Theme: The Mission of the Church (CCC 849-856)

"All of you are witnesses to everything that has happened." As witnesses, the early disciples were charged to tell others what they saw. Not only did Jesus command them, the Spirit impelled them to preach to all nations as the Father desired. Hence the missionary activity of the early disciples, as it is now in the Church, stemmed from the activity of the Trinity. As Father, Son, and Spirit are now working in the world, they desire that we, the Church, lead all people into union with the Godhead.

**Fr Richard**

## NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Places of worship are now allowed to have one person per the 2m<sup>2</sup> with no maximum cap. From Monday, 29 March, no cap on numbers at funerals and weddings, provided a 2m<sup>2</sup> 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.**

## Faith Matters

### What does the Apostles' Creed mean when it says that Jesus descended into hell?

By the expression "He descended into hell", the Apostles' Creed confesses that Jesus did really die and through his death for us conquered death and the devil "who has the power of death". The Latin and the Greek say that Jesus "descended to those below". In Hebrew terms that area of the dead was known as Sheol and for the Latin it was known as Hades. Christ conquered death, and opened the gates of Heaven to all people, those of his time, those who would come after him, and also those who lived before him, all the good people. It is a statement about the impact and power of the coming of the Kingdom of God amongst us.

### Trivia

1. Which sacraments can be received only once because they have a permanent effect?
2. Which sacrament can you receive every-day?
3. What are sacraments signs of in our lives?



Our Parish **HOUSIE TEAM** is also in need of some new members to assist once a month at the Liverpool Catholic Club. The Parish Housie which is run on Saturday afternoons between 2pm and 4.30pm is our main form of

**fundraising for our future new church** and is resuming on Saturday 13th March. **Prizes total at least \$6700 each week! IT is also a great social opportunity for catching up with friends!**

Duties include selling bingo books, reconciling cash and prizes- someone else calls the numbers and games- so please consider if you would love to contribute to the parish and community in this way- Contact Grant 0409 958744 or the parish office on 9823 2572.



### Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30 – 7.30pm and Wednesday 28

April at 12.30 – 1.30pm.  
To book call

**Family Spirit 13 181 9**

connect@familyspirit.org  
8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



## Parish Appeal

Your donation supports the work of charitable agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

**1 and 2 May 2021**

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May. Your generous donations help those most vulnerable in Sydney – single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health, our local Aboriginal communities, and many more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)





**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 James KUNA, Aahan SINGH GOSIAI and Lucas ISLAS who will be baptised here this weekend.



## First Holy Communion Registrations

First Holy Communion for candidates in Year 4 and above and have made their First Reconciliation will be celebrated this year during the weekend Masses of 12-13th & 19-20th June. If you would like your child to celebrate this Sacrament this year please complete a registration form which can be found in the Church foyer. Please ensure all registrations are returned to the Parish Office before the first meeting.

### INFORMATION NIGHT

An Enrolment and Information evening for parents for the First Holy Communion Program will be held on **Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 7pm** in the church. If you wish to enrol your child please complete the registration form at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQFWQ>

Any questions please call:

Kylie 0473 779 338 or Tamara 0424 166 248



**CONFIRMATION** will take place on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please keep watching this space for changes and updates.

Any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.



### 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.**

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



**Sick:** Rowena SANCHEZ, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Thip SAKOUNKHU, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, John Da RIN, Raelene GARCIA, Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Lucy ROSE, Maria DEFINA, Ten Fong MU, Carlito MARCELLA, Joselito DIONISIO, Cardinal Edward Idris CASSIDY, Fr Reg WILSON, Fr Michael MCCARTHY, Fr Phillip CROTTY, Janelle CLIFTON, Antonia ZARB, David CUTRE, George BUGEJA, Glenda MARASIGAN, Etelka KOMAROMI.

**Anniversary:** Salvatore LA FERRARA, Frank JEROMELA, Guiseppe MACRI

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

### 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

### Trivia Answers

1. Baptism, Confirmation
2. Eucharist
3. Sacraments are signs of the presence of God, moments when God changes us and helps us to grow.

## Saints of the Week



#### St Anselm

Saint Anselm of Canterbury, also called Anselm of Aosta after his birthplace and Anselm of Bec after his monastery, was an Italian Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109.

**Feast Day: April 21**



**St George** was born to a Christian family in Cappadocia around the year 280. After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of Diocletian. When the emperor issued the edict of persecution against Christians in 303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and, in front of Diocletian himself, tore the document apart and professed his faith in Christ. For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded. Shortly after his death, a basilica was erected over the place of his burial in Lydda (modern-day Lod, in Israel). His relics are still visible today.

**Feast Day: April 23**



#### St Adalbert

Adalbert of Prague, known in Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia by his birth name Vojtěch, was a Bohemian missionary and Christian saint. He was the Bishop of Prague and a missionary to the Hungarians, Poles, and Prussians, who was martyred in his efforts to convert the Baltic Prussians to Christianity.

**Feast Day: April 23**



#### St Fidelis of Singmaringen

Franciscan Capuchin martyr. He was born Mark Rey in Singmaringen, Germany, in 1577. A practicing lawyer, he travelled across Europe as a tutor to aristocrats but then started defending the poor. In 1612, he became a Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of Fidelis. A missionary to Grisons, Switzerland, Fidelis was so successful that local Protestants claimed that he was a spy for the Austrian Emperor. Fidelis was stabbed to death in a church id Seewis. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV. Fidelis served also as the head of the Congregation for the Spreading of the Faith.

**Feast Day: April 24**

## 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 Easter ( Year B)

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12  
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some times when I have been "incredulous with joy" or "amazed" by Christ's resurrection are.....
- ♦ These times have led to more than good feelings because.....
- ♦ My life witnesses to Christ's resurrection by..... One thing I might do to witness better is.....

## First reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9 Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

## Second reading 1 John 2:1-5 A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',

and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 24:32 Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 24:35-48 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

