



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 1**

Monday - 8:00am

*The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Justin, martyr

Wednesday - 7:00pm

*Sts Marcellinus and Peter,
martyrs*

Thursday - 9:00am

*Charles Lwanga and
companions, martyrs*

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

St Boniface, bishop, martyr

NEXT SUNDAY

5/6 JUNE

*(The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ [Corpus
Christi] 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**

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

29th & 30th May, 2021

The Trinity

One day when St. Augustine was at his wits' end to understand and explain the Trinity, he went out for a walk. He kept turning over in his mind, "One God, but three Persons. Three Persons - not three Gods but one God. What does it mean? How can it be explained? How can my mind take it in?" And so, he was torturing his mind and beating his brains out, when he saw a little boy on the beach. He approached him to see what he was doing. The child had dug a small hole in the sand. With his hands he was carrying water from the ocean and was dumping it in the little hole.

St. Augustine asked, "What are you doing, my child?" The child replied, "I want to put all of the water of the ocean into this hole." St. Augustine asked, "But is it possible for all of the water of this great ocean to be contained in this little hole?" And then it dawned on Augustine, "If the water of the ocean cannot be contained in this little hole, then how can the Infinite Trinitarian God be contained in your mind?"

The doctrine of the Trinity marks off one of the unique features of Christianity. We believe in one God with three persons, Father, Son, and Spirit. One of the clear Scriptural roots to the doctrine of the Trinity lay in the great commission from Matthew's gospel. "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Jesus, following the example of Jewish teachers of his time, gathered around him a group of disciples who lived with him. The teacher knew his disciples and the disciples knew the teacher by sharing everyday life. The same holds true today: evangelisation implies interpersonal sharing. To evangelise means to help someone ponder on his former experiences until he can recognise in the person of Christ, in his death and resurrection, the truth that lights up his/her own life.

Those who believe will be baptised in the one Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the three persons Christ taught us about. Of course, he named them separately because the Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Holy Spirit: in spite of that, the Three are the same God. Upon entering the Church, the baptised will enter into communion with the Father, with the Son and with the Holy Spirit. Consequently, faith in the Trinity is the beginning of our life in the Church. It is also the reason we go out and spread the Good News.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Theme: The Trinity (CCC 232 - 234)

Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith". The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".

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. From Monday, 29 March, no cap on numbers at funerals and weddings, provided 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.**

Faith Matters

What is the practical impact of the Trinity on our lives?

since the Trinity is the Central revelation of Christianity about God, the practical impact of the Trinity is intimately linked to every aspect of our Lives as Christians. For example, the Revelation that God is a Trinity underlines the foundational importance of interpersonal relationships comprising two key elements: a perfect Unity of love, yet without one person observing the others or annihilating their personal identity. These principles are reflected, for example, in the institution of Christian marriage, the notion of Christian friendship and a vision of society in which properly distinctive institutions work in mutual Harmony. One related idea is the Catholic political principle of *subsidiarity* (a principle that holds that a higher unit of society should not do what a lower unit can do as well). Another practical impact of the Trinity on our lives is that this Revelation can give us hope for our future Happiness in Heaven.

DISCERNMENT PRIESTHOOD

Spend some quality time in prayerful silence with Daily Mass, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, Adoration and much more. This is a silent retreat weekend for young men considering a vocation to the Priesthood.

FRIDAY 4TH - SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2021

Registration: \$75

Location: Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, Mulgoa

For enquiries: Call 02 9307 8424 or E-mail vocations@sydneycatholic.org



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<https://www.jamboroabbey.org.au> - Retreats-Desert Wisdom Online



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.



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. 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.

St Joseph: A Tender and Loving Father

Joseph saw Jesus grow daily “in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour” (Lk 2:52). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (cf. Hos. 11:3-4). In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: “As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him” (Ps 103:13). In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose “compassion is over all that he has made” (Ps 145:9). Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy.

The evil one makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf. Rev 12:10). That is why it is so important to encounter God’s mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. ... Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

(Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, PATRIS CORDE – “With a Father’s Heart”, no.2)

RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

Sr Marie Elena supporting residents at the Scalabrini Village in Austral, also organises support for a Mission in Manila and Mindanao in the Philippines where the disparity between the rich and the poor is extreme. Among other ways of supporting this mission Sr Marie Elena collects old glasses, both prescribed and non-prescribed (including sunglasses) for the benefit of those with poor vision who are unable to afford to have their eyes tested and then purchase the prescribed glasses they require. If you have any old glasses which you no longer require, and would like to donate them to this very worthy cause, Sr Marie Elena would be most grateful.

Donated glasses can be left at the Piety Store.

GARDNER NEEDED: We are looking for someone to assist us with parish gardens one day a week. Preferably someone retired or semi-retired but still strong. Let Fr Dominic or Fr Richard know if you’re interested or call the parish office for more details.



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 Louisa HITCHEN who will be baptised here this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

Communion retreat for all children making their First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 6 June starting with Mass at 10am.

First Holy Communions will take place on the weekends of 12th and 13th and 19th and 20th June.



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.



You are invited

The Ascension prayer community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship.

Speaker on the 3rd of June is Ron Maldgri.

Ron is a well-known Catholic lay Evangelist from Sydney, whose passion is to see God's kingdom advance on earth and people lives change through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anointed man of God, he is very much in demand for prayer ministry, inner healing, praying over the sick and deliverance.

Topic: "How to have victory over hard times"

Where: Parish Hall, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

Time: 7:15pm

Contact: Susan - (02) 9607 5137, 0415 342 672

George—0414 607 513

Meetings will take place on a fortnightly basis



We welcomed back the Jordan Youth Group last week. It was great to see many happy and enthusiastic children join us in prayer, reflection and activities. Thank you to Fr Dominic and Fr Richard for welcoming the children.

Please join us at our next session on 27th June. Our aim is to encourage young people within our community to come together to engage, learn, pray, become involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Children will be involved in prayer, activities, games, short films, reflection and group discussions.



Feasts of the Week



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Visitation is the visit of Blessed Virgin Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, to St. Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. At the sound of Mary's greeting, the pregnant Elizabeth felt the infant St John the Baptist leap in her womb, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Luke 1:39-56

Feast Day: 31st May



St Justin Martyr (105-165 A.D.) was born a pagan at Flavia Neapolis in Samaria near Jacob's well somewhere between 100-110 A.D. He was well educated and travelled and is known to us mostly by his writings in defence of the faith. After his conversion, he put his training in

philosophy to good use as an evangelist, spending some time in Ephesus and much time in Rome teaching at a Christian philosophy school. Justin was beheaded by the prefect Rusticus along with six other Christians in Rome or his bold preaching during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. His Apologies are considered the most important of the 2d century Christian writings of the Fathers of the Early Church.

Feast Day: 1st June



St Boniface

Beneath a mighty oak tree, St Boniface once stopped some pagans from the bloody sacrifice of a boy by blocking the death blow of a hammer with his Bishop's crook thereby splitting the hammer in two. Boniface then told the people of Jesus Christ, mankind's saviour who sacrificed himself so that others may live forever. A nearby fir tree was to be a symbol of Christ, for its leaves are evergreen and pointed toward heaven. The tree was to be taken into their homes, "not to shelter deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness".

Feast Day: 5th June

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Program: Available from Saturday 31st July 2021

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

Sick: Orlando DAYOAN, Joe OLIVERI, Pamela LEVERS, Bozana VUKOV, Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Thip SAKOUNKHU, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Arthur LANG, John Da RIN, Garapati Ashok KUMAR, Alberto ILLESCAS, Maureen CASTLE, Anabel LIE, Carmen ENRIQUEZ,

Anniversary: Guilherme LI, Michael GRIMA, Clara Amparo DEL VALLE, Pedro Andres' VARGAS MATTA

Other: Ivey FERNANDES, Royola FERNANDES, Pamela MARTIN, Alexandra PIEROTTI, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Thanksgiving St Anthony and St Jude.



Parish Ministries:

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai
Finance Committee: Tanya Scarvelis
Community Care: Tina Dunn & Sharon Cook
Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: : Linda Barilla
Confirmation: Linda Barilla
Reconciliation and First Communion: Tamara Vella & Kylie Farias
Altar Servers - Fr Richard

Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas
Church Linen: Michelle De Luca
Church Cleaners: Ann Gorla
Piety Stall: Millie Breaden
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scamardella
Housie and Money Counting: Yvonne Smolinski
Men's Group: Branko Poljak

For any inquiries, please call the parish office.

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity - (Year B)

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some ways I have experienced God as Triune - Father, Son, Holy Spirit - are.....
- ♦ My prayer is affected by my belief in God as Triune in that.....
- ♦ For me to contemplate the awesome majesty of God is like.....

First reading **Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40** A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second reading **Romans 8:14-17** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **cf. Revelation 1:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 28:16-20** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

